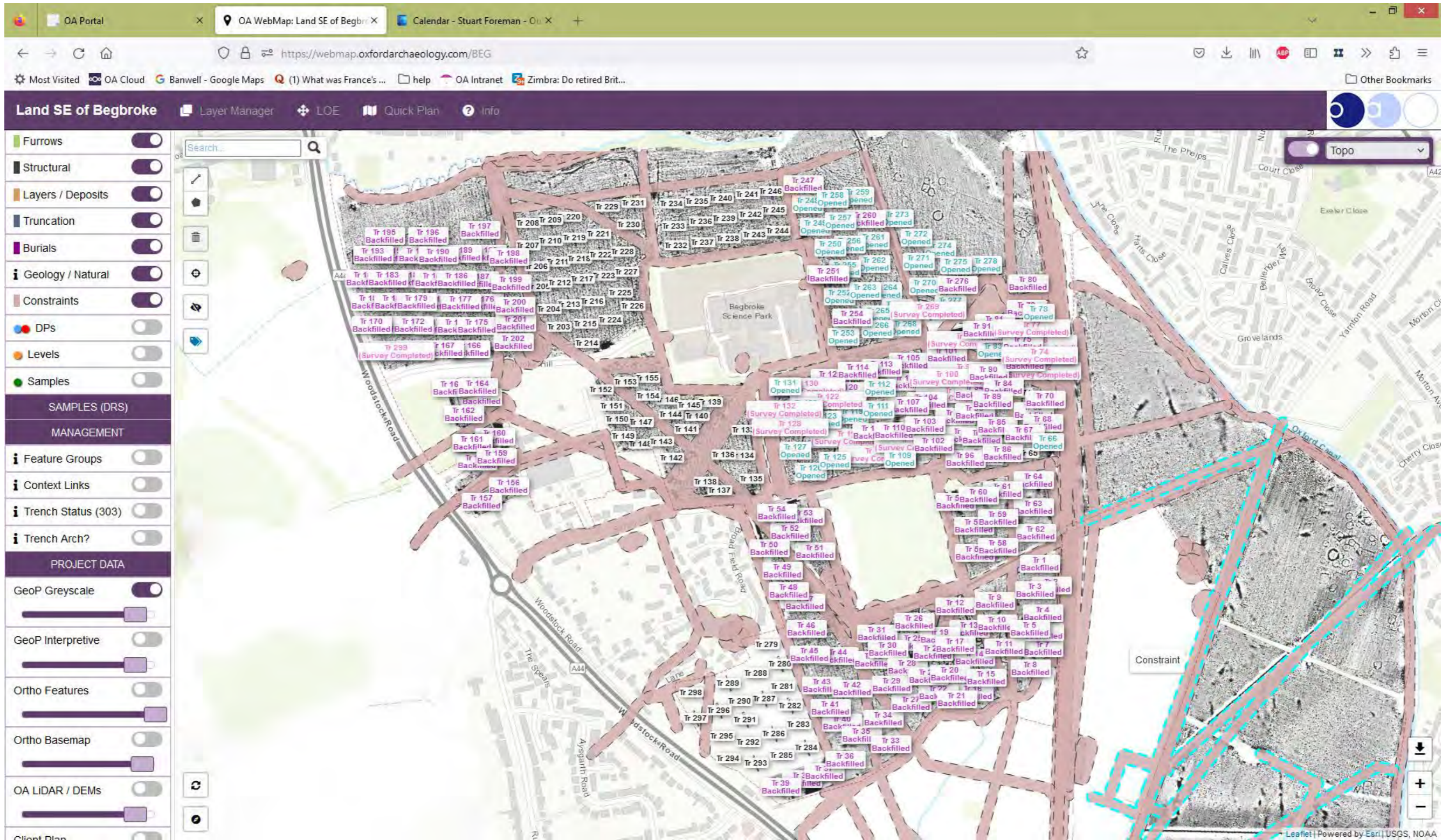




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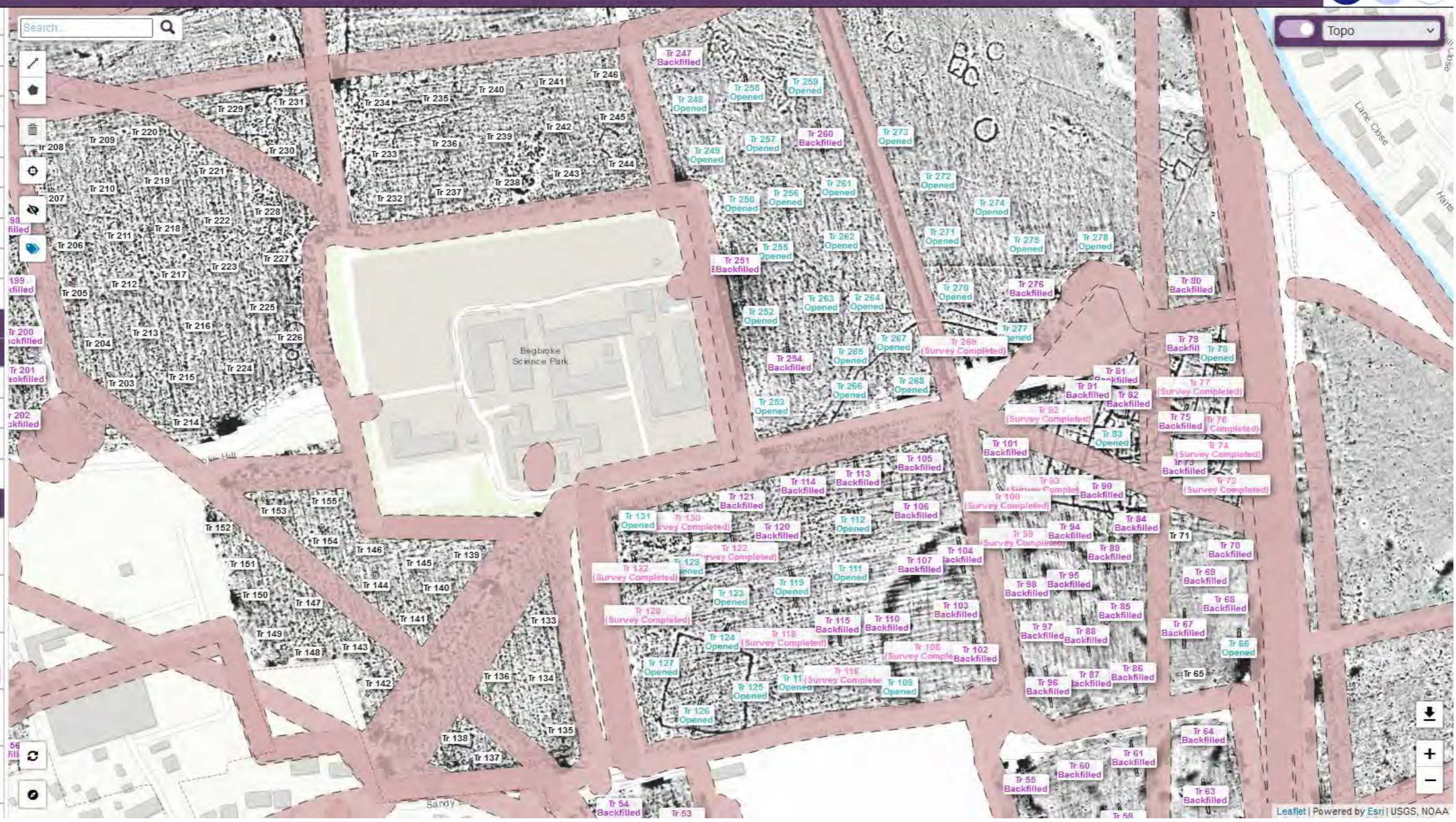


Trench plan updates showing current progress in the current fields



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## **WEEK 9 PROGRESS REPORT**

Please find below a summary of the Begbroke trenching progress to 10/02/2023 (the 9th week of the programme, excluding the Christmas holiday). The trench progress plans attached to this report was updated on 10/02/23. To date 298 trenches were originally specified, of which 21 are not accessible. Of 277 trenches available to dig in total, 187 have been completely finished and another 42 are in progress, leaving 48 not yet started. We are planning to offhire the 2nd machine on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb as it will not be fully occupied by that date. We are aiming to complete in 2 more weeks beyond this one. This is looking tight given the amount of archaeology in the trenches. The magnetometer survey continues to be a very reliable guide to the presence / absence of significant archaeology.

Work this week was focussed in the fields to the NW and NE of the Science Park, as shown on the attached trench progress plans. The newly opened trenches to the NW of the Science Park revealed ditches and gullies in the areas predicted by the geophysical survey. An array of discreet features found cut into the terrace gravel were examined by specialist geoarchaeologists during a site visit on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and most are thought to be natural features probably caused by root action. They don't form any clear patterns, are widely dispersed and show no surface signs of being man-made. A sample of these features will be excavated to check for artefacts, charcoal or any other evidence that they are manmade. Vicky Green (OCAS) has agreed with this approach.

The second very dense concentration of Roman settlement features was completed and backfilled this week. Spot-dating of the finds recovered suggests that the pottery is predominantly of mid-late Roman date and appears broadly contemporary with the previously trenched settlement to the south of Sandy Lane. Both sites are provisionally interpreted as "complex farmsteads" in the terminology of the Roman Rural Settlement Project. They lack evidence for high status buildings as would be present on a villa. They are enclosed by ditches and characterised by much evidence for reorganisation of the interior space. Finds assemblages are relatively sparse.

Vicky Green (OCAS) asked that four trenches (Trenches 124-127) be left open for as long as possible in case any features weather out. They are investigating a large rectangular enclosure on the magnetometer plot to SE of the Science Park whose interior appears to be devoid of features.

Team size averaged about 14 this week, higher than planned but justified by the large number of features to dig. As agreed with the client the team was increased by one geoarchaeologist to cover logging of geotechnical holes by Hydrock, which continued. This monitoring is mainly focussed on observing the hand dug test pits preceding each hole.

The trenches to the north of the Science Park are well-drained.

### **Trench signing off**

Vicky Green (OCAS) visited on Thursday 2nd October and inspected open trenches in the areas currently being worked on, as described above and shown on the attached trench progress plan. It was provisionally agreed that no monitoring visit would be required in the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Photos will be circulated of any trenches that require signoff that have not previously been inspected.

Stuart Foreman,

Oxford Archaeology

15/02/2023

The following photographs are of a selection of features and trenches worked on this week to the north of Sandy Lane. The trench progress plans are at the end.













Metalled surface in Trench 128:



Example backfilled trench



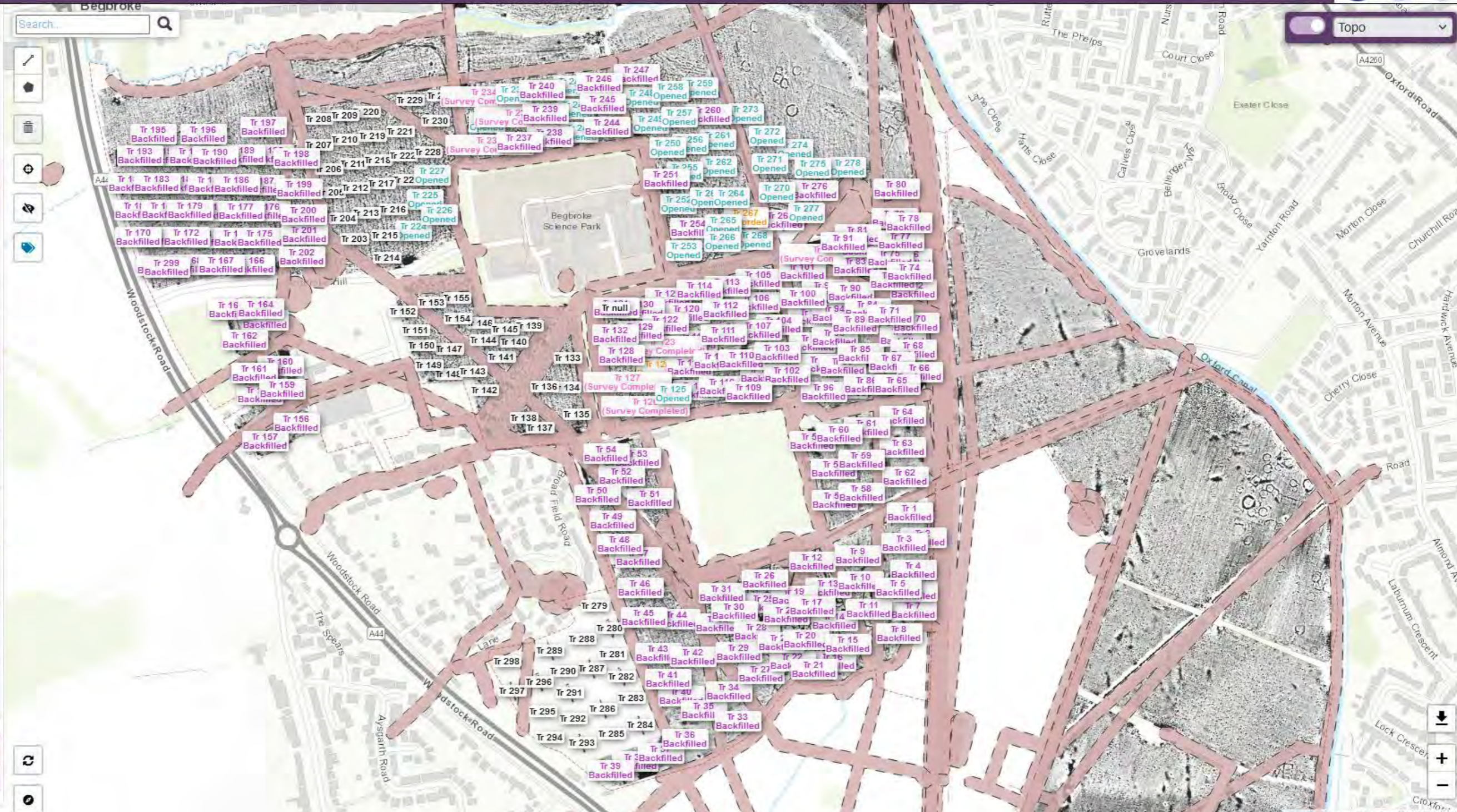
Trench plan updates showing current progress in the current fields

The screenshot displays a web-based trench plan for the 'Land SE of Begbroke' area. The interface includes a browser window at the top with the URL <https://webmap.oxfordarchaeology.com/BEG>. The map itself is a grayscale aerial view with numerous trench locations marked with labels such as 'Tr 200', 'Tr 201', 'Tr 202', etc., up to 'Tr 301'. Each label is accompanied by a status indicator: 'Backfilled' (pink), 'Opened' (green), 'Survey Completed' (blue), or 'Recorded' (yellow). A central building is labeled 'Begbroke Science Park'. The left sidebar contains various map controls, including 'Geology / Natural', 'Constraints', 'DPs', 'Levels', 'Samples', 'SAMPLER (DRS) MANAGEMENT', 'Feature Groups', 'Context Links', 'Trench Status (301)', 'Trench Arch?', 'PROJECT DATA', 'GeoP Greyscale', 'GeoP Interpretive', 'Ortho Features', 'Ortho Basemap', 'OA LIDAR / DEMS', and 'Client Plan'. The bottom right corner of the map area shows 'Leaflet | Powered by Esri | USGS, NOAA'.

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## **WEEK 10 PROGRESS REPORT**

Please find below a summary of the Begbroke trenching progress to 17/02/2023 (the 10th week of the programme, excluding the Christmas holiday). The trench progress plans attached to this report was updated on 17/02/23. 298 trenches were originally specified, of which 21 are not accessible. Of 277 trenches available to dig in total, 204 have been completely finished, 63 are in progress and 10 still to open, as of 17/02/2023. The last trenches to be opened by 22/02/2023. We are aiming to complete by 03/03/2023 but there may be a tail of backfilling into the following week.

The magnetometer survey continues to be a very reliable guide to the presence / absence of significant archaeology.

Hand-excavation work this week was focussed in the fields to the NW and NE of the Science Park, as shown on the attached trench progress plans. Trenches were also opened in the fields SW of the Science Park revealing a few features, mostly as predicted by the geophysical survey.

Team size averaged about 12 this week.

The trenches to the north and south-west of the Science Park come down onto gravel and are well-drained.

### **Trench signing off**

No monitoring visits were necessary in the week ending 17/02/2023. Photos were circulated of any trenches that required signoff that have not previously been inspected.

Stuart Foreman,

Oxford Archaeology

24/02/2023

The following photographs are of a selection of features and trenches worked on this week to the north of Sandy Lane. The trench progress plans are at the end.



















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Trench plan updates showing progress in the current fields to 17/02/2023

The screenshot displays a web-based archaeological trench plan for the 'Land SE of Begbroke' site. The map is overlaid on a grayscale aerial photograph. A central building is labeled 'Begbroke Science Park'. The site is divided into numerous numbered trenches, each with a status label. The status labels include 'Backfilled', 'Opened', 'Survey Completed', and 'Recorded'. For example, Tr 200 is 'Backfilled', Tr 201 is 'Backfilled', Tr 202 is 'Backfilled', Tr 203 is 'Opened', Tr 204 is 'Backfilled', Tr 205 is 'Opened', Tr 206 is 'Backfilled', Tr 207 is 'Backfilled', Tr 208 is 'Backfilled', Tr 209 is 'Backfilled', Tr 210 is 'Backfilled', Tr 211 is 'Opened', Tr 212 is 'Opened', Tr 213 is 'Backfilled', Tr 214 is 'Opened', Tr 215 is 'Backfilled', Tr 216 is 'Backfilled', Tr 217 is 'Opened', Tr 218 is 'Opened', Tr 219 is 'Backfilled', Tr 220 is 'Backfilled', Tr 221 is 'Backfilled', Tr 222 is 'Opened', Tr 223 is 'Opened', Tr 224 is 'Opened', Tr 225 is 'Backfilled', Tr 226 is 'Opened', Tr 227 is 'Opened', Tr 228 is 'Opened', Tr 229 is 'Recorded', Tr 230 is 'Opened', Tr 231 is 'Recorded', Tr 232 is 'Backfilled', Tr 233 is 'Opened', Tr 234 is 'Backfilled', Tr 235 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 236 is 'Backfilled', Tr 237 is 'Backfilled', Tr 238 is 'Backfilled', Tr 239 is 'Backfilled', Tr 240 is 'Backfilled', Tr 241 is 'Opened', Tr 242 is 'Opened', Tr 243 is 'Opened', Tr 244 is 'Opened', Tr 245 is 'Backfilled', Tr 246 is 'Backfilled', Tr 247 is 'Backfilled', Tr 248 is 'Opened', Tr 249 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 250 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 251 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 252 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 253 is 'Opened', Tr 254 is 'Backfilled', Tr 255 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 256 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 257 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 258 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 259 is 'Opened', Tr 260 is 'Backfilled', Tr 261 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 262 is 'Opened', Tr 263 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 264 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 265 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 266 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 267 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 268 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 269 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 270 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 271 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 272 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 273 is 'Opened', Tr 274 is 'Recorded', Tr 275 is 'Recorded', Tr 276 is 'Backfilled', Tr 277 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 278 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 279 is 'Survey Completed', Tr 280 is 'Backfilled', Tr 281 is 'Backfilled', Tr 282 is 'Backfilled', Tr 283 is 'Backfilled', Tr 284 is 'Backfilled', Tr 285 is 'Backfilled', Tr 286 is 'Backfilled', Tr 287 is 'Backfilled', Tr 288 is 'Backfilled', Tr 289 is 'Backfilled', Tr 290 is 'Backfilled', Tr 291 is 'Backfilled', Tr 292 is 'Backfilled', Tr 293 is 'Backfilled', Tr 294 is 'Backfilled', Tr 295 is 'Backfilled', Tr 296 is 'Backfilled', Tr 297 is 'Backfilled', Tr 298 is 'Backfilled', Tr 299 is 'Backfilled', Tr 300 is 'Backfilled', Tr 301 is 'Backfilled', Tr 302 is 'Backfilled'. A 'Constraint' line is visible on the right side of the map. The interface includes a search bar at the top left, a layer manager on the left, and a top navigation bar with various icons and a search bar. The bottom right corner shows the map's scale and projection information: 'Leaflet | Powered by Esri | USGS, NOAA'.

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