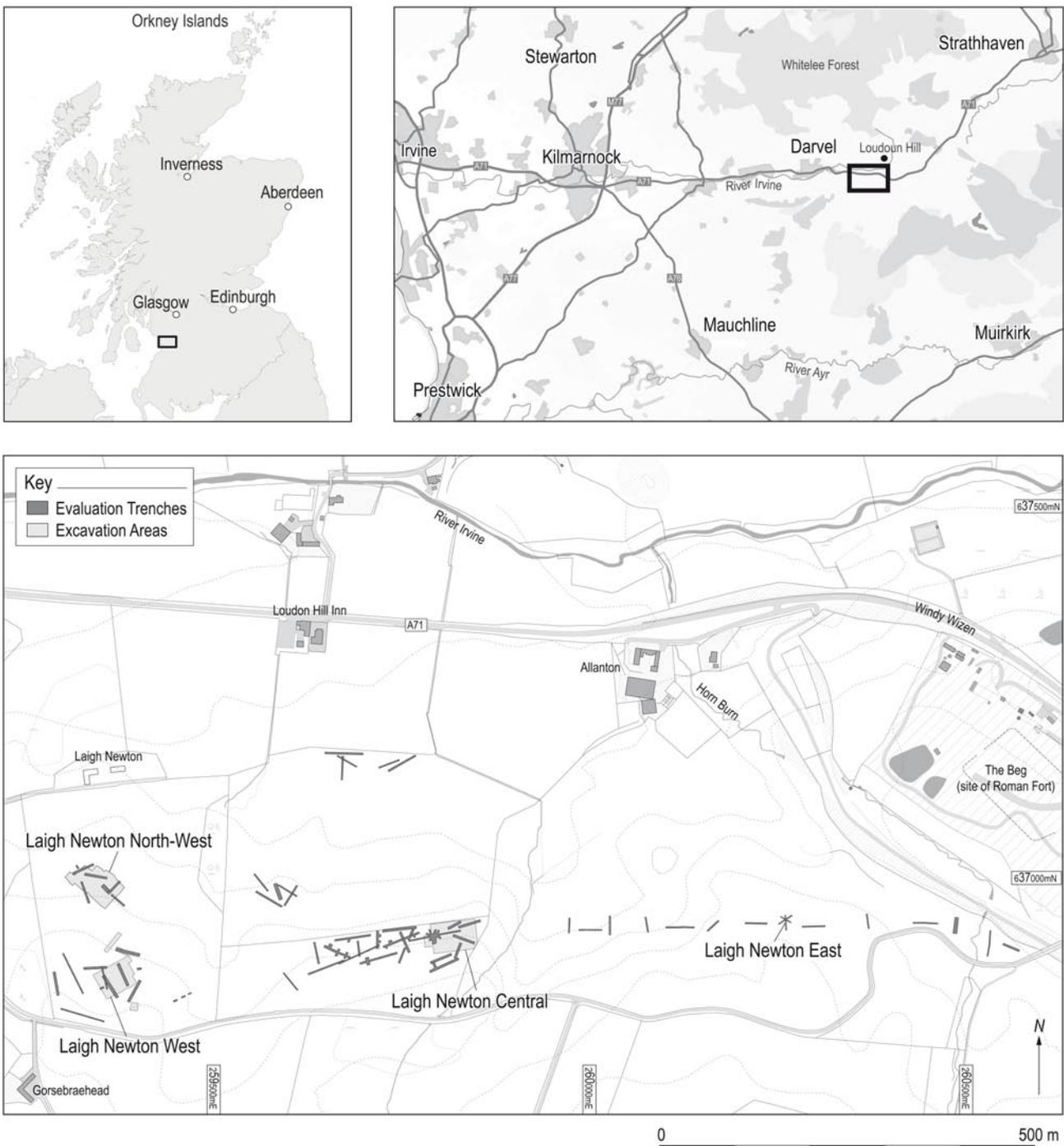


3 THE EXCAVATIONS

The prehistoric remains at Laigh Newton were located within three discrete concentrations centred at NGR: NS 5937 3684, NS 5982 3693 and NS 6029 3695, to the south of the A71 on land belonging to Allanton Farm (illus 1). They lay around 205m OD, on a terrace on the south slope of the Irvine Valley

facing Loudoun Hill, within a field previously used as grazing for sheep and cattle. Residual prehistoric artefacts were also recovered from the remains of a medieval farmstead, located downslope of the westernmost site, at NGR: NS 5933 3693.



Illus 1 Location map of the sites