

Date (dd/mm/yy) 09/06/08 EU: 5 SU: 5403

Area: VIGLA Supervisor: MA Recorder: MA

Summary: Excavating North of wall 5402-01

Chronology: _____ (to be filled out by RSM or MH)

Harris matrix

	<u>5402</u>	
	<u>5403</u>	

Coordinates

N	<u>1454N</u>
W	<u>4449 E</u>
E	<u>4450E</u>
S	<u>1452.45N</u>

Soil description

Munsell (wet): 7.5YR 9/6 Strong Brown

Soil type: Sandy Clay

Consolidation: Cemented

Stoniness: 5 %

Dominant clast size: gravel

Maximum top elevation: ~~55.59~~ 55.59 m.a.s.l.

Minimum bottom elevation: 55.36 m.a.s.l.

(*Indicate elevations on SU plan)

Slope: flat

Features

- f1. #5402 - f2 (Sandstone slabs)
- f2.
- f3.
- f4.
- f5.

List all photographs of this SU (p1, p2, etc.):

p. 1, p. 2

List all drawings of this SU (d1, d2, etc.):

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Procedure

Dry sieve Water sieve _____ If water sieve, # of bags: _____

Finds (# of bags)

Ceramic 3 Stone 1 Bone _____ Metal _____ Organic _____ Plaster 1 Other Shell 1
Conchium 1

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Description: Digging through rather cemented reddish sandy clay, much like in the previous SU. We're finding rounded river gravel as well as limestone inclusions (which seem to me to have increased from above SU). I noticed that there are a couple of small rocks in wall 5402-f1 that look like conglomerate with the ~~else~~ small river gravel inclusions, but I'm wondering whether that's actually a binding agent that was used in that wall and what the binding next to is disintegrated "mortar". I think ~~in~~ I can see mudbrick in the west scarp and also in the east scarp ~~and~~ north of feature 5402-f2. We're mostly unwound the two sandstone slabs next to the north scarp and they are rather thin (c. 4cm). The roughly square sandstone block that I included in feature 5402-f2 is also of similar thickness. I'm wondering if these three slabs were part of flooring and whether the square one is actually in situ. This would mean that we dug through the disturbed floor, ~~underneath~~ but at least it was dug as a separate SU.

Feature
5402-f1.

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Description: The area between ~~the~~ wall 5402-f1 and feature 5402-f2 has a rather high density of the limy-gravelly plaster, which makes me wonder if this is actually wall plaster or garbled flooring. In fact there is a small patch of it that seems quite flat in the corner between feature 5402-f2 and the eastern scarp. The elevation for this patch is 55.48 m.a.s.l. There is similar bedding for a floor that can be seen in EU 2 (in the eastern end of the area). The elevation for that is 55.40 m.a.s.l.

What is also curious is that this "mortar" is not found in the rest of the SU, but is concentrated between features 5402-f1 and 5402-f2. Between 5402-f2 and the north ~~scarp~~ scarp of the trench we are not finding much of it, ^{except a piece of wall plaster.} ~~although the side walls are covered with it.~~

There are many pieces of broken up sandstone in this su (pebble to cobble size).

Eventhough we've hit no soil change, I think that it's better to close this SU, since we've excavated about 15-20 cm.

Bottom elevations for SU 5403: NW corner: 55.36, NE: 55.38, SE: 55.43, SW: 55.40 m.a.s.l.