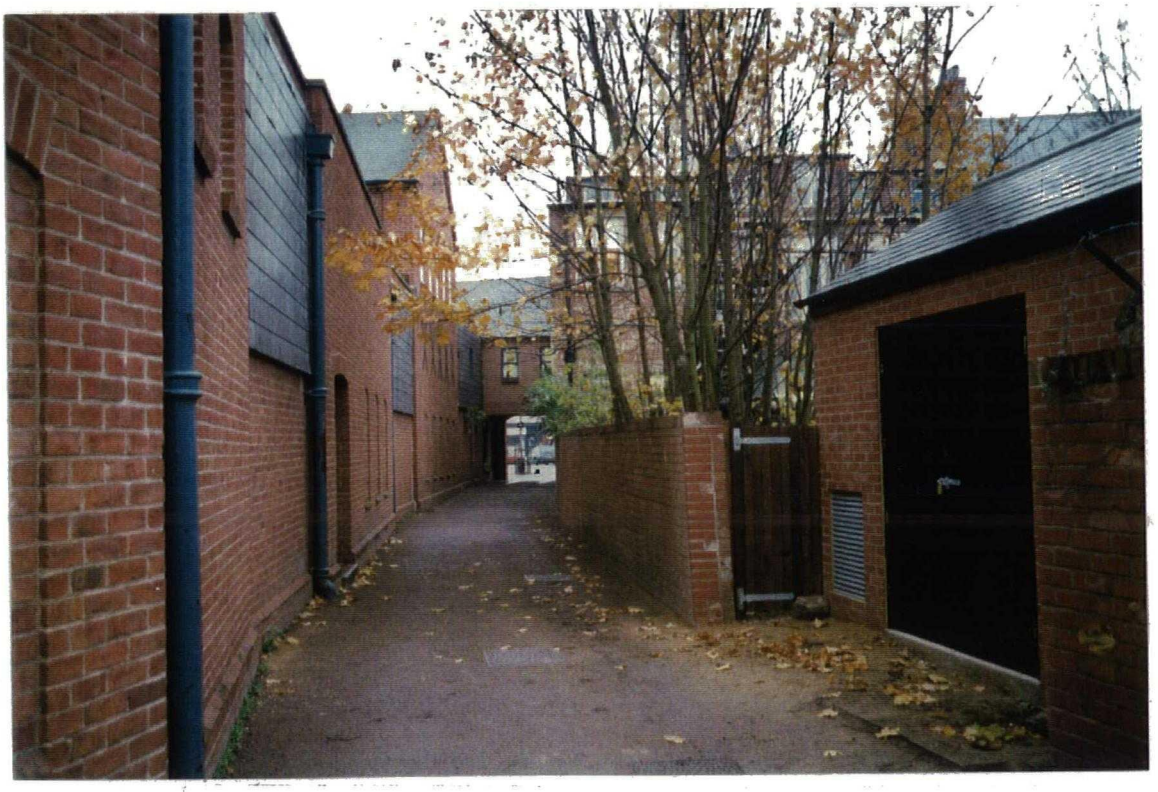
PLATE 1

Site of proposed sub-station, facing south south west.

PLATE 2

Site on completion of machine excavations, facing south.

PLATE 3



Sub-station as completed, and the narrow alley leading to the Market Place, facing east.

PLATE 4

The hand excavation of the service trench down the narrow alley towards the Market Place, facing east.

SUMMARY OF EXCAVATIONS

The Sub Station

No archaeological features were identified during these works, and only a very small assemblage of modern finds and the occasional sherd of medieval pottery was recovered. It was revealed that the existing ground levels within the study area had been heavily made up with up to 1.28 metres of 19th century builders rubble and spoil.

The Service Trench

The watching brief confirmed that the ground levels along the line of the trench had been previously heavily disturbed, this would appear to have been associated with the installation of services and the construction of the Boots Department Store in the late 1970's. However, towards the eastern extent of the trench at SE:431180 471290 a relatively high quantity of animal bone, late and post medieval pottery sherds were recovered together with a fragment of an Aquamanile, this pottery vessel shaped in the form of a stylised horses head is 13th century in origin.

The Aquamanile

Type: **pottery object:fragment**
Class **aquamanile**
NGR: **SE 431180 471290**

Planform: **irregular**
Profile: **irregular**

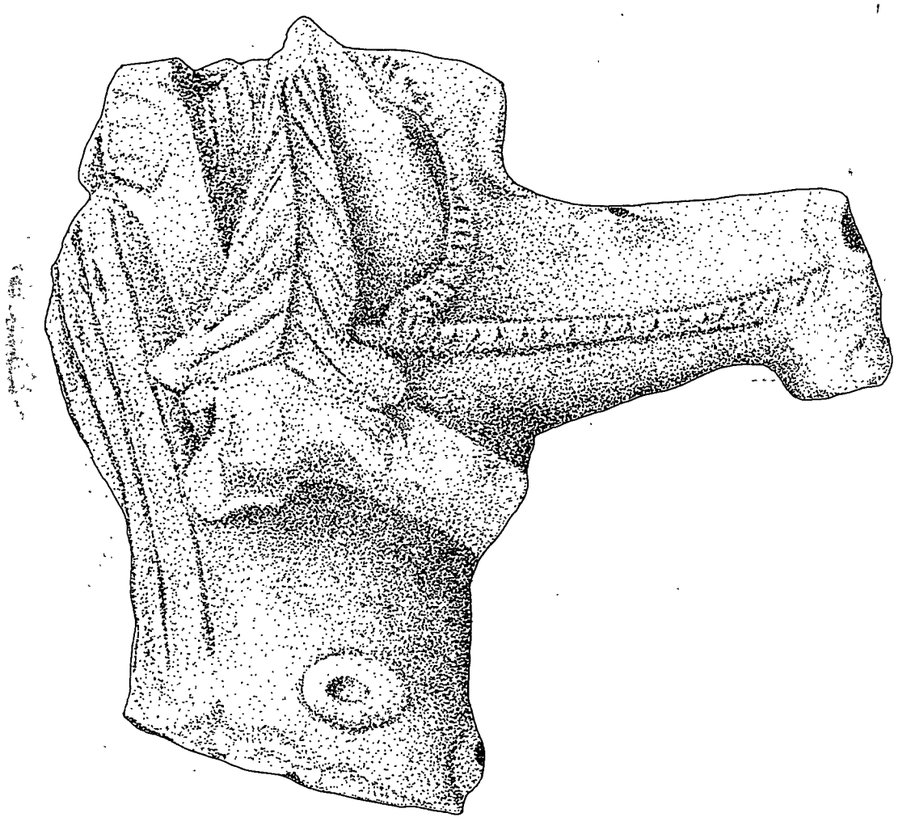
Length: **139 mm**
Width: **74 mm**
Depth: **129 mm**

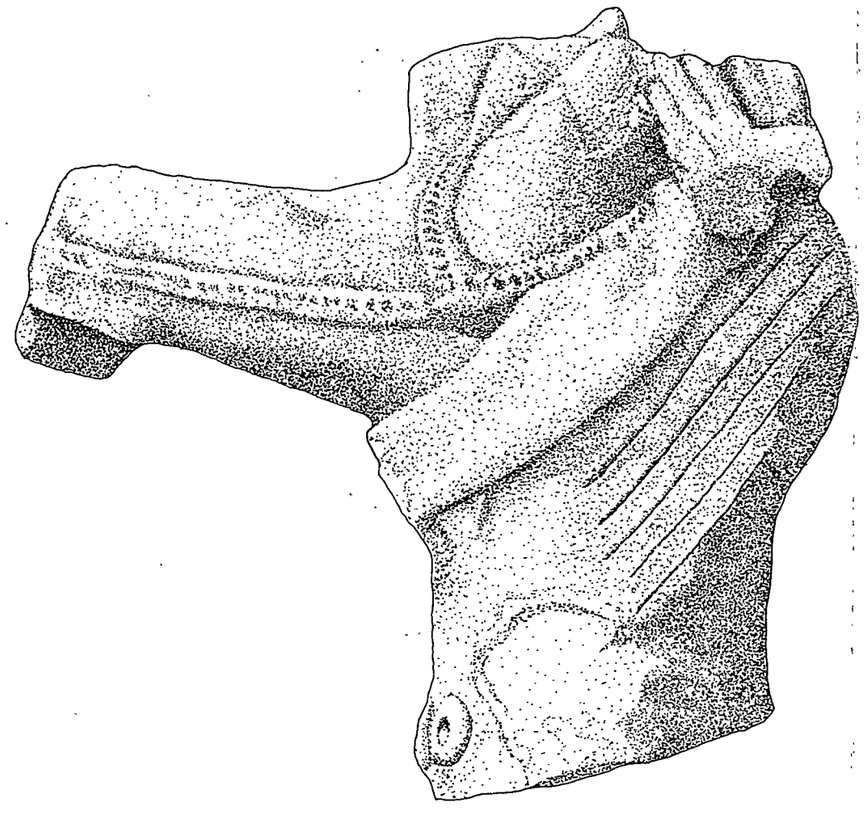
Context No: **2005**

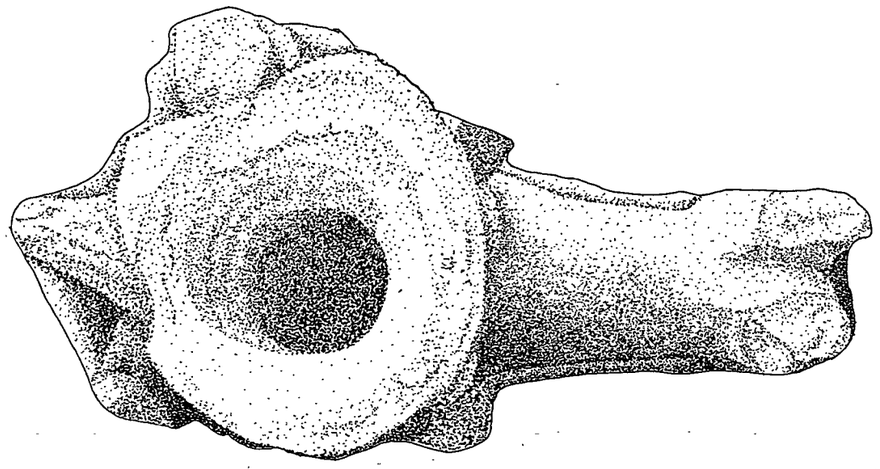
Fig Nos: **3**

This object is of national importance and has been inspected by Dr.S.Moorhouse, Medieval Pottery Specialist, who has confirmed that it is a fragment of a what would have been a large pottery vessel known as an aquamanile, and would have been used as a decanter to serve drinks within affluent households.

It is suspected that this pottery vessel developed during the 13th and 14th century and were based on existing designs in copper alloy.







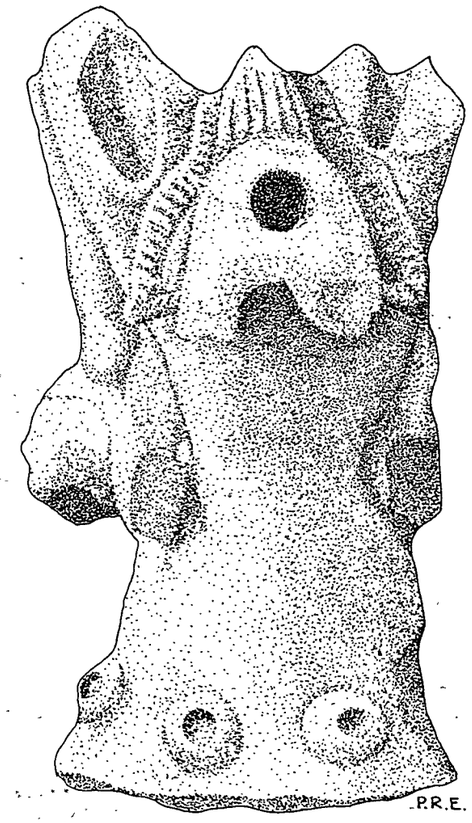


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Figure No.3

28/29 Market Place,
Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Aquamanile fragment.

Scale 1:1

These vessels were often zoo-amorhpic taking the form of a Stag, or a Ram and were less frequently depicted as a horse and rider, these subjects were stylised to incorporate functional features such as a handle, decanting collar and pouring spout, the latter was frequently placed within the mouth of the subject and the serving process would have amused and entertained the guests.

The aquamanile was designed to stand horizontally on four legs, the length of which were often fore-shorted for reasons of stability. The vessel would have been lifted by a handle that often arched over the back of the subject. The figurines were usually decorated with striations and stippling simulating the textural properties of the subject.

The object recovered from the service trench was not complete with only the neck and head of figurine surviving, a detailed examination reveals that the subject would have most probably been a horse and rider, although the features of the former, in particular the length of the snout and position of the eyes do resemble those of a stylised dragon. The zoo-amorphic head has been decorated with incised striations to emphasise the mane, with further work in relief to denote eyes and ears together with an applied bridal, harness and disc motifs around the lower neck, further applied details include a plumage-like motif around the right ear and a human left hand resting palm down behind the left ear.
The aquamanile has been fashioned out of a pink-orange clay with a hard relatively smooth fabric, that includes a low quantity of inclusions. The neck of the object has been wheel thrown and applied to the torso and snout, it is clear that the snout has been hand moulded. The external surface has been applied with a yellow-green glaze that is heavily crazed. Pre-excavation damage to the aquamanile has been considerable and has resulted in the detachment and loss of the main body of the object including the torso and limbs of both horse and rider, together with breakages to all extremities.

Comparison between this object and other aquamaniles reveals the high quality of craftsmanship and attention to detail with this particular example, in many respects it compares with the features found on the well executed copper alloy predecessors, i.e harness and bridal detailing, however, the expression, humour and inventiveness in handling this subject is typical of the caricatures found on other clay aquamaniles.

The object almost certainly dates to 13/14th century and from the method and technique used in it's manufacture i.e wheel thrown neck and hand moulded snout it was most probably manufactured in Beverley.

Dr.Moorhouse is familiar with the assemblage of medieval pottery recovered from previous archaeological works within Ripon and this latest find adds further to support his theory regarding pottery typology within Ripon.

It would appear that the range in typology and place of manufacture of the pottery recovered from the medieval town houses of Ripon is extremely varied and may suggest these items were the personal effects of the towns people of Ripon who may have also had town properties and trading outlets within other medieval trading centres such as Knaresborough, Boroughbridge, York and Beverley.

It has been recommended to the landowner, Boots PLC that the aquamanile fragment should be presented to the Curator at Harrogate Museums Service for future curation.

The Finds

The finds recovered from these excavations was predominantly of 19th century origin, the mixed and varied assemblage was dominated by porcelain and pottery sherds together with bottle glass and butchered animal bone fragments. These finds were retrieved from the heavily disturbed soils within the yard excavations and from the greater part of the trench excavations. The finds confirm the recent deposition and disturbance of these layers.

An assemblage of 17th century pottery was recovered from these excavations, this was predominantly Staffordshire Slip wares, and contained partial vessels including a cylindrical shaped cup, other 17th century finds included bottle glass fragments and clay tobacco pipe fragments. This stratified material was recovered from a context (2005) at the eastern extent of the service trench excavation and were situated directly beneath a raft of reinforced concrete.

It has been recommended to the landowner, Boots PLC that the finds recovered during these excavations should be presented to the Curator at Harrogate Museums Service for inspection, and possible retention and future curation.

EXCAVATION RECORD

AREA 1

Type:	machine excavation
Class	foundation
NGR:	SE 431140 471280
Planform:	rectangular
Profile:	-
Aligned:	east
Length:	5.20 m
Width:	4.0 m
Depth:	1.38 m
Context No:	1000 - 1006
Features:	A, B
Fig Nos:	2
Plate No:	1, 2

Comments:

these excavations undertaken in advance of the construction of an electricity sub-station, within the north west corner of an existing yard area to the rear of 28/29 Market Place.

The natural sub-soil was encountered at 38.234 metres above sea levels, this orange brown sand was typical of the sub-soil encountered elsewhere within Ripon. The surface of the layer sloped on a gentle slope towards the east.

It was revealed that the area had been subjected to repeated programmes of backfill during the 19th century. These had been deposited directly upon the sub-soil, the nature of the interface would suggest that any previous archaeology had been truncated and removed from the site prior to the deposition of this landfill.

At 38.994 metres above sea level the northern edge of a paved surface was identified in situ, this 19th century yard surface was not exposed in planform ,but identified in section. The surface was bedded level on the made up ground and sealed by a similar deposit. It is suspected that the surface is contemporary and associated with the former brick outbuildings that were situated within the western extent of the yard.

The paved surface was buried beneath recent landfill and rubbles possibly derived from the demolition of the outbuildings.

A small assemblage of 19th century and modern pottery sherds were recovered from the sequence of landfill deposits, no other finds were identified.

TRENCH A

Type:	hand excavation
Class:	service trench
NGR:	SE 431160 471285
Planform:	linear
Profile:	U shaped
Aligned:	east
Length:	50 m
Width:	0.50 m
Depth:	1.07 m
Context No:	2000 - 2005
Features:	-
Fig Nos:	2
Plate No:	3, 4

Comments:

a service trench was excavated along the length of the narrow alley from the site of the recently constructed sub-station towards the Market Place, the trench was situated on the northern side of the alley adjacent to and running parallel with the Boots superstore. The trench was excavated in order to connect the new substation with existing electricity services. The trench was excavated through the existing tarmac surface of the alley.

It was revealed that the central line of the alley had been subjected to a high level of disturbance associated with the installation of former mains water services and foul water drains, the northern side of the alley had been heavily disturbed during the construction of the Boots superstore. These previous works accounted for the displacement and disturbance of the upper 0.72 metres stratigraphy.

The natural sub-soil was encountered at 38.418 metres above sea level, the surface of the layer sloped on a gentle slope towards the east at 38.070 metres above sea level.

Towards the eastern extent of the alley a 17th century occupation layer was encountered at 38.490 metres above sea level, this layer of dark pink-brown clayey loam had been heavily disturbed during previous works and together with the occasional modern artefact contained a high quantity of butchered animal bone and 17th century pottery and the 13th century aquamanile fragment.

This occupation layer continued to the eastern extent of the trench beneath the covered way, however, observations within this area were severely impeded by the presence of reinforced concrete, this resulted in the normal trench excavation being impractical and therefore the contractors tunnelled the remaining 8 metres into the Market Place.

The occupation layer would appear to relate to the timber framed town house that occupied the street frontage prior to 1977 and was subsequently demolished prior to the construction of the Boots superstore, the finds assemblage that was recovered from this layer would compliment the known historical background of the development of this site, that dates back to at least the 13th century, but is dominated by 17th century material.

CONCLUSION

The recent archaeological watching brief conducted by Mr.K.J.Cale on behalf of Northern Electric at 28/29 Market Place, Ripon, confirmed that the present ground levels across the western extent of the study area had been largely formed by the deposition of rubbles and spoil, it is suspected that the majority of which were deposited during the late 19th century. No indication of a pre 19th century stratigraphic sequence was identified indicating that such deposits had been truncated and removed from this area of the site. However, to the eastern extent of the study area despite a high level of recent ground disturbance a 17th century occupation layer was encountered that generated a relatively high quantity of medieval and post medieval finds, including the well preserved fragment of a 13th century aquamanile.

In light of the recovery of these finds including an object of national importance it is recommended that any future works within the Market Place should receive archaeological attention.

Kevin John Cale
March 1996

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON AREA 1 YEAR 1995

CONTEXT 1000 COORDS 43114Ø/47128Ø LEVEL 39.1534

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTANGULAR PROFILE ——

LONG 5.2Ø m WIDE 4.Ø m. DEEP/HIGH Ø.7Ø m.

METHOD MACHINE. CONDITIONS DRY WITH SUNSHINE.

SOIL SANDY LOAM COLOUR DARK BROWN MUNSELL 7.5 YR 3/2

INCLUSIONS SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, BRICK, WATER WORN COBBLE, ROOT, MORTAR.

DESCRIPTION A SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSIT OF MADE UP GROUND / LANDFILL IDENTIFIED ACROSS THE ENTIRE STUDY AREA. THE LAYER WAS LOOSLY COMPACTED AND CONTAINED A HIGH QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS UPTO 95%. THE LAYER ALSO CONTAINED A RELATIVELY HIGH QUANTITY OF 19TH CENTURY AND MODERN FINDS. THE LAYER APPEARED TO BE MADE UP OF A SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL SPOIL TIPPINGS.

CONTEXT 2 N.

BELOW ..... SEALED BY .....

SAME AS ..... PART OF .....

BUTTS ..... GROUPED WITH .....

ABOVE 1ØØ1 SEALS 1ØØ2

CUTS ..... CUT BY .....

FILL OF ..... FILLED BY .....

POT Y METAL Y BONE Y STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION MODERN MADE UP GROUND AND DEMOLITION RUBBLE FROM ADJACENT 18/19TH CENTURY BRICK OUTBUILDINGS.

PLAN NOS —— SECTION NOS ——

PHOTOS 1/1-3, 4-6.

DUG BY —— SUPERVISOR KJC. DATED 290995.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON AREA 1. YEAR 1995

CONTEXT 1001 COORDS 431140/471280 LEVEL 38.1834

TYPE LAYER. SHAPE RECTANGULAR PROFILE ——

LONG 5.20m WIDE 4.0m. DEEP/HIGH 0.32m

METHOD MACHINE. CONDITIONS DRY WITH SUNSHINE.

SOIL LOAMY SAND COLOUR MEDIUM BROWN MUNSELL 10YR3/2

INCLUSIONS BRICK, WATER WORN COBBLE, LIME FLECKS, CHARCOAL, PEBBLES.

DESCRIPTION A VERY DRY AND EXTREMLEY WELL COMPACTED LAYER OF MADE UP GROUND / LANDFILL. INITIALLY IT HAD BEEN SUSPECTED THAT THIS LAYER HAD BEEN A BURIED TOPSOIL HORIZON. UPON INVESTIGATION IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE LAYER CONTAINED A MODERATE QUANTITY UPTO 45% OF INCLUSIONS THAT WERE LARGELY MADE UP OF 19TH CENTURY BUILDERS RUBBLE. THE LAYER INCREASED IN DEPTH TO THE S.W. AND S. POSSIBLY INDICATING THAT THE LAYER WAS TIPPED AND SPREAD FROM THE N.E. CORNER OF THE STUDY AREA.

CONTEXT 2 ..N

BELOW 1000, 1002. SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE 1003 SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT .Y. METAL .N. BONE .Y. STONE .N. FLINT .N ORGANIC .N. OTHER .Y. SAMPLE .N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A LAYER OF 19TH CENTURY MADE UP GROUND IMMIDIATELEY PREDATING THE 19/20TH CENTURY PAVED SURFACE 1002.

PLAN NOS —— SECTION NOS ——

PHOTOS 1/4-6

DUG BY —— SUPERVISOR KJC. DATED 290995.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA 1. YEAR 1995

CONTEXT 1002 COORDS 431140/471280 LEVEL 38.1994

TYPE STRUCTURE: PAVED AREA SHAPE RECTANGULAR PROFILE —

LONG 5.20m WIDE 1.30m. DEEP/HIGH 0.11m.

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS DRY WITH SUNSHINE.

SOIL — COLOUR — MUNSELL —

INCLUSIONS —

DESCRIPTION AN AREA OF YORKSHIRE PAVING STONES IDENTIFIED IN SITU TOWARDS THE S. EXTENT OF THE STUDY AREA AND EMERGIN FROM THE N. FACING SECTION. THE SURFACE WAS BEDDED LEVEL. THE LAYER/SURFACE WAS SEALED BY 19TH/20TH CENTURY MADE UP GROUND, AND WAS BEDDED ON 19TH CENTURY MADE UP GROUND. IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE SURFACE RELATES TO THE FORMER 19TH CENTURY YARD AREA ADJACENT TO THE FORMER BRICK OUTBUILDINGS DATING TO THIS SAME PERIOD.

CONTEXT 2 ..N.

BELOW ..... SEALED BY .....

SAME AS ..... PART OF .....

BUTTS ..... GROUPED WITH .....

ABOVE 1001. SEALS .....

CUTS ..... CUT BY .....

FILL OF ..... FILLED BY .....

POT N. METAL N. BONE N. STONE N. FLINT N. ORGANIC N. OTHER N SAMPLE N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION THE REMAINS OF A 19TH CENTURY PAVED YARD AREA TO THE REAR OF 28/29 MARKET PLACE.

PLAN NOS — SECTION NOS —

PHOTOS 1/4-6.

DUG BY — SUPERVISOR KJC. DATED 290995.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - **CONTEXT SHEET 1**

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON AREA 1 YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 1003 COORDS 431140/471280 LEVEL 38.1514

TYPE LAYER SHAPE SUB-TRIANGULAR PROFILE ——

LONG 2.0m WIDE 1.80m DEEP/HIGH 0.30m

METHOD MACHINE. CONDITIONS DRY WITH SUNSHINE.

SOIL LOAMY SAND COLOUR PINK ORANGE BROWN MUNSELL 5YR 5/4

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN PEBBLE, BRICK, ROOT, SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, LIME

DESCRIPTION A DRY, FRIABLE LAYER IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE S.E. EXTENT OF THE STUDY AREA. THE LAYER CONTAINED A MODERATE - HIGH QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS UPTO 60". THESE WERE PREDOMINANTLY WATER WORN PEBBLES AND BRICK/ SANDSTONE BUILDERS RUBBLE. THE LAYER CONTAINED A SMALL QUANTITY OF 19TH CENTURY POTTERY.

CONTEXT 2 N.

BELOW 1001 SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE 1004 SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT Y METAL N BONE N STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A 19TH CENTURY LAYER OF MADE UP GROUND WITH A HIGH QUANTITY OF BUILDERS RUBBLE.

PLAN NOS —— SECTION NOS ——

PHOTOS 1/4-6

DUG BY —— SUPERVISOR KJC DATED 290995.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA 1. YEAR 1995

CONTEXT 1004 COORDS 431140/471280 LEVEL 38.11Ø4

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTANGULAR PROFILE ——

LONG 5.2Øm WIDE 4Øm. DEEP/HIGH Ø.28m

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS DRY WITH SUNSHINE.

SOIL SANDY LOAM COLOUR MEDIUM BROWN MUNSELL 1ØYR 3/3

INCLUSIONS BRICK, WATER WORN PEBBLE, ROOT, LIME, LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS.

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS WELL COMPACTED AND EXTREMLEY DRY, THE LAYER CONTAINED A MODERATE QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS UPTO 45%, THESE WERE DOMINATED BY 19TH CENTURY BUILDERS RUBBLE. THE LAYER CONTAINED A SMALL QUANTITY OF LATE MEDIEVAL AND POST MEDIEVAL POTTERY TOGETHER WITH A NUMBER OF 19TH CENTURY POTTERY SHERDS. THE LAYER HAD BEEN DEPOSITED DIRECTLY UPON THE NATURAL SUB-SOIL, CONTEXT 1ØØ5.

CONTEXT 2 N.

BELOW 1ØØ3. SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE 1ØØ5 SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT Y METAL N. BONE N. STONE N. FLINT N. ORGANIC N OTHER N. SAMPLE N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF DEPOSITS IMPORTED ONTO THE SITE DURING THE 19TH CENTURY TO MAKE UP GROUND LEVELS.

PLAN NOS —— SECTION NOS ——

PHOTOS 1/4-6

DUG BY —— SUPERVISOR KJC DATED 290995.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA 1. YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 1005 COORDS 431140/471280 LEVEL 38.1234

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTANGULAR PROFILE SLOPING.

LONG 5.20m WIDE 4.0m DEEP/HIGH 0.15m

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS DRY WITH SUNSHINE.

SOIL SAND COLOUR ORANGE BROWN MUNSELL 5YR4/4

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN PEBBLE.

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE BASE OF THE EXCAVATION. THE LAYER WAS WELL COMPACTED AND EXTREMELY DRY THE LAYER CONTAINED A LOW QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS 5%. NO FINDS WERE IDENTIFIED WITHIN THIS LAYER. THE LAYER HAS ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF NATURAL SUB SOIL. THE SURFACE OF THE SLOPED GENTLY TOWARDS THE EAST.

CONTEXT 2 N

BELOW 1004. SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT N METAL N BONE N STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION NATURAL SUB-SOIL.

PLAN NOS — SECTION NOS —

PHOTOS 1/4-6

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- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA TRENCH A. YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 2000 COORDS 431160/471285 LEVEL 39.11 38

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTILINEAR PROFILE —

LONG 42m. WIDE 0.50m DEEP/HIGH 0.10m

METHOD HAND. CONDITIONS RAIN AND OVERCAST.

SOIL TARMAC. COLOUR — MUNSELL —

INCLUSIONS —

DESCRIPTION THE EXISTING TARMAC ROAD SURFACE.

CONTEXT 2 N.

BELOW — SEALED BY —

SAME AS — PART OF —

BUTTS — GROUPED WITH —

ABOVE — SEALS 2001, 2004

CUTS — CUT BY —

FILL OF — FILLED BY —

POT N METAL N BONE N STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N. SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION THE EXISTING TARMAC SURFACE OF THE ALLEYWAY RUNNING BETWEEN LANDSCOORT AND THE MARKET PLACE.

PLAN N^{OS} — SECTION N^{OS} —

PHOTOS 2/2-4, 5-7.

DUG BY — SUPERVISOR KJC. DATED 21 11 95.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA TRENCH A. YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 2001 COORDS 431166/471285 LEVEL 39.1038

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTILINEAR PROFILE ———

LONG 42m. WIDE 0.50m. DEEP/HIGH 0.22m.

METHOD HAND. CONDITIONS RAIN AND OVERCAST.

SOIL SAND COLOUR LIGHT YELLOW GREY MUNSELL 10YR5/3

INCLUSIONS LIMESTONE CHIPPINGS, WATER WORN GRAVEL, BRICK AND WOOD FRAGMENTS

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS WELL COMPACTED AND DRY. THE LAYER CONTAINS A HIGH QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS UPTO 80%. THE WIDE VARIETY OF INCLUSIONS FOUND WITHIN THIS LAYER IS UNTYPICAL FOR A NORMAL SUB-BASE / HARDCORE, IT IS THEREFORE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH OR CONTAMINATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS RELATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOOTS SUPERSTORE IN 1977.

CONTEXT 2 N:

BELOW ..... SEALED BY 2000

SAME AS ..... PART OF .....

BUTTS ..... GROUPED WITH .....

ABOVE 2002 SEALS .....

CUTS ..... CUT BY .....

FILL OF ..... FILLED BY .....

POT N. METAL N. BONE N STONE N. FLINT N. ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION MODERN SUB-BASE OF HARDCORES IDENTIFIED DIRECTLY BENEATH THE EXISTING TARMAC ROAD SURFACE.

PLAN N^{OS} ——— SECTION N^{OS} ———

PHOTOS 2/2-4, 5-7.

DUG BY ——— SUPERVISOR KJC DATED 21 11 95.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/28 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA TRENCH A. YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 2002 COORDS 431160/471285. LEVEL 38.1818.

TYPE LAYER. SHAPE RECTILINEAR PROFILE ———

LONG 42m. WIDE 0.50m. DEEP/HIGH 0.40m.

METHOD HAND. CONDITIONS RAIN AND OVERCAST.

SOIL LOAMY SAND COLOUR MEDIUM GREY MUNSELL 10YR 4/3

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN GRAVEL, LIMESTONE CHIPPINGS

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS WELL COMPACTED AND DRY. THE LAYER CONTAINS A HIGH QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS UPTO 80%. THE LAYER CONTAINED MODERN POT, PLASTIC AND METAL WORK (REINFORCING) ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOOTS SUPERSTORE DURING 1977. THE LAYER HAD BEEN CUT AND DISTURBED BY EVEN MORE RECENT TRENCH EXCAVATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF SURFACE WATER DRAINS.

CONTEXT 2 ..N

BELOW 2001 SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE 2003 SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT .Y... METAL .Y. BONE .N... STONE ..N.. FLINT ..N. ORGANIC .N. OTHER ..N. SAMPLE ..N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION MODERN SUB-BASE IDENTIFIED BENEATH THE HARDCORE LAYER 2001, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOOTS SUPERSTORE.

PLAN N^{OS} ——— SECTION N^{OS} ———

PHOTOS 2/2-4, 5-7.

DUG BY ——— SUPERVISOR KJC DATED 21 11 95.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA TRENCH A. YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 2003 COORDS 431160/471285 LEVEL 38.15 18

TYPE LAYER. SHAPE RECTILINEAR PROFILE SLOPING.

LONG 30 m. WIDE 0.50 m. DEEP/HIGH 0.35 m.

METHOD HAND CONDITIONS RAIN AND OVERCAST.

SOIL SILTY CLAYEY SAND. COLOUR PINK BROWN MUNSELL 5YR 4/3

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN PEBBLES AND SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS IDENTIFIED TOWARDS THE BASE OF EXCAVATION. THE LAYER WAS DRY AND WELL COMPACTED. THE LAYER CONTAINED A LOW QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS. THE INTERFACE OF THIS LAYER ONTO CONTEXT 2002 WAS CONTAMINATED. A NUMBER OF BONE FRAGMENTS WERE RECOVERED FROM IT'S SURFACE. THE SURFACE OF THE LAYER SLOPED GENTLY TOWARDS THE EAST.

CONTEXT 2 ..N.

BELOW 2002, 2004 SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT N. METAL N BONE N. STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N. SAMPLE N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION NATURAL SUB-SOIL.

PLAN N^{OS} — SECTION N^{OS} —

PHOTOS 2/2-4, 5-7.

DUG BY — SUPERVISOR KJC DATED 21 11 95.

- EXCAVATION RECORDS - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON AREA TRENCH A YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 2004 COORDS 431170 471285. LEVEL 39.140

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTILINEAR PROFILE —

LONG 14m. WIDE 0.50m. DEEP/HIGH 0.40m.

METHOD HAND. CONDITIONS RAIN AND OVERCAST.

SOIL SAND. COLOUR YELLOW PINK BROWN MUNSELL 7.5YR5/3

INCLUSIONS LIMESTONE CHIPPINGS, SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, GRAVEL, BRICK

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS DRY AND WELL COMPACTED AND IDENTIFIED DIRECTLY BENEATH THE MODERN TARMAC ROAD SURFACE. THE LAYER APPEARED TO BE MIXTURE OF THE TWO SUB/BASE / HARDCORE LAYERS, CONTEXT 2001 + 2002. THE LAYER CONTAINED A HIGH QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS 85% TOGETHER WITH A HIGH QUANTITY OF BUILDING DEBRIS INCLUDING PLASTIC, METALWORK AND WOODWORK.

CONTEXT 2 .N.

BELOW ..... SEALED BY 2000

SAME AS ..... PART OF .....

BUTTS ..... GROUPED WITH .....

ABOVE 2005 SEALS .....

CUTS ..... CUT BY .....

FILL OF ..... FILLED BY .....

POT .N. METAL .Y. BONE .N. STONE .N. FLINT .N. ORGANIC .N. OTHER .Y. SAMPLE .N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A HARDCORE / SUB-BASE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOOTS SUPERSTORE.

PLAN N^{OS} — SECTION N^{OS} —

PHOTOS 2/2-4, 5-7.

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- EXCAVATION RECORDS - **CONTEXT SHEET 1**

SITE NAME 28/29 MARKET PLACE, RIPON. AREA TRENCH A. YEAR 1995.

CONTEXT 2005 COORDS 431180/471290 LEVEL 38.149Ø

TYPE LAYER SHAPE RECTILINEAR PROFILE ———

LONG 12m + WIDE Ø.5Øm. DEEP/HIGH Ø.42m

METHOD HAND. CONDITIONS RAIN AND OVERCAST.

SOIL CLAYEY LOAM COLOUR DARK PINK BROWN. MUNSELL 5YR 3/3.

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN COBBLE, SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS.

DESCRIPTION A WELL COMPACTED LAYER THAT CONTAINS A MODERATE QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS 35%, SOME OF WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT THE LAYER IS CONTAMINATED BY MODERN CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOOTS SUPERSTORE. THE LAYER CONTAINS A HIGH QUANTITY OF ANIMAL BONE, TOGETHER WITH LATE MEDIEVAL AND POST MEDIEVAL POTTERY SHERDS INCLUDING A NEAR COMPLETE DRINKING CUP IN STAFFORDSHIRE SLIP WARE. THE 13TH CENTURY AQUAMANILE FRAGMENT WAS RECOVERED FROM THIS LAYER. THE BASE OF THE LAYER WAS NOT IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE TRENCH CONTEXT 2 ..N.

BELOW 2004 SEALED BY .....

SAME AS ..... PART OF .....

BUTTS ..... GROUPED WITH .....

ABOVE ..... SEALS .....

CUTS ..... CUT BY .....

FILL OF ..... FILLED BY .....

POT .Y.. METAL .N BONE .Y.... STONE .N.. FLINT .N.. ORGANIC .N OTHER .Y.. SAMPLE ..N.

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A DISTURBED 17TH CENTURY OCCUPATION LAYER ASSOCIATED WITH THE NOW DEMOLISHED TIMBER FRAMED BUILDING THAT UNTIL 1977 OCCUPIED THE STREET FRONTAGE.

PLAN NOS ——— SECTION NOS ———

PHOTOS 2/5-7

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