

**An Archaeological Watching Brief at Ann Terrace,  
Kames, Argyll and Bute:**

**Data Structure Report**

**On behalf of:** Forbes and Adams  
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by Dunoon  
Argyll  
PA23 7TH

**National Grid Reference (NGR):** NR 971 713

**AOC Archaeology Project No:** 20,404

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## 1 NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

- 1.1 An archaeological evaluation was undertaken on behalf of Forbes and Adams at a plot of land at Ann Terrace, Kames, Argyll in advance of a proposed residential development. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were recorded.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Background

- 2.1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Forbes and Adam to undertake an archaeological watching brief in compliance with the requirements of a planning condition imposed on the advice of West of Scotland Archaeology Service (WoSAS) in accordance with NPPG 5 (SOEnd 1994), and Pan 42 (SOEnd 1994a).
- 2.1.2 There are no known archaeological remains within the site area. However, the evaluation was deemed necessary because of the proximity of a number of significant recorded prehistoric remains in the area, including standing stones, cists and cup-marked rock outcrops. Also the WoSAS case officer (Mr Paul Robins), noted the presence of possible earlier building rubble in the north east, and south east corners of the site, and a turf covered linear feature c16 m long at the western side of the development area. Further to this a retaining wall standing to a height of approximately 1 m extends into the plot of land from the residence to the east. This retaining wall also contains within it a set of steps.
- 2.1.3 The trench layout had previously been agreed with Mr Robins. This included two 10m trenches, one in the area of the proposed house plot and a second in the area of the associated driveway. There was also the provision for further trenching to be decided by the field team once present on site. The total trenching area was to be no less than 50 m<sup>2</sup> (basal dimensions).

### 2.2 Location

The proposed development area is located to the east of 1 Ann Terrace, within the village of Kames, Argyll and is centered at NGR: NR 971 713. (Fig 1)

## 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE INVESTIGATION

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation were:

- i) to determine the presence, character, extent and significance of any archaeological features or artefacts that may be disturbed by the ground breaking works.
- ii) to present a mitigation strategy allowing works to proceed should an adverse archaeological impact be identified.

## 4 METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The main bulk of the trenching was carried out by a mechanical excavator (JCB) using a smooth toothless ditching bucket 1.5 m wide. The overlying topsoil was machined off in shallow spits down to the level of either buried archaeological features or deposits, or natural sands and gravels. A trench through the upstanding linear feature on the western side of the development was excavated with the use of hand tools. A total of 4 trenches were excavated within the development area, totalling 52.75 m<sup>2</sup>. (Fig 1) A list of trench descriptions can be found in Appendix 1. The work was carried out over a single day: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007. The weather was dry and bright. Black and White print and Colour Slide photographs were taken before, during, and after the works were completed. Appendix 2.

## 5 RESULTS

- 5.1 During the evaluation works one subsurface feature was noted towards the southern end of trench 2. This was a circular pit c 1.5 m in diameter at the base of which were two short, machine cut wooden planks, set at right angles on top of each other, with corroded metal fittings. The trench through the upstanding linear feature contained a core of ashy material, including fragments of aluminum drink cans and cellophane biscuit wrappers. Investigation of the area's of rubble noted by Mr Robbins, revealed these to be dumps of stone and concrete above and within the current topsoil levels.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 No significant archaeological features or artefacts were noted during the archaeological evaluation. The sub-surface feature noted in Trench 2 is probably the remains of a clothes pole base, or something similar. The rubble spreads and upstanding linear feature are probably associated with the modern developments to the east and west. Given the fact that there are steps within the retaining wall feature, this probably means that the original boundary of the residence to the east of the development area at one time extended into this plot of land. A modern wooden fence now delineates the boundary between these two properties.



## 6 REFERENCES

SOEnd 1994 *National Planning Policy Guideline 5, Archaeology and Planning*. Scottish Office Environmental Department.

SOEnd 1994a *Planning Advice Note 42, Archaeology and Planning*. Scottish Office Environmental Department.

## APPENDIX 1: TRENCH RECORDS

### Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	2 m x 0.5 m
<i>Total Area</i>	1 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.20 – 0.25 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other</i>	Aluminium drinks cans and cellophane biscuit wrappers

### Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	12.5 m x 1.5 m
<i>Total Area</i>	18.75 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.25 – 0.35 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other</i>	Modern pit

### Trench 3

<i>Dimensions</i>	14 m x 1.5 m
<i>Total Area</i>	21 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.30 m – 0.35 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other</i>	None

### Trench 4

<i>Dimensions</i>	8 m x 1.5 m
<i>Total Area</i>	12 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Depth of Topsoil</i>	0.35 m – 0.40 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other</i>	None

## APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD (B&W Print and Colour Slide)

Frame No.	Detail
1-2	Registration shot
3-4	Pre-excavation shots

5-6	Upstanding linear feature
7-8	Upstanding linear feature – north facing section from West
9-10	Upstanding linear feature – north facing section from East
11-12	Trench 3 – General shot
13-14	Trench 2 – General shot
15-16	Trench 2 – Modern Pit
17-18	Trench 3 – General shot
19-20	Post backfilling shots

### APPENDIX 3: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND REPORT

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Argyll & Bute Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Ann Terrace, Kames.
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	AOC 20,404
<b>PARISH:</b>	Kilfinan
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Alan Duffy
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	AOC Archaeology Group
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Archaeological evaluation
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	None
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	None
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>	NR 971 713
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2007
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2007
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken at a site at Ann Terrace, Kames, Argyll in advance of a proposed residential development. Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were recorded.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	
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Figure 1: Site location and trench location plan