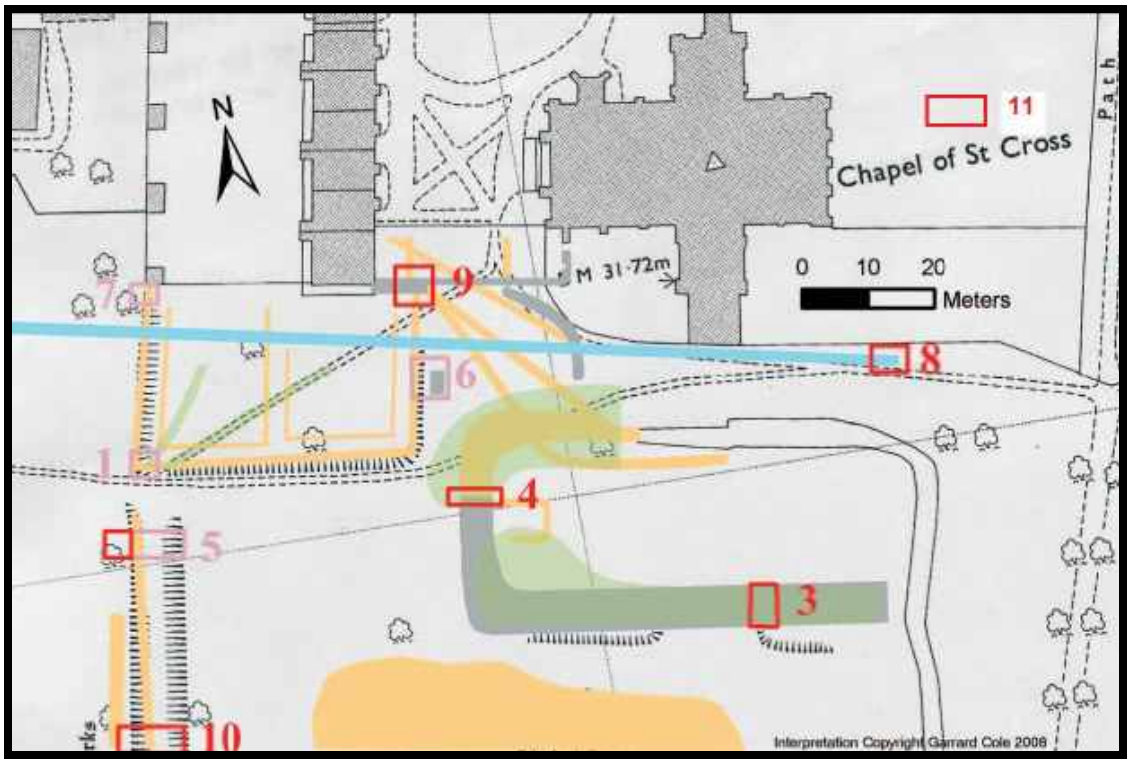
WARG – St Cross Park 2009 - Planned Trench Deployment



On the evening of 29th July, at the Volunteer Orientation Meeting, Techer Jones outlined the WARG 2009 excavation trench strategy. Based on geophysics, a need to understand some of the questions raised by previous excavations' work and recent parch-mark evidence, seven trenches were planned:

Trench 3 – which brought us so much tile and glass (and bone) in 2008 will be extended to the east, towards the River Itchen, to try and understand what type of feature we have.

Trench 4 – filled with Butterfield's rubble, but filling what? Extension to the east may tell us.

Trench 5 – the deep one will be extended towards St. Cross Road in an attempt to find dating evidence.

Trench 10 – in the same ditch as Tr. 5 but parch-marks have highlighted areas which could lead to glimpses into the earliest phase on St. Cross Park development.

Trench 8 – offers the opportunity to investigate different alignments in relation to the church, again with clues provided by parch-marks.

Trench 9 – investigates the coming together of a number of drainage channels which may give a clue to the use of the park, moated or domestic drainage?

Trench 11 – this is a rare opportunity (between weddings) to see whether the bowling-green disguises the earliest buildings of the original hospital, church, or cloister. Ringed fingers crossed on this one.