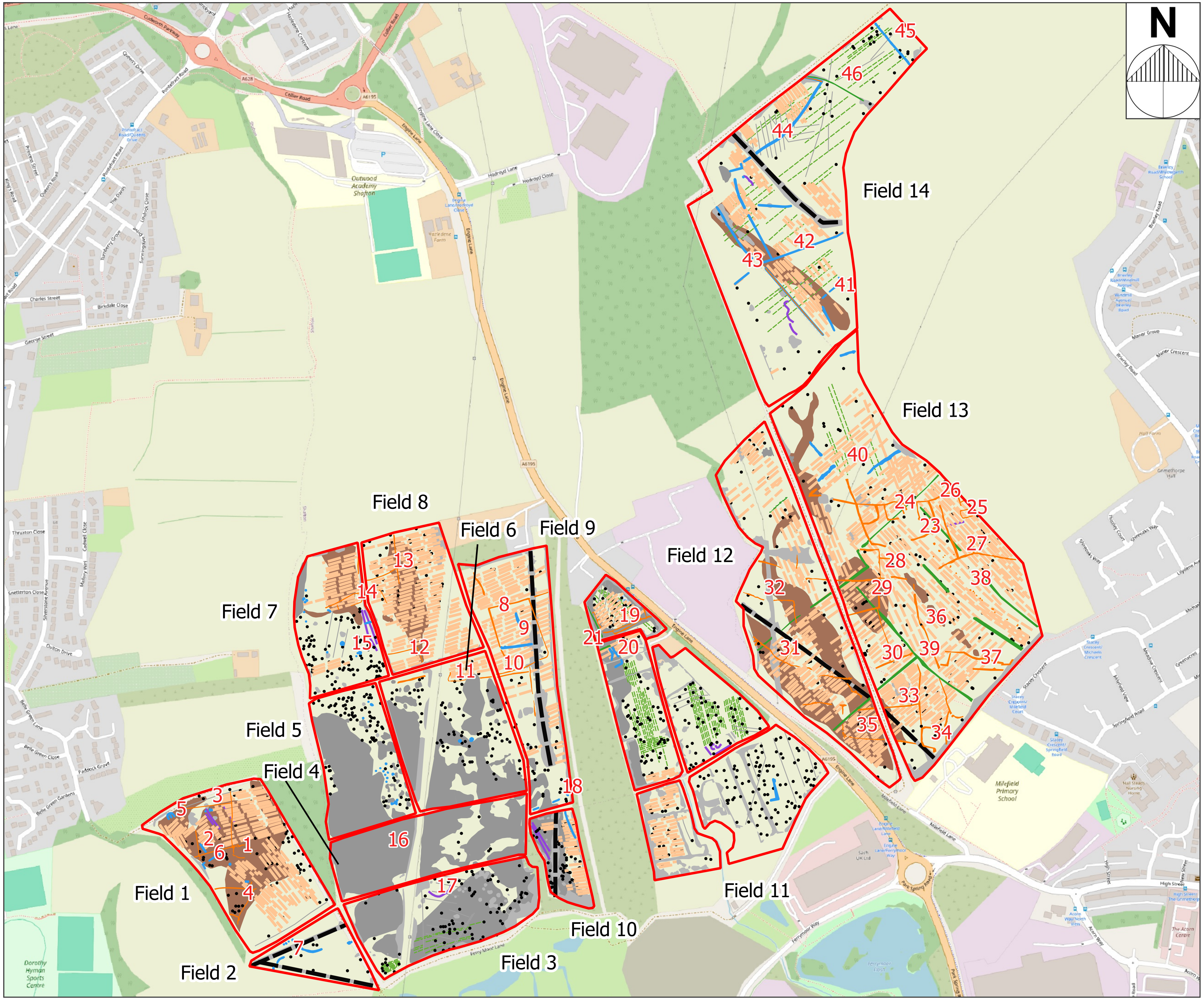

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Key

- Site Boundary
- Archaeology
- Possible Archaeology
- Former Boundary
- Geology
- Service
- Ridge & Furrow
- Uncertain Trend
- Land Drain
- Agricultural Trend
- Ferrous spike
- Ferrous Disturbance
- Increased Magnetic Response

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Figure 25
Interpretation Plot - Overview

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Appendix 1: Technical Information

Gradiometer Survey

Magnetic surveys measure distortions in the earth's magnetic field caused by small magnetic fields associated with buried features (Gaffney and Gater 2003, 36) that have either remnant or induced magnetic properties (Aspinal *et al*. 2008, 21–26). Human activity and inhabitation often alter the magnetic properties of materials (Aspinal *et al*. 2008, 21) resulting in the ability for numerous archaeological features to be detected through magnetic surveys. Intensive burning or heating can result in materials attaining a thermoremanent magnetisation; examples of which include kilns, ovens, heaths, and brick structures (Aspinal *et al*. 2008, 27; Gaffney and Gater, 2003, 37). When topsoil-rich with iron oxides, fills a man-made depression in the subsoil, it creates an infilled feature, such as a pit or ditch, with a higher magnetic susceptibility compared to the surrounding soil (Aspinal *et al*. 2008, 37–41; Gaffney and Gater 2003, 22–26). Magnetic surveys can also detect features with a lower magnetically susceptibility than the surrounding soil, an example of which is a stone wall.

Limitations

Poor results can be due to several factors including short lived archaeological occupation/use or sites with minimal cut or built features. Results can also be limited in areas with soils naturally deficient in iron compounds or in areas with soils overlying naturally magnetic geology, which will produce strong responses masking archaeological features.

Overlying layers, such as demolition rubble or layers of made ground, can hide any earlier archaeological features. The presence of above ground structures and underground services containing ferrous material can distort or mask nearby features.

Particularly uneven or steep ground can increase the processing required or distort results beyond the capabilities of processing. It is also possible in areas containing dramatic topographical changes that natural weathering, such as hill wash, often in combination with intensive modern ploughing, will reduce the topsoil on slopes and towards the peaks of hills and possibly destroy or truncate potential archaeological features. Conversely features at the bottom of slopes may be covered by a greater layer of topsoil and so if buried features are present, they appear faint within the results, if at all.

Over-processing of data can also obscure or remove features, especially if there are on the same orientation as the direction of data collection. Consequently, where possible, attempts are made to ensure data is not collected on the same orientation as known potential features and that data quality is sufficient to minimise the required data processing.

Instrumentation

The data was collected using Bartington Grad 601-2 fluxgate gradiometers, in a cart configuration with four sensors arranged at one metre intervals. The Bartington 601-2 is a single axis, vertical component fluxgate gradiometer comprising a data logger battery cassette and two sensors. The sensors are Grad-01-1000 L cylindrical gradiometer sensors mounted on a rigid carrying frame; each sensor contains two fluxgate magnetometers with 1m vertical separation.

The difference in the magnetic field between the two fluxgates in each sensor is measured in nano Tesla (nT). The gradiometer data is recorded with a range of ±100 nT, which equates to a resolution of 0.01 nT. It should be noted that the actual resolution is limited to 0.03 nT because of internal instrumental noise (Bartington Instruments Ltd, n.d., 23). The gradiometers are calibrated at the start of every day and recalibrated whenever necessary.

The data was collected using SENSYS FGM650/3 magnetometer in a cart configuration with five sensors arranged at 0.75 m or 1 m intervals. This gradiometer data is recorded with a range of ±1000 nT, which equates to a resolution of 0.01 nT. It should be noted that the actual resolution is limited to 0.03 nT because of internal instrumental noise.

The gradiometer records five lines of data on each traverse, with traverses walked in a zig-zag pattern until all the survey is covered.

Appendix 2: Data Visualisation Information

The data was used to produce a series of images to demonstrate the results of surveys, detailed below:

Greyscale/colour scale plot – This visualised the results as a shaded drawing with highest readings showing as black, running through different shades to lowest showing as white.

Interpreted plot – Through detailed analysis, anomalies have been interpreted and possible features identified. Interpretation drawings are used to show potential features and to reinforce and clarify the written interpretation of the data. Anomalies have been characterised using the terminology detailed in the following section and have been assigned colour coding, which is outlined in keys on figures associated with this report.

Magnetic Anomalies and Terminology

Table 2: Lexicon of Terminology

Terminology	Detail
Anomaly	Any outstanding high or low readings forming a particular shape or covering a specific area with the survey results.
Feature	A man-made or naturally created object or material that has been detected through investigation works and has sufficient characteristics or supporting evidence for positive identification.
Magnetic susceptibility	The ability of a buried feature to be magnetically induced when a magnetic field is applied.
Magnetic response	The strength of the changes in magnetic values caused by a buried feature with either a greater or lesser ability to be magnetised compared with the soil around it. Anomalies are considered to either have strong/weak or positive/negative responses. The strength of magnetic response (along with patterning) can be essential in determining the nature of an anomaly, but it should be noted that the size or strength of the magnetic response does not correlate with the size of the buried feature.

Patterning of an anomaly	The shape or form of an individual anomaly.
Thermoremanence	The affect caused when a material has been magnetically altered through a process of heating. Thermoremanent magnetisation occurs when an object or material is heated passed the Curie Point and acquires a permanent magnetisation that is associated with the magnetic field that they cooled within (Gaffney and Gater 2003, 37).

Different anomalies can represent different features created by human occupation, agricultural or modern activity, or natural pedological or geological changes in the substrata. Anomalies interpreted as 'greater' are considered more likely to be of the interpreted characterisation; whereas a 'lesser' categorisation represents a more tentative interpretation applied to those anomalies with weaker increases in magnetic response or if the anomaly has incomplete patterning or irregular form. The strength and size of anomalies can vary depending on the magnetic properties of the feature, the magnetic susceptibility of the soil, the depth at which the feature is buried, and the state of preservation.

Table 3: Characterisation of anomalies

Characterisation	**Detail**
Archaeology and probable archaeology	Linear anomalies with a positive or negative magnetic responses and composed of a patterning or shape that is suggestive of a buried archaeological feature. These are often indicative of structural remains or infilled features such as ditches. The strength of anomaly signal can be suggestive of the properties of the feature. Negative linear anomalies represent upstanding or infilled features that are less magnetically susceptible than background readings, for example structures or ditches composed of a non-igneous stone material. Bipolar linear anomalies considered to be of an archaeological nature are indicative of material with a high magnetic susceptibility, such as a brick wall. Isolated anomalies or anomalies with a more amorphous form possibly represent infilled features or thermomagnetic features such as areas of heating/burning of an archaeological origin. Unless

	associated with conclusively identified archaeological remains, such as linear anomalies, absolute identification of positive responses can be problematic as it is often not possible to decipher if they are of an archaeological, modern, or agricultural origin. Consequently, isolated positive responses are not shown within the interpretation unless composed of a broad form or belonging to a series of isolated positive responses. Bipolar responses considered likely to be of an archaeological origin are also interpreted as isolated anomaly (archaeology). These are considered to relate to material with a very strong magnetic susceptibility or thermoremanent magnetisation.
Possible archaeology	Weak and diffuse anomalies with an uncertain origin are denoted by trends. It is possible that these belong to archaeological features but given their weak signatures or incomplete patterning it is equally plausible that they relate to agricultural features or natural soil formations.
Historic Feature	Linear anomalies, sub/irregular-rectilinear either with positive or negative magnetic responses, that correspond with the location of field boundaries, ponds or buildings recorded on historic maps, Aerial photos or LiDAR coverage of the site.
Ridge and furrow	Broadly spaced linear anomalies that are likely to be indicative of earlier forms of agriculture, such as ridge and furrow. These often correspond with the location of earthworks visible on the ground or identified on aerial photos or LiDAR survey coverage.
Masking anomalies	
Strongly magnetic bipolar or dipolar. Service	Positive anomalies with associated negative 'halo' (bipolar) denote features with a strong magnetic response are likely to be of a modern origin. Isolated bipolar responses of a modern nature are likely to relate to buried ferrous material or objects, such as

	metallic agricultural debris. If a trend is noted in the alignment or spacing of isolated bipolar responses, it is possible that they are indicative of ferrous fittings or connectors used on buried non-magnetic buried utilities
Increased magnetic response / ferrous disturbance	Areas of magnetic disturbance, often along the edges of survey areas are caused by standing metal structures such as fencing and buildings. Also, areas of increased magnetic response denote areas of disturbance containing a high concentration of dipolar or bipolar responses. These are generally considered to be caused by modern debris in the topsoil, although it is possible that the disturbance is in part also caused by isolated archaeological material or geological or pedological changes in the substrata.
Modern Agriculture	
Ploughing trend, land drain	Ploughing trend tends to be regularly spaced linear anomalies, often with a narrower spacing, that conform with ploughing regime at the time of survey, or a recent regime recorded on aerial photos of the site. The response and distribution of land drains varies depending on the composition of the land drain and associated ditch or channel. Consequently, land drains can be composed of weak / strong positive / negative magnetic responses and are identified as a product of either their variance in magnetic values or positioning compared with regularly spaced linear anomalies considered to relate to modern ploughing. Land drains can be located within former agricultural regimes, such as ridge and furrow.

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