

## **Shootinglee - Survey and Excavation, 2013**

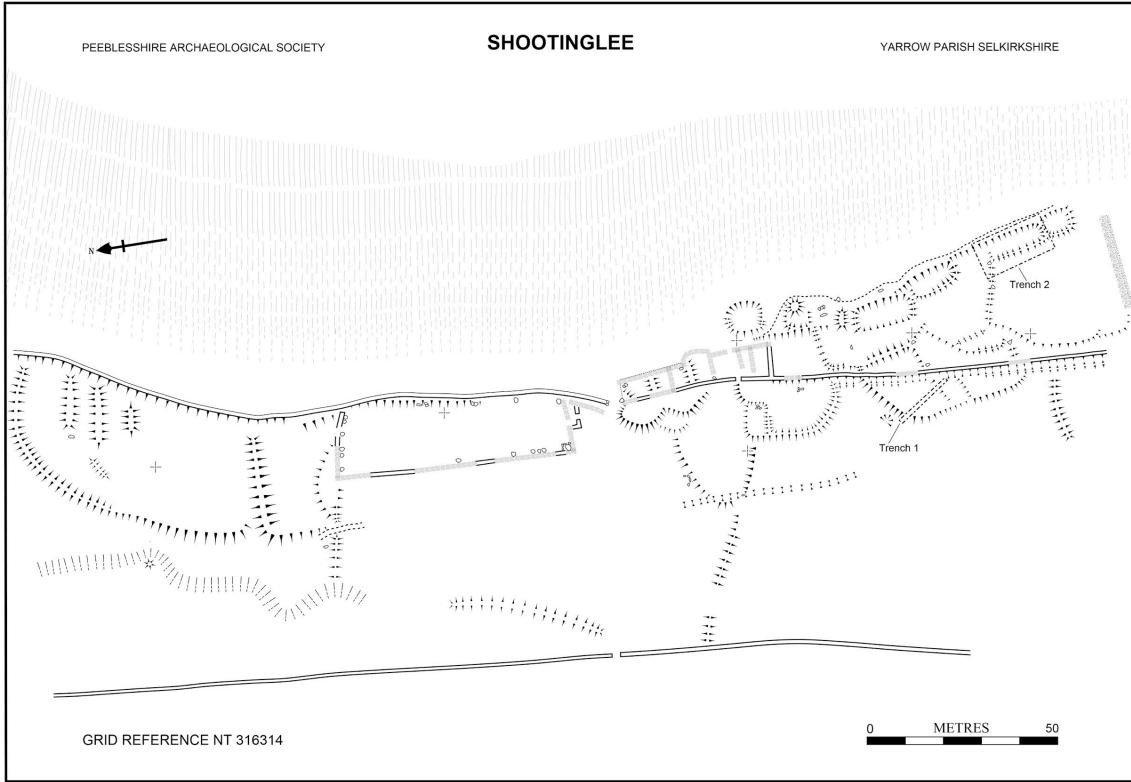
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Trench 1: Excavation of the test trench continued, taking it down to the impacted subsoil and extending the S end exposing a platform of set stones outside the S garden wall. Apart from the clay-bonded stone walls to N and S of the plot no other features were found, and the admixture of abraded artefacts and fragments of charcoal confirmed that this was a garden soil. Measured recording of that part of the trench cut through the garden plot was completed; it was then photographed and backfilled.

Trench 2: Excavation of a new trench was started this year. The building-platform at the S end of the row of five that make up the settlement was selected because it was not encumbered by conifers. An open area approach was taken covering the full extent of the building as defined by the platform. The S third was opened up first, removing the turf, topsoil and tumble and then the middle third before the winter set in, at which point the site was covered with brashings for the winter.



**Fig 1 Site Plan showing Trenches 1 and 2**



**Fig 2 Excavation in progress in Trench 1, March 2013**