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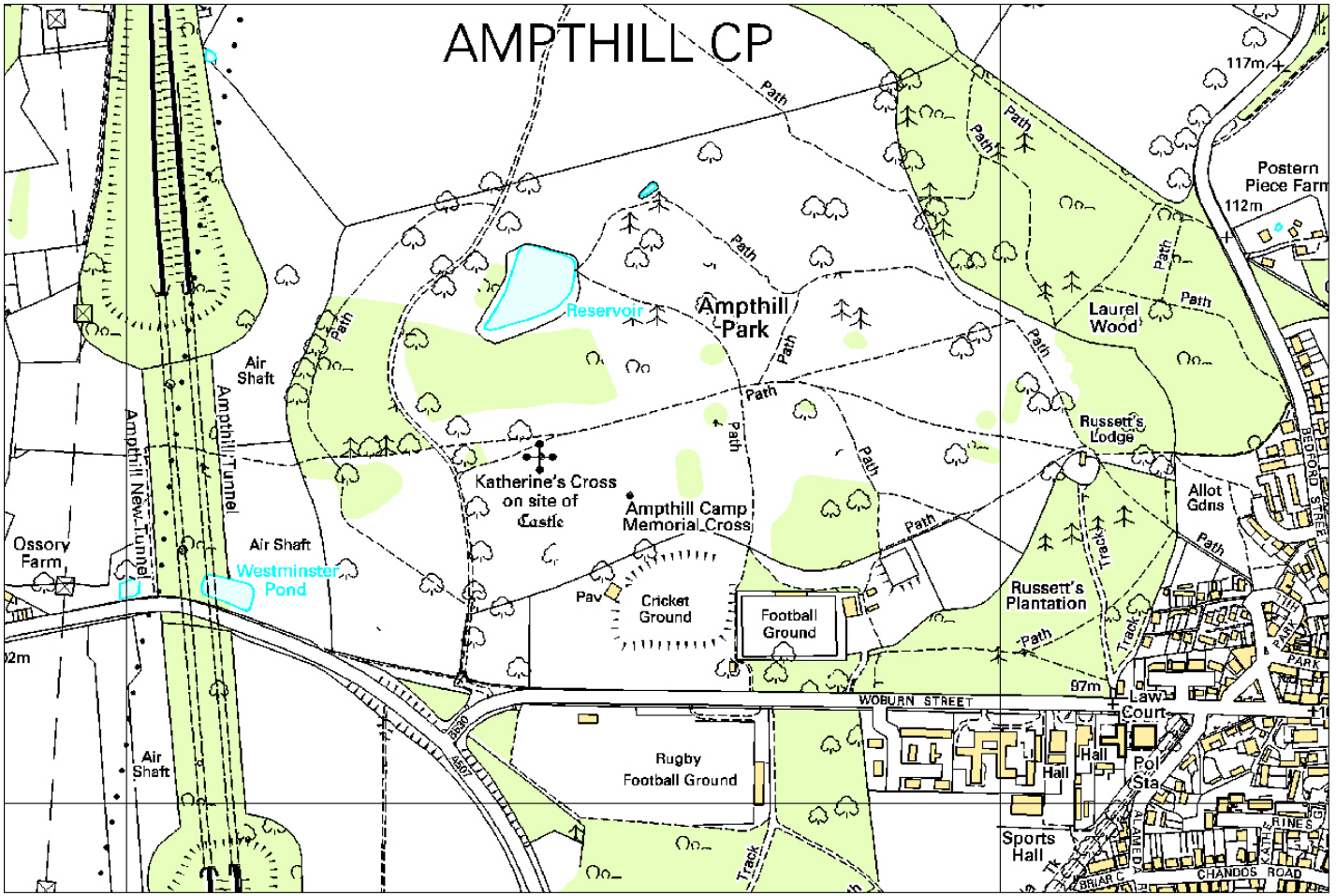
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The site

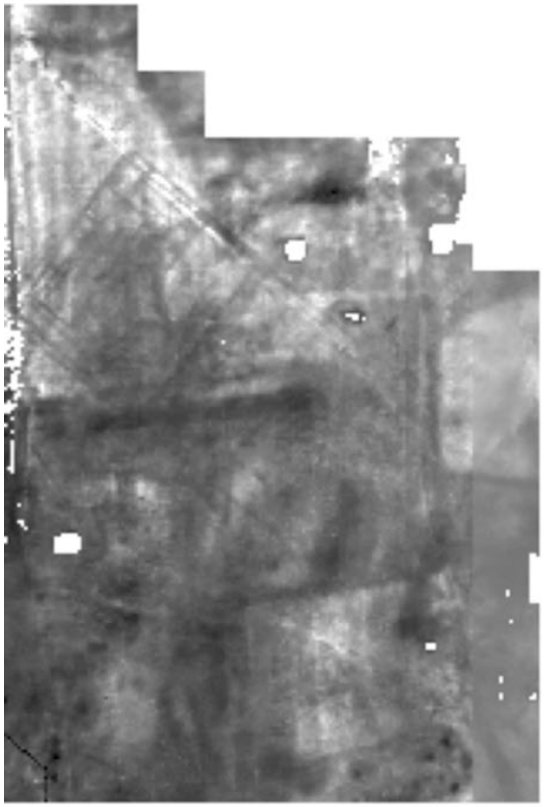
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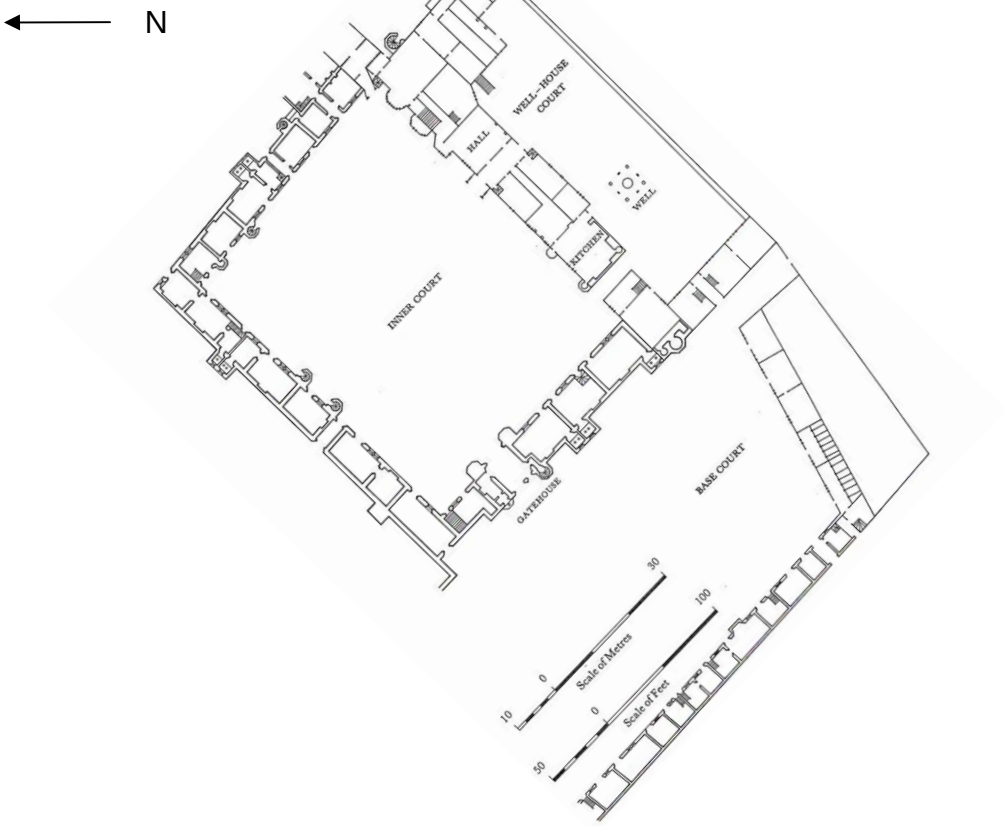


Members of the ADALHS undertaking a geophysical survey at the site

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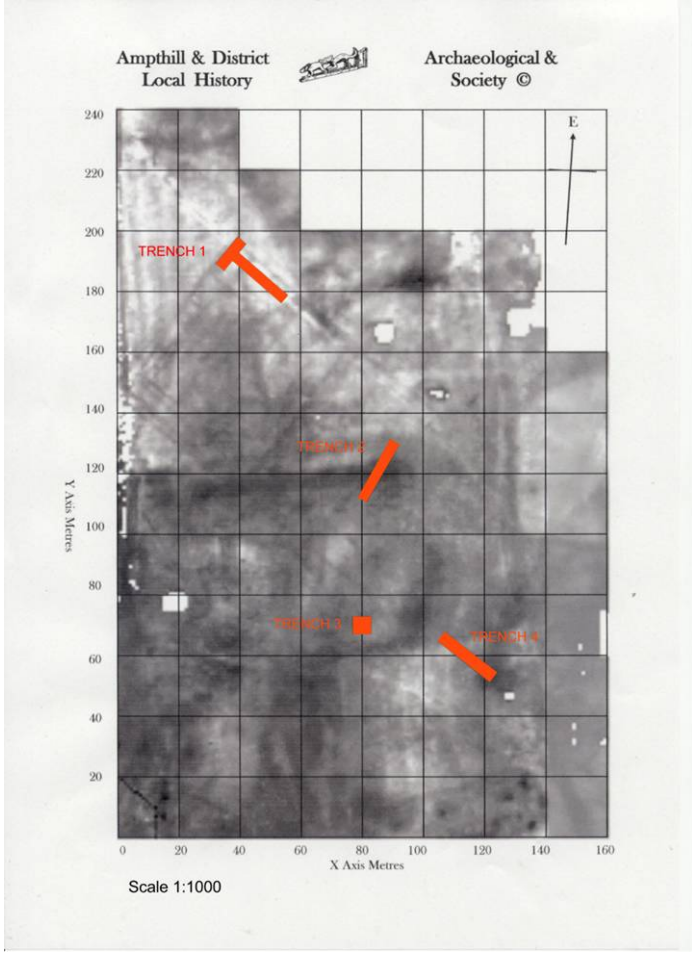


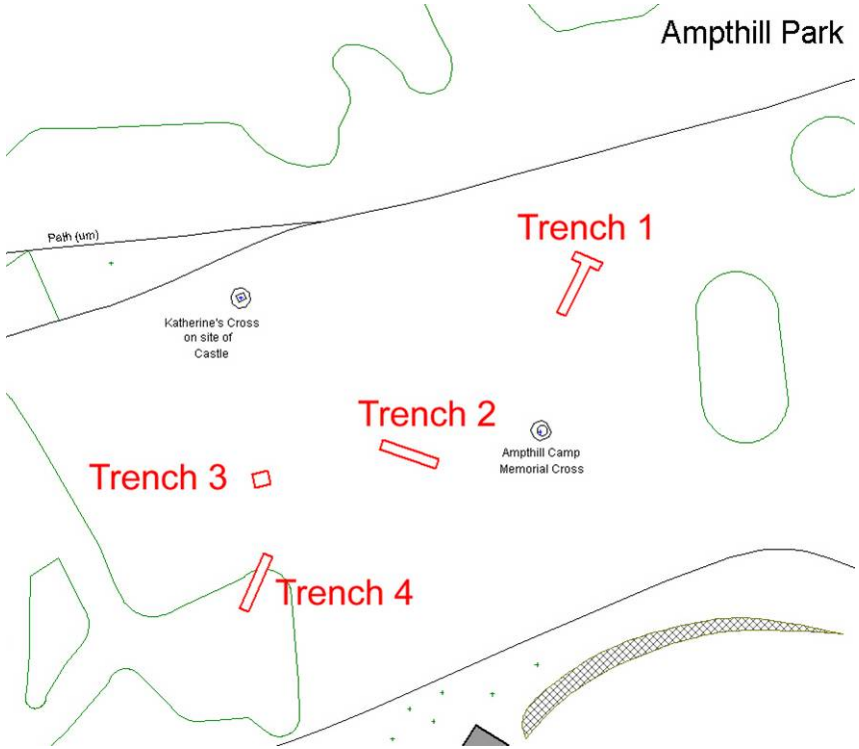
ADALHS geophysics plot



1567 plan of Ampthill Castle

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Trench locations

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Volunteers & staff from Northamptonshire Archaeology get digging

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Trench 2 - brick chimney base within one of the castle ranges



Trench 3 - possible Saxo-Norman ditch

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Trench 1 – early to middle Saxon construction trenches

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A selection of the nicest finds



A jetton (trading token), sewing ring and copper alloy bell



Decorated masonry – possibly an external dressing from the castle



Tiles with animal footprints accidentally impressed in them

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The re-dedication of Katherine’s Cross & the excavation Open Day

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Staff from Northamptonshire Archaeology giving trench tours

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Members of ADALHS giving a talk on the geophysical survey



Just a few of the finds

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