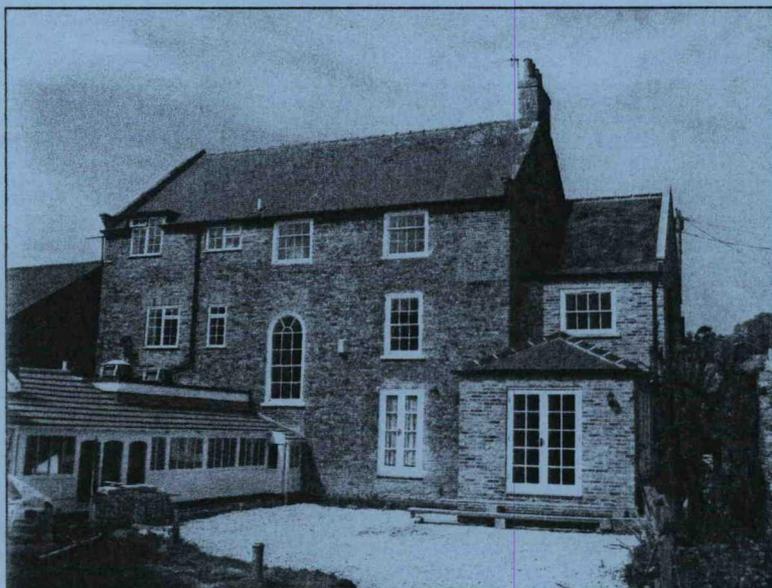


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Frontispiece – view of to the rear of Allonville, looking west

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This archaeological record has resulted from the discovery of a well, during site reduction works, in the back garden of Allonville, Spring Street, Easingwold, North Yorkshire.
- 1.2 The circular well has an internal diameter of 0.95m and measures 1.8m to the top of the well's fill. It is constructed of coursed and faced sandstone with two flagstone capstones.
- 1.3 The well is probably contemporary with the house and therefore dates to the late 18th /early 19th centuries.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Allonville fronts on to Spring Street and backs onto Back Lane and the recently discovered well is located to the rear garden of Allonville, a grade II listed building.
- 2.2 The field recording took place on the 9th May 2008 and was organised in response to a request by its present owner to record the well. The well will be left in situ but will be covered over with re-enforced concrete and this window of opportunity offers a unique opportunity to record this previously unknown archaeological feature.
- 2.3 The well is centred on National Grid Reference SE 52980 69967.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Allonville is a grade II Listed Building which forms a range of regionally significant dwellings along the eastern side of Spring Street, Easingwold.
- 3.2 Allonville forms the northern dwelling of an originally larger building which today incorporates Elderslie to the south.
- 3.3 Allonville house dates to the Late 18th/ early 19th centuries and is characterised by pale red-brown local brick in Flemish bond. Under a Welsh slate roof with stone coping and kneelers, and an end stack to left. The roof features wood modillion eaves cornice. It comprises of three storeys and has 3 bays. The central bay breaks forward and contains a 6-panel door with decorative oblong fanlight flanked by Ionic pilasters supporting architrave and cornice. To left and right are Late 19th century canted bays with sashes. A further 19th century entrance to the right with a 6-panel door in wood case. The windows are 16-pane sashes with painted splayed lintels and keyblocks. To the 2nd floor are squat 8-pane sashes. All windows in flush wood architraves (English Heritage 1984).
- 3.4 Historically terraced houses fronted onto Back Lane and the area between Spring Street and Back Lane were subject to high density housing, that predated the Ordnance Survey map of 1856. Still partially extant the terraced housing is characterised by thin clamped bricks with lime bonding and are consistent with an early 19th century date.
- 3.5 Since 1984 a two storey addition to the northern gable of Allonville and a single storey extension to the east of the two storey addition have been constructed (Plate 1).
- 3.6 No known previous archaeological interventions have occurred within the curtilage of Allonville or Elderslie though there is a condition on a forthcoming planning application to rebuild a house on the site of former terraced housing which fronted onto Back Lane.

4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 To record a well, which represents a recently discovered archaeological feature in the garden of Allonville, Spring Street, Easingwold.

5. METHODOLOGY

- 5.1 The well had already been revealed, the area around the well was cleaned of overburden with regular sections cut around the feature (Figures 2-3).
- 5.2 A photographic record was made of all deposits in black and white print using a 35mm single lens reflex camera together with colour slides (Appendix 2). Digital images were taken to illustrate the report, and these form part of the site archive.
- 5.3 Drawings of the well were made at a scale of 1:10 and have been reproduced in as Figures 3-4.
- 5.4 The well was planned at 1:10 and accurately tied into the Ordnance Survey National Grid on an up to date 1:1250 Ordnance Survey base map. Written records of the contexts were made on *pro-forma* recording sheets, which have been summarised in Appendix 2.
- 5.5 Datum levels were provided via spot heights on the digital mapping (Figure 2) and were transferred by dumpy level to provide spot heights and section levels.
- 5.6 The site archive and copy of this report will be deposited at an appropriate museum according to the recipient museum's policy guidelines.
- 5.7 Ms L Hawkins (NYCC) was kept informed of the progress of the work and the final result.

6. RESULTS

6.1 The Well

- 6.1.1 This is represented by two large flagstones with a central gap between 0.03 and 0.06 (Figure 3: Plates 2-3). The gap allowed an inspection and record of the well (Plate 4).
- 6.1.2 This inspection revealed the well was constructed in roughly coursed and faced sandstone with thinner courses to the upper walls on which rest the flagstone capstones (Figure 4). Beneath lies a circular well, 0.95m in diameter, constructed of coursed and roughly faced sandstone. The depth of the well is unknown but the depth to the top of the fill from the underside of the flagstones [100 & 101] measures 1.8m.
- 6.1.3 The flagstone capstones had been re-used as evidenced by smooth undersides and trimmed uppersides and been re-positioned upside down. The uppersides of the capstones were carefully cleaned and examined, but there was no construction/building marks which could have represented an situ-pump.
- 6.1.4 The capping off of the well suggests that it had either ceased to be an active well or was originally designed to be capped and may have supplied a pump via lead pipe.
- 6.1.5 A extant pump with a date of '1854' is fixed to the rear wall of a disused terraced house, that fronts onto Back Street (Plates 5-6). This mid 19th century date suggests that the present pump replaced an earlier arrangement, possibly a simple bucket and winch.
- 6.1.6 The area's stratigraphy was recorded in the east facing section which lay adjacent to the well (Figure 3). This revealed the cut for the well [107] truncated the subsoil [106] post dating the site's agricultural use. Because the well appears to respect all of the sites historic buildings it could be broadly contemporary with the construction of Allonville, between the Late 18th /early 19th centuries. However without reliable dating, obtained from excavation of the well sediments, its exact date will remain unknown.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The well would appear to post date agricultural activity because of the truncation of the subsoil by the excavation cut [107] for the well and is associated with the development of this part of Easingwold during the Post Medieval period, perhaps to the Late 18th early 19th centuries.
- 7.2 The proximity of the pump (c. 1854) may suggest a modification to the original pumping arrangement which was probably associated with the construction of the infill terraced housing fronting onto Back Lane. The exact date of these houses is unknown but they probably date to the early 19th century and represent later infill housing in relation to the development of the eastern side of Spring Street when Easingwold's Post Medieval Market Place was developed from its medieval core.
- 7.3 No further archaeological work is recommended.

8. REFERENCES

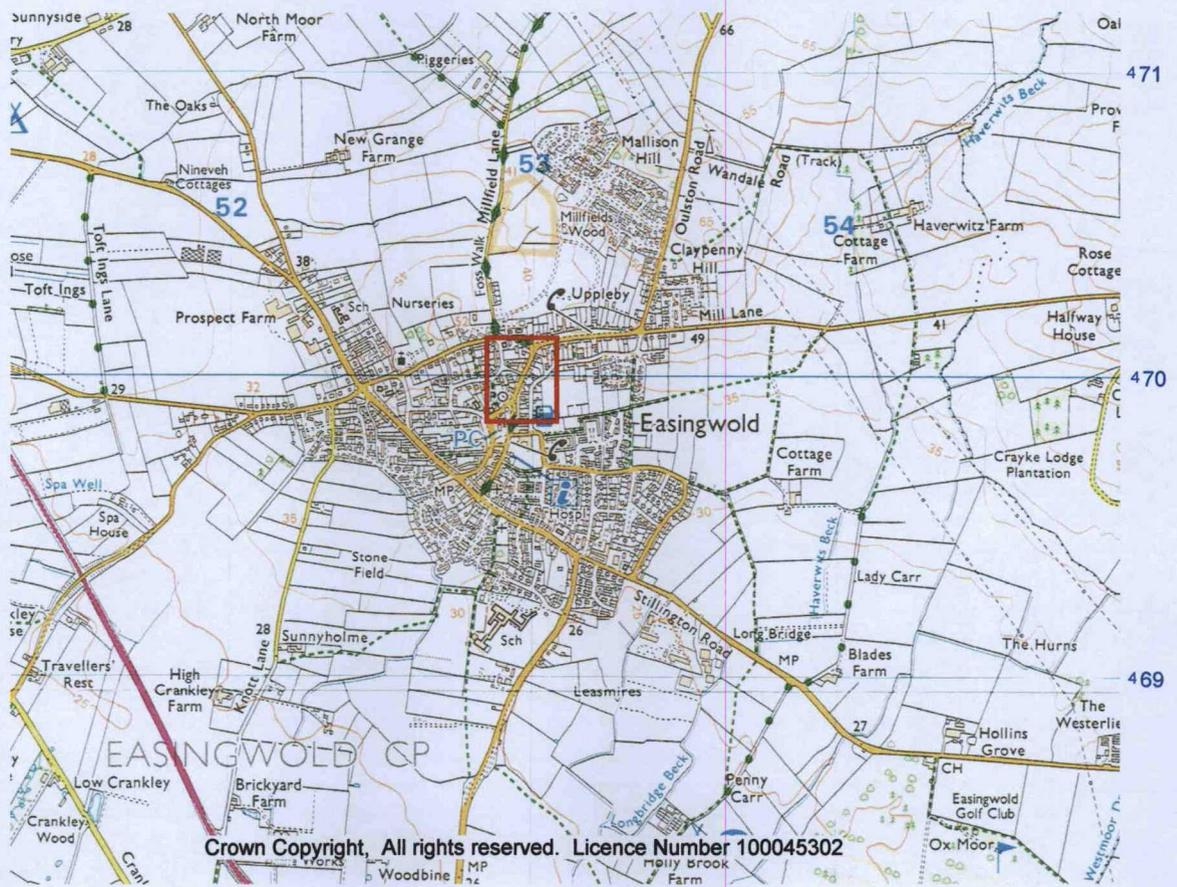
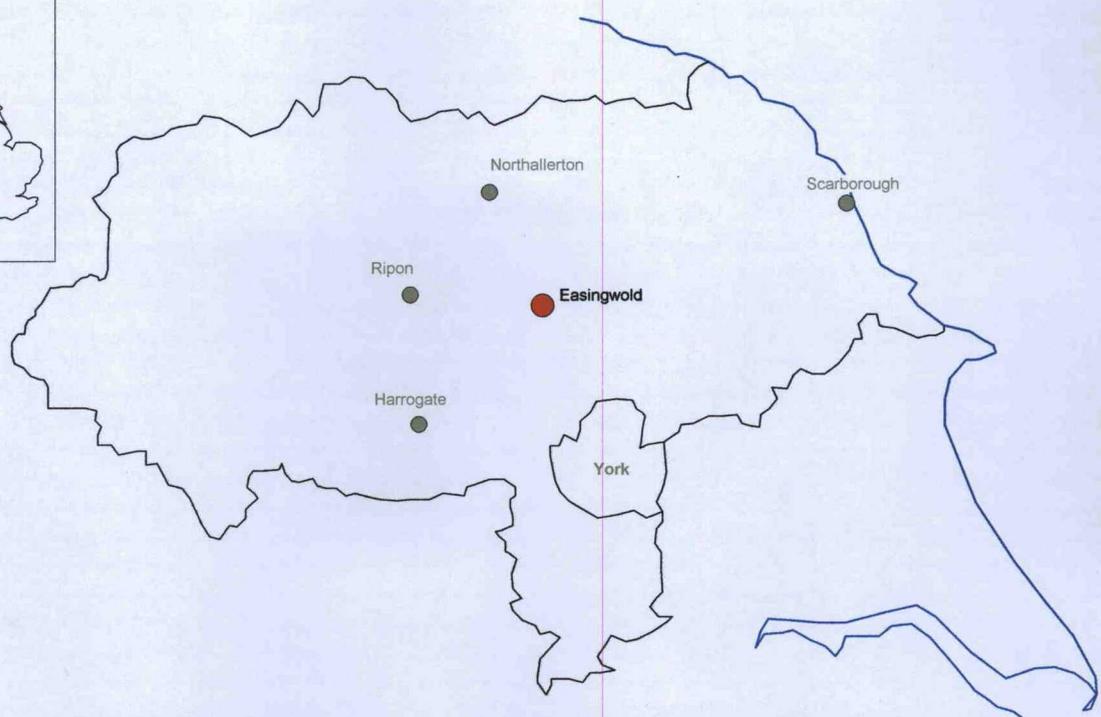
8.1 Cartographic References

1856 1st Edition 6" Ordnance Survey Map

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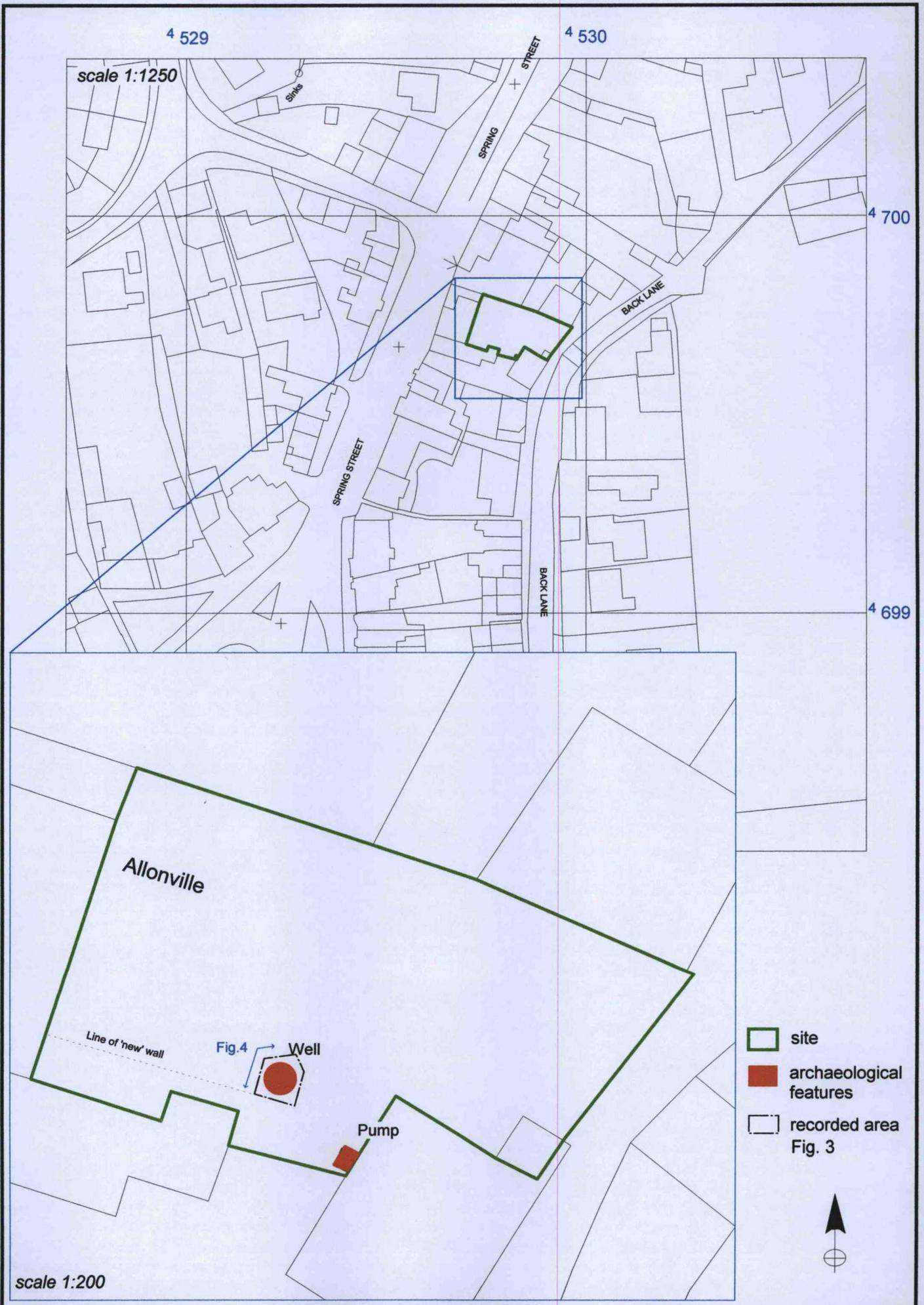
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Figure 1: Site Location
Map



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Figure 2: Well Location
Map

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key

limit of excavation

nontext boundary

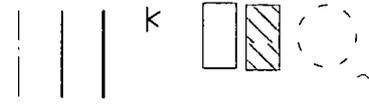
feature

spot heights in metres
above Ordnance Datum

well walls

modern wall

approximate well diameter
c. 0.9m (internal face)



- 100 - flagstone capstone
- 101 - flagstone capstone
- 102 - caressed and faced sandstone wall
- 103 - deposit, mid brown sandy silt, back fill
- 104 - natural, orange and pale grey clay

scale 1:10

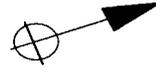
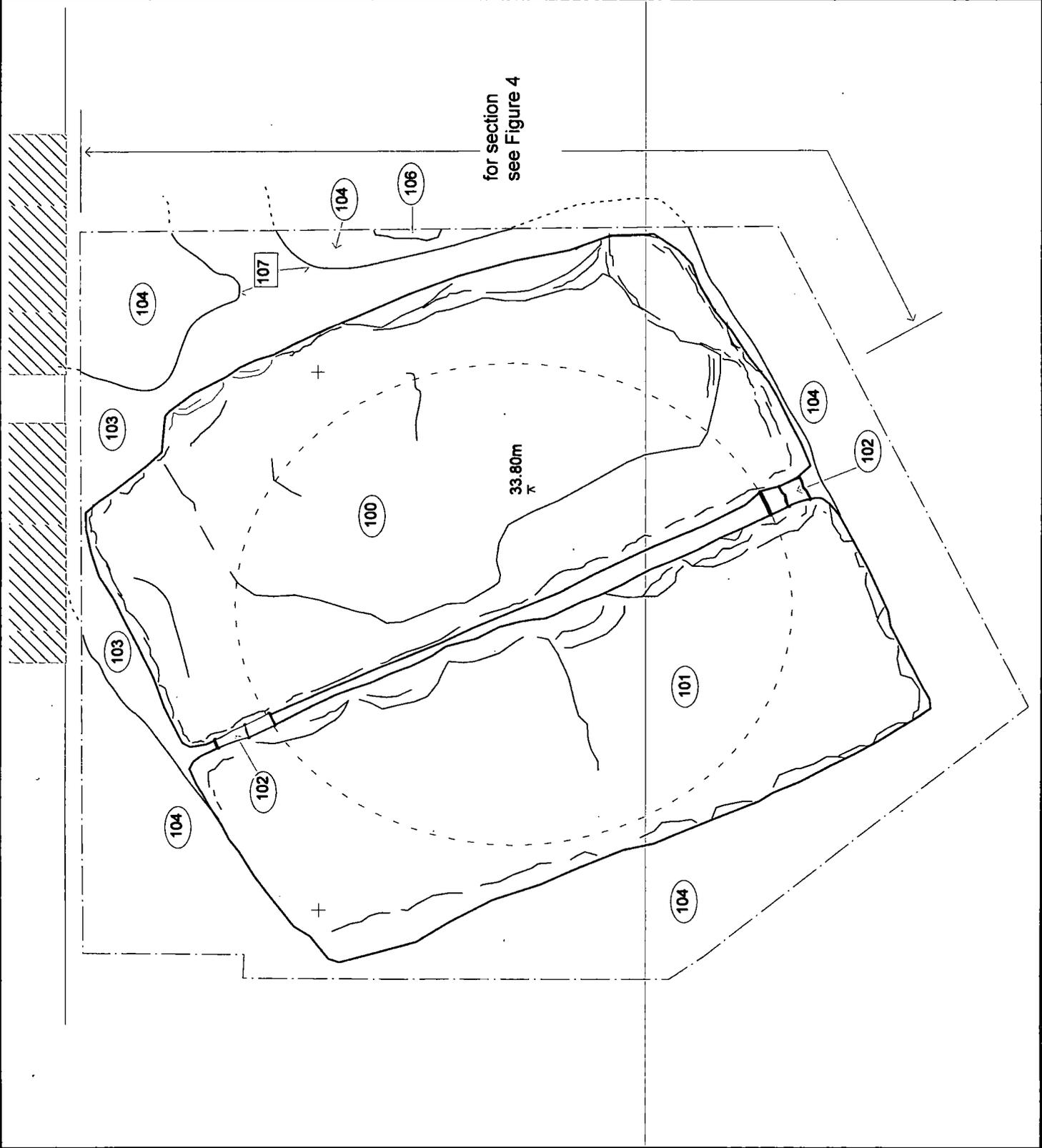


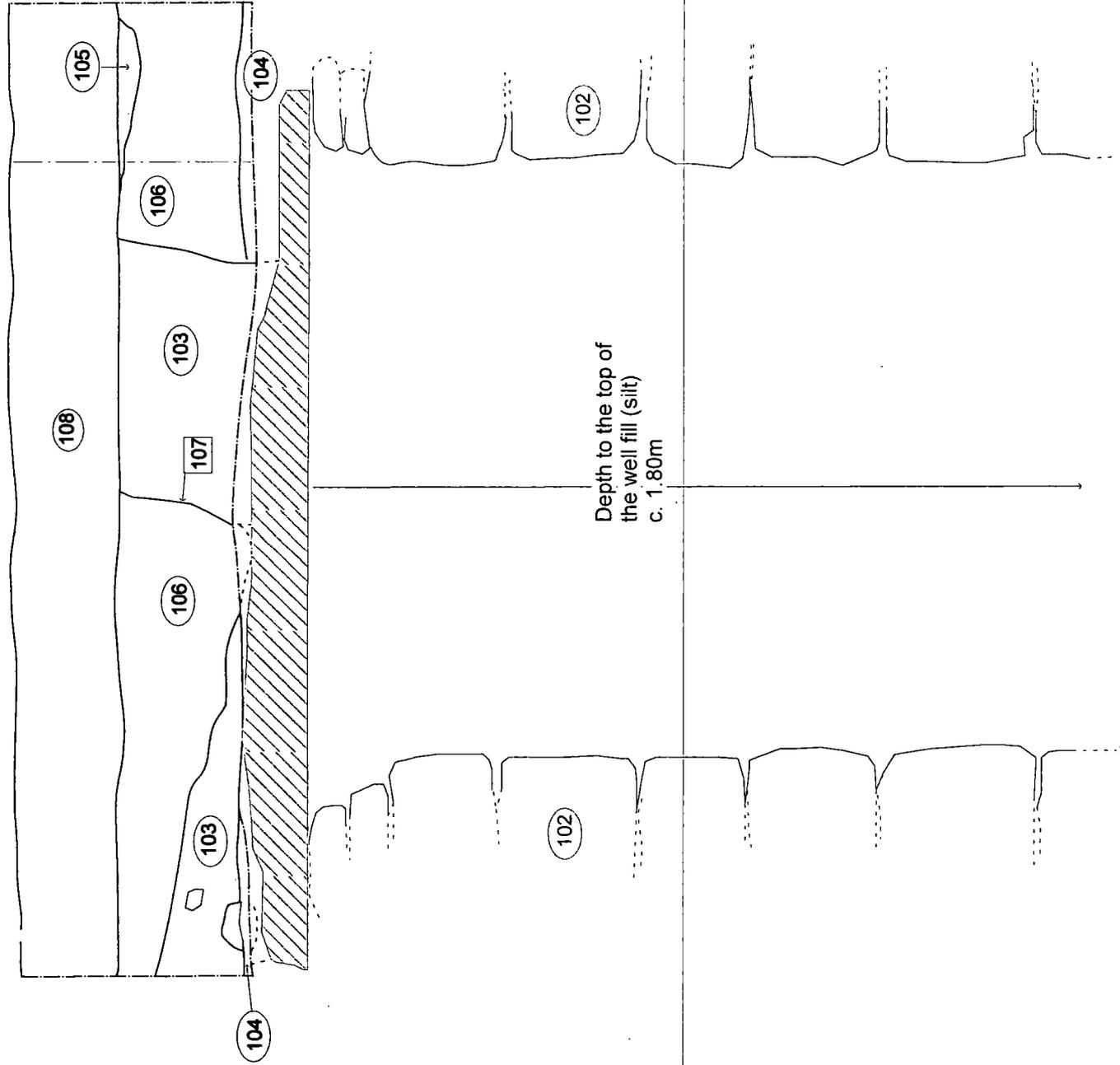
Figure 3: Plan of the Well



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34.58m

**East facing section
scale 1:10**



key

- limit of excavation
- context boundary
- feature

spot heights in metres
above Ordnance Datum

projected features



flagstone capstone
approximate wall
profile

- 100 - capstone - flagstone
- 102 - coursed and faced sandstone wall
- 104 - orange and pale grey clay natural
- 105 - deposit, dark grey/purple ciner deposit containing C-19th clay pice stem
- 106 - deposit, mixed brown/yellow silty sand
- 107 - cut for well, cutting the subsoil [104]
- 108 - dark grey silty loam, removed but projected onto the section for information

**Figure 4: Section
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APPENDIX 1: ARCHIVE INVENTORY

PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTERS

35mm Black and White Film (Ilford HP9)

Film & Frame No.	Description	From
	General view of the well	NW
	General view of the well	SW
	View of the well in context with terraced houses front Back Lane	N
	View of the pump dated "1854"	NW
	General view of the well in context	E
	General view the site from Back Lane	E

35mm Colour Slide (Sensia 400)

Frame No.	Description	From
1	General view of the well	NW
2	General view of the well	SW
3	View of the well in context with terraced houses front Back Lane	N
4	View of the pump dated "1854"	NW
5	General view of the well in context	E
6	General view the site from Back Lane	E

Digital Photographs (5 mega-pixels)

No.	Plate	Description	From
1	3	General view of the well	NW
2	2	General view of the well	SW
3	5	View of the well in context with terraced houses front Back Lane	N
4	6	View of the pump dated "1854"	W
5	1	The rear garden of Allonville with the well marked by a ranging pole to the right of the picture	E
6	-	General view the site from Back Lane	E
7*	4	Detail of the well's internal wall face [102]	NW
8*	-	View of the well's inner well (without scale)	E
9*	-	View of the well's inner well	N

** Internal well shots (7-9) only possible with small digital camera*

DRAWING REGISTER

Dwg. No.	Figure	Description	Scale Drawn	Reproduced
1	2	Plan	1:10	1:10
2	3	Section	1:10	1:10