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BARROW ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

TEST PIT
RECORDING BOOKLET

Site Code:	BCDS-6926	Test Pit number:	8

Test Pit location:	RIVERSIDE 8	Grid reference:	BCDS-6926

Test Pit team names:	Date of excavation: 5/4/2026
1. Matthew Monkman	2. Verity Thompson
3. Elizabeth Babington	4. Sara Hodgkinson
5. STUART WATSON	6. Jane Hodgkinson.

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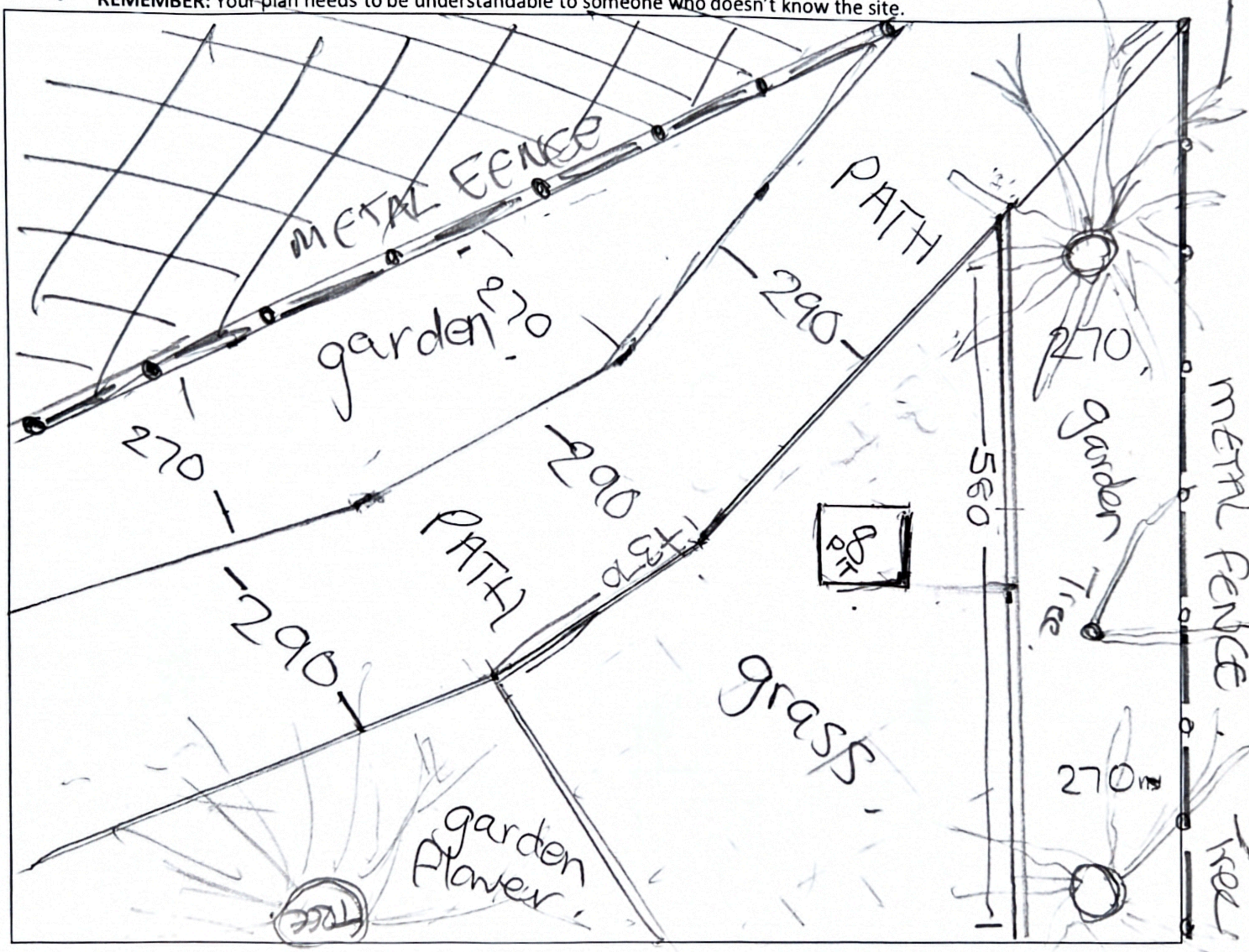
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TEST PIT LOCATION MAP

Map drawn by: ELIZABETH BABINGTON.

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: Elizabeth

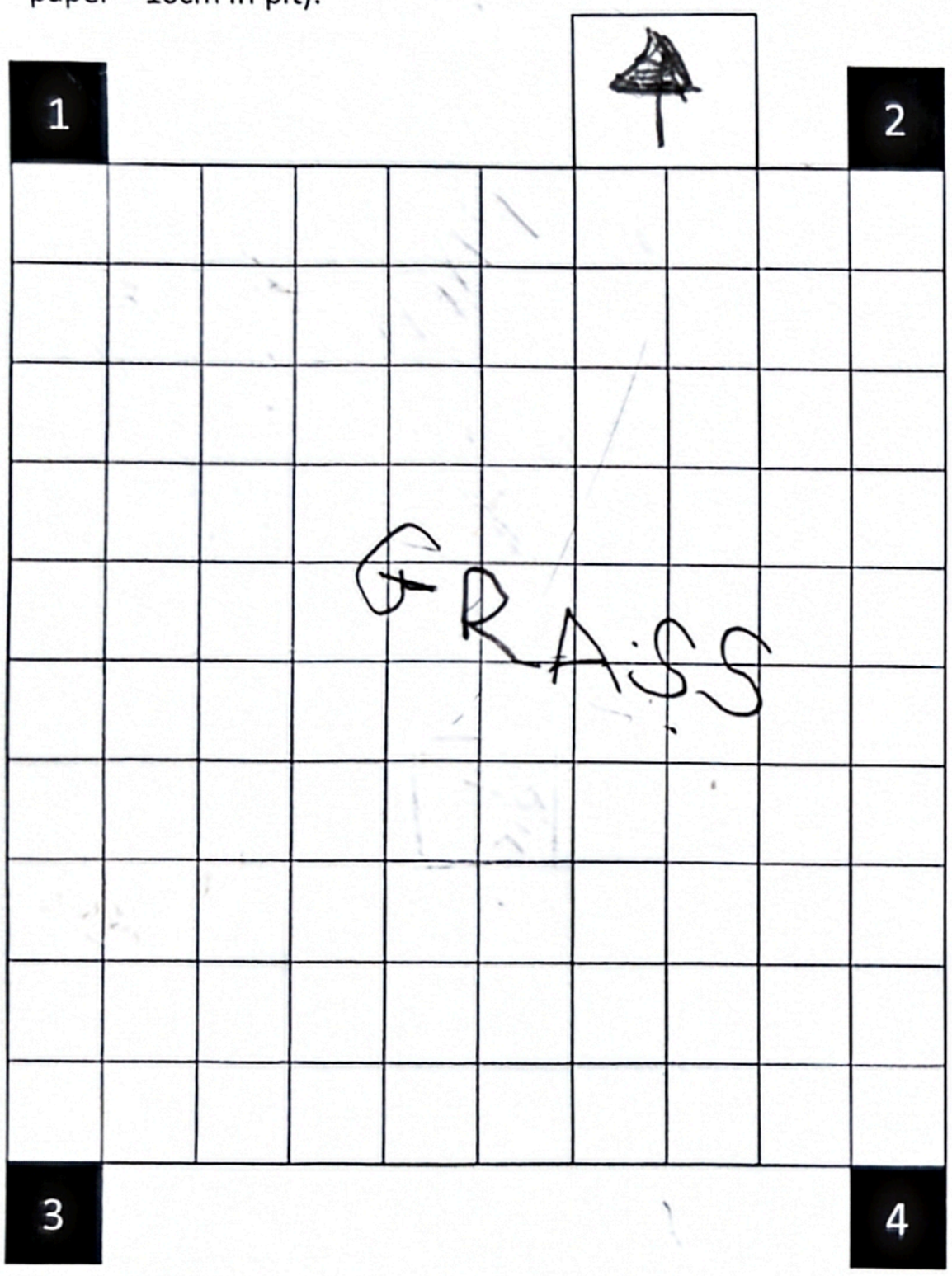
Layer number: 1

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.

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

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			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	

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: Elizabeth

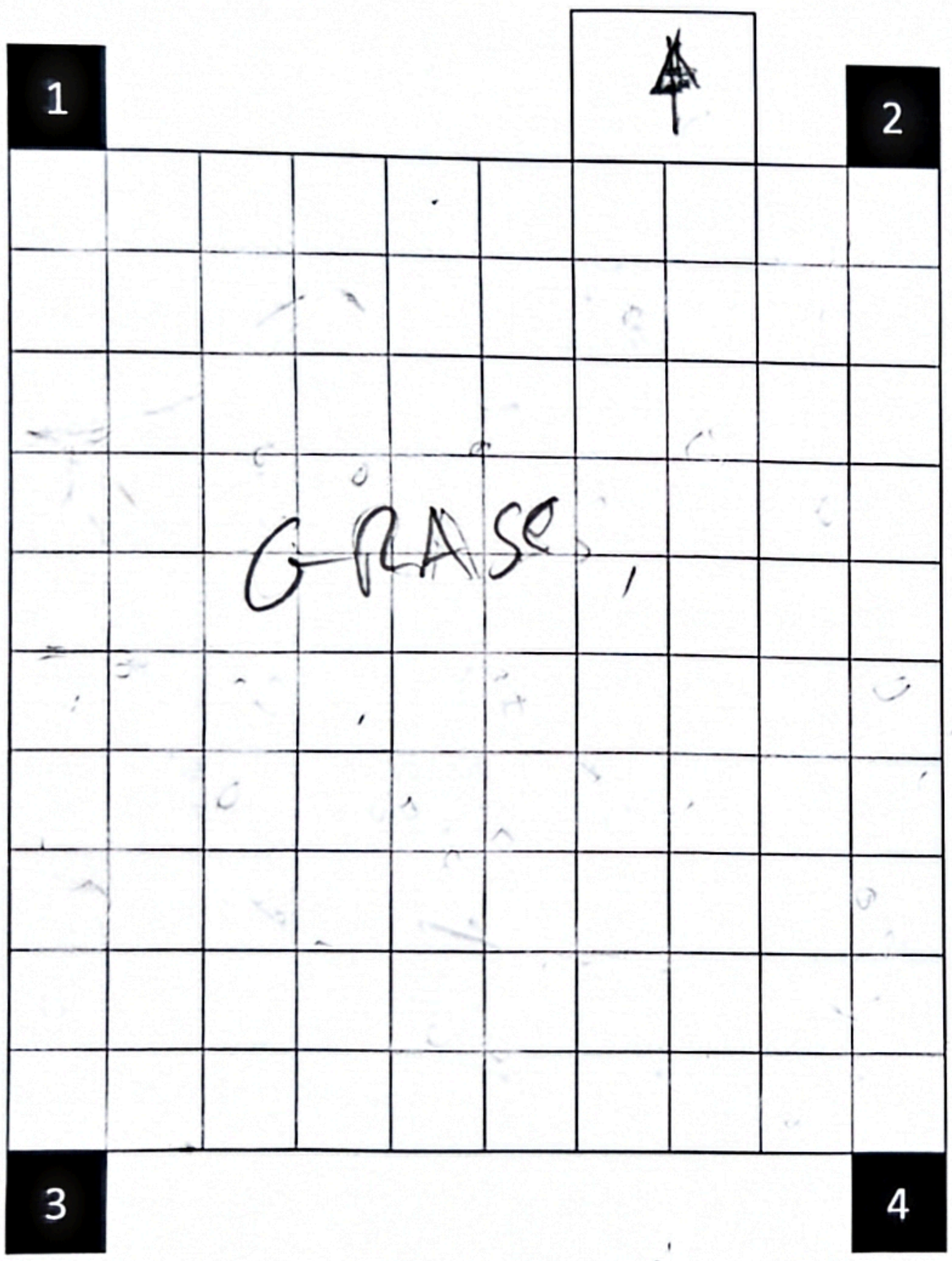
Layer number: 12

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
0cm	0cm	0cm	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.

light roots
little stones

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

Sandy SiLt

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

Dark Brownish 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	2%	Flecks	(Small)	(Med)	Large
Charcoal	N	/	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	Y	15%	(Flecks)	(Small)	Med	Large
Clay	N	/	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	Y	15%	(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: Elizabeth

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.

Sand Silt

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

DARK BROWNISH BROWN

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.



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	2%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	1%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	y	5%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	n		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	y	1%	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.

light roots,

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: Elizabeth

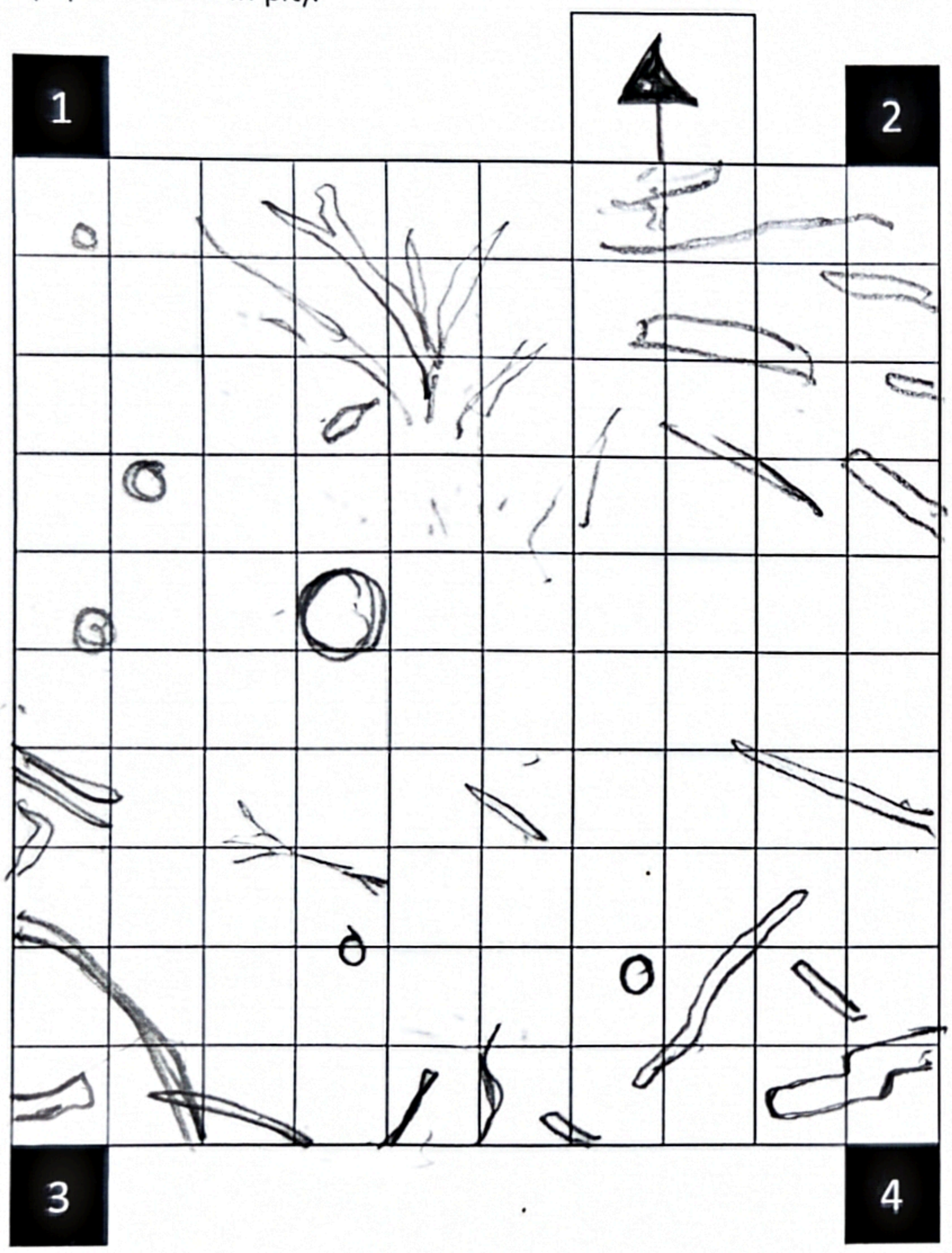
Layer number: 3

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 30cm

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.

Roots + Stones

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

Sandy Clay.

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

Dark Brownish 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	2%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	y	1%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	y	5%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	y	1%	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	y	15%	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 recorded by: ~~Elizabeth~~ Simon

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)?

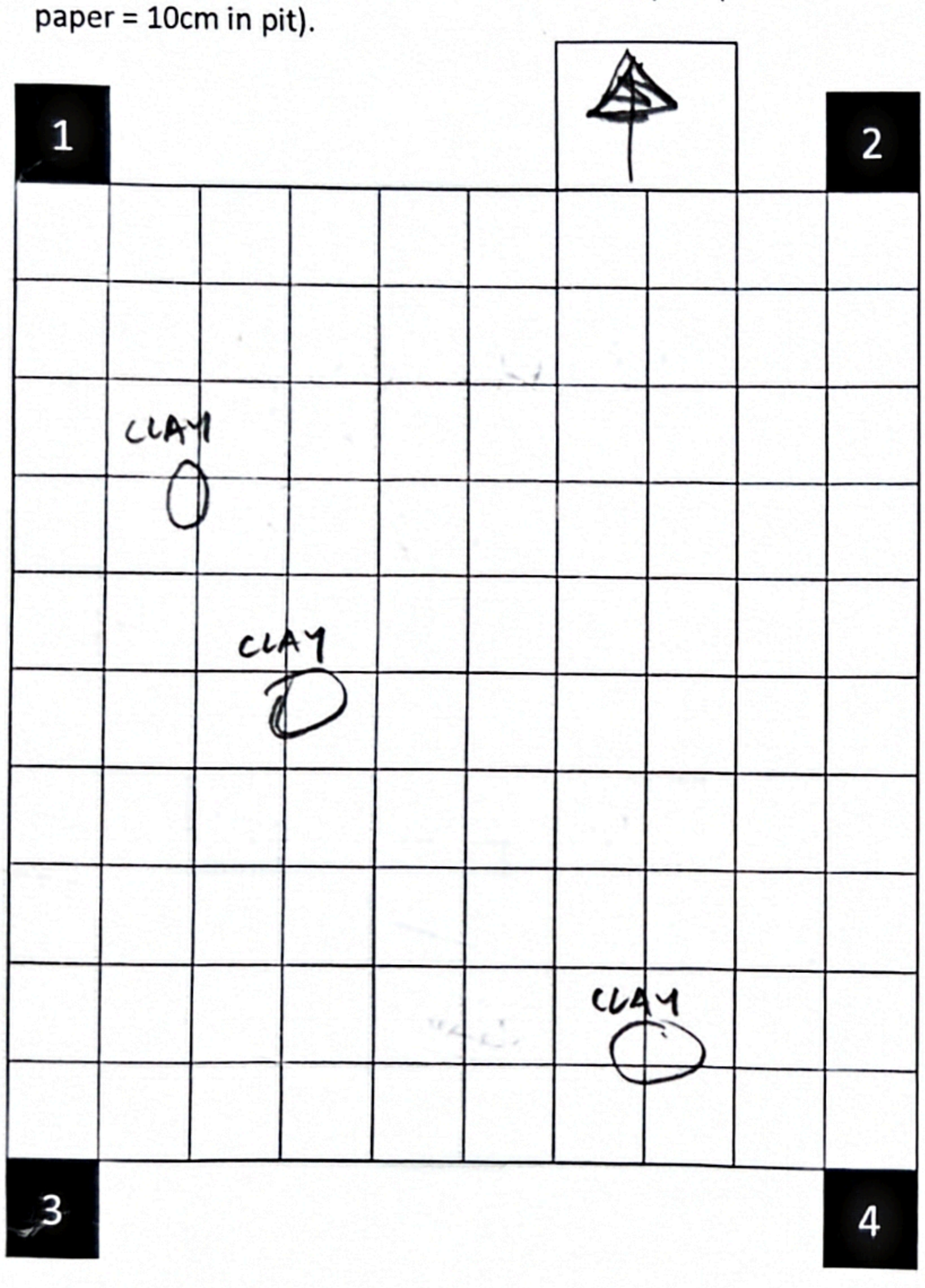
1 30cm 2 30cm 3 30cm 4 30cm

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.

LIGHT BROWNISH 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	✓	2	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Charcoal	✓	1	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	✓	5	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	✓	10	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	✓	15	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.

Homogenous with some clay patches

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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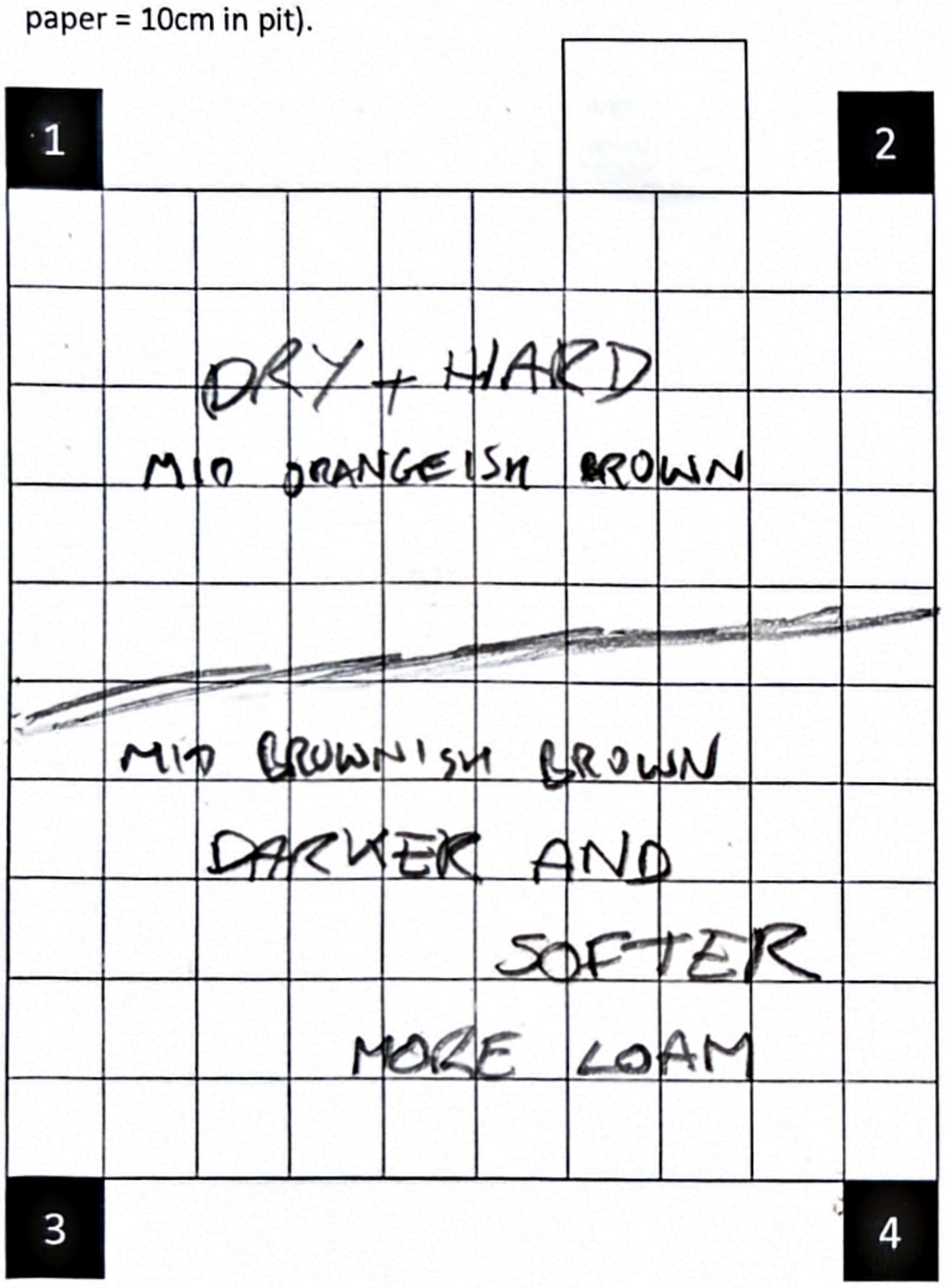
Layer recorded by: SIMON WORTHINGTON **Layer number:** 5

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 40 2 40 3 40 4 40

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.

SPLIT IN PIT WITH ONE HALF DRY AND HARD

SCOOPED AT PEBBLE BED AT 47cms

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 GREYISH 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	1	Flecks	Small ✓	Med ✓	Large
Charcoal	Y	1	Flecks	Small ✓	Med ✓	Large
Sand	Y	80	Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	N		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	Y	1	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	—

1 SMALL PIECE OF COAL (?)
1 SECTION OF CLAY PIPE (?)

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: SIMON WARBURTON **Layer number:** 6

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)?

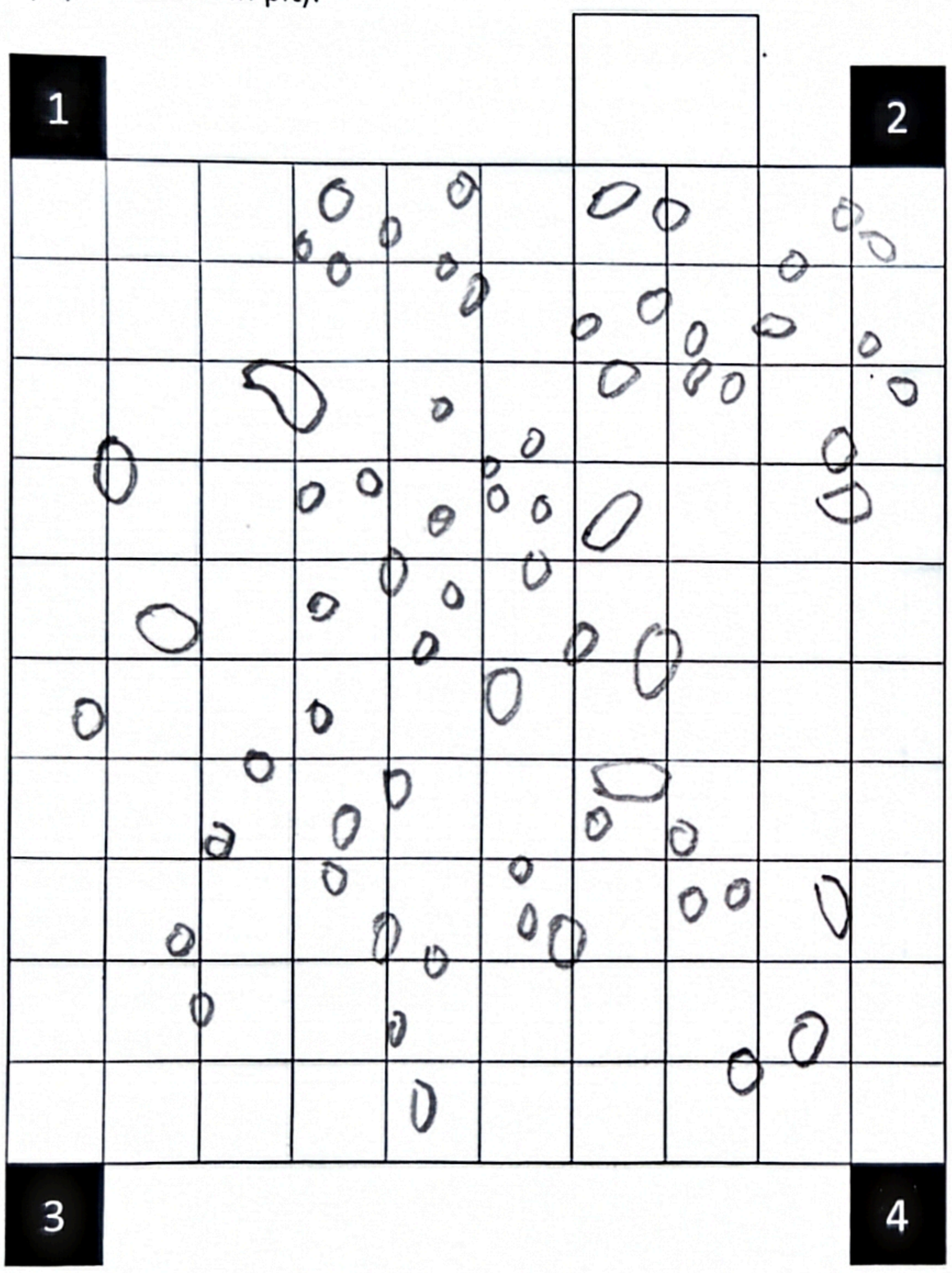
1 47 2 47 3 45 4 47

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 GREYISH 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	✓	5	Flecks	Small	Med ✓	Large
Charcoal	–		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Sand	✓		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Clay	–		Flecks	Small	Med	Large
Roots	✓	1	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	

GROUND UNDER LAYER OF PEBBLES WAS VERY HARD

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

Pebble bed.

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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FINAL LAYER RECORD FORM

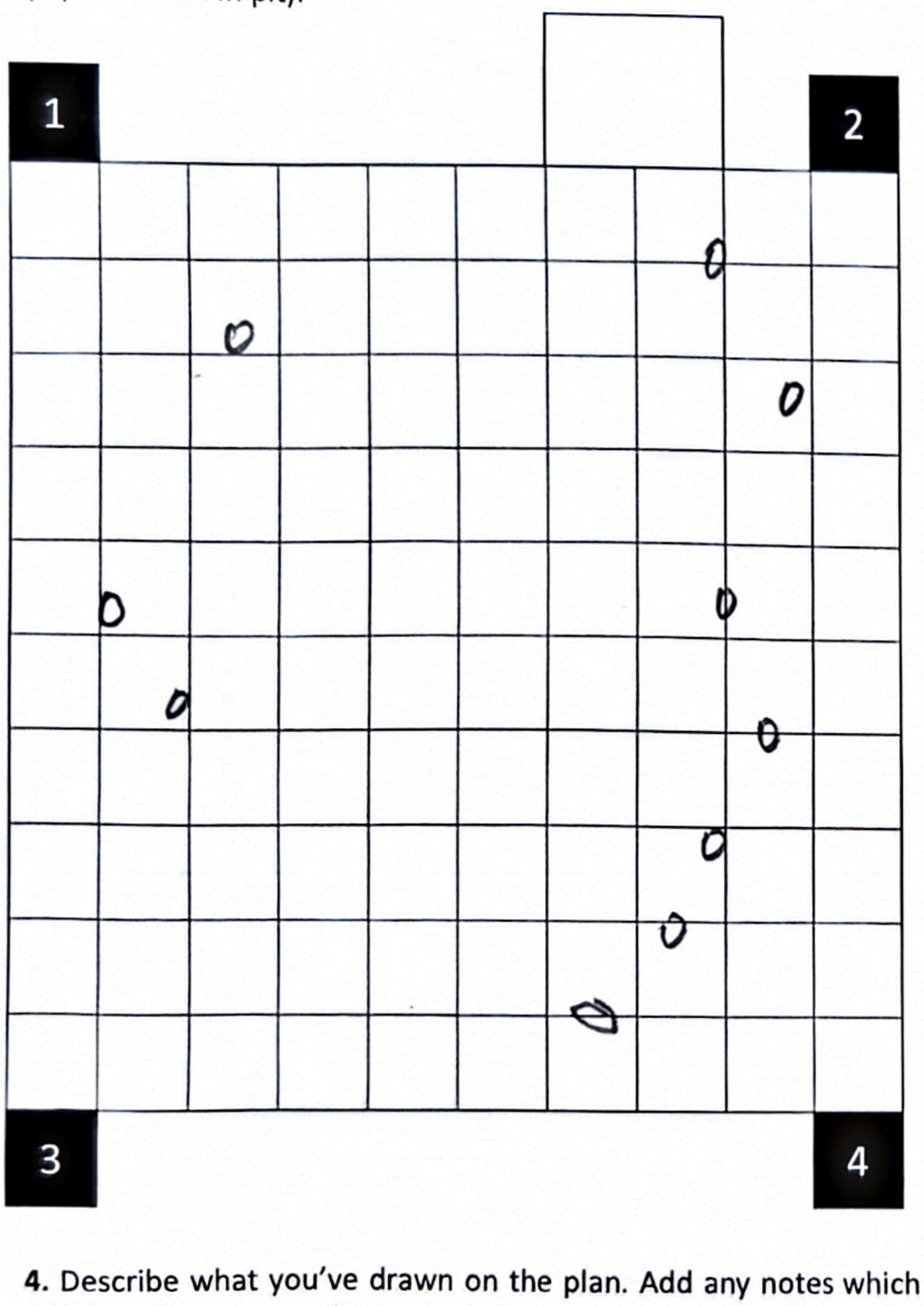
Layer recorded by: SWANBURROW **Layer number:** 6

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 60 2 60 3 60 4 60

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.

HOMOGENOUS WITH SOME STONES

5. Did you excavate your test pit to natural? If not, explain why you stopped digging.

YES. NATURAL FOUND AT 47cm, CONTINUED TO GO TO CHECK.

6. How well did your test pit go? What do you think it revealed? Did you have any problems digging the pit which might affect the results? Use this space to record any thoughts that might be useful when writing up the excavation.

NO REAL ISSUES. PIT WAS SLIGHTLY OVERSIZED (1.05 × 1.05)

RECORDING CHECKLIST	
Task (complete all of these BEFORE backfilling the test pit):	**Tick when completed:**
Photograph your finished pit (make sure the photograph has your test pit number, a scale and a north arrow).	✓ (No TP No)
Draw plan of the bottom of the test pit.	✓
Complete section drawings of all four sides of your test pit.	✓
Ensure all finds are in clearly labelled bags (write site code, test pit number and Layer number on bag).	✓
Fill in **ALL** of this **FINAL LAYER RECORD FORM**.	✓

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SECTION DRAWINGS FORM

Sections recorded by: SIMON HARBURTON

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

