

**An archaeological watching brief at Plots 7 and 8, Old
Mill Place, Friockheim, Angus.**

Data Structure Report

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1 NON TECHNICAL SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents the results of a watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group at a proposed residential development at Plots 7 & 8, Old Mill Place, Friockheim, Angus (NGR: NO 5935 9989). The work was commissioned by The Firm of Val Dawson and was designed to satisfy the requirements of the local planning authority who are advised on such matters by Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service, (ACAS). This work was in accordance with the principles inherent in NPPG 5 (SOEnd 1994) and PAN 42 (SOEnd 1994a).

1.2 Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were recorded.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project background

2.1.1 An archaeological watching brief was undertaken on behalf of The Firm of Val Dawson during ground-breaking works associated with the proposed residential development at Plots 7 & 8, Old Mill Place, Friockheim, Angus. Planning Application ref no: 07/00517/FUL.

2.1.2 The proposed development area lies within the administrative area of Angus Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by Aberdeen Council Archaeological Service (ACAS). The work required was in accordance with NPPG 5 (SOEnD 1994) and PAN 42 (SOEnD 1994a), in determining the nature, extent, condition, date and significance of any archaeological remains within the proposed development area.

2.2 Archaeological background

2.2.1 The proposed development lies within the site of an early 18th Century and later industrial complex, NMRS:NO54NE0047 (NGR:NO59264989), consisting of a Linen Mill, Bleachworks and Gasworks, the remains of which were recorded on a map as recently as 2006. This map showed that a range of single-storey slatted conditioning sheds, the reservoir and lade system, and some rubble and brick buildings survived.

2.2.2 In the wider area cropmarks of a number of features, including a block of Rig and Furrow NMRS No.NO54NE0023 (NGR:NO59174999) and a Palisaded Enclosure NMRS No.NO54SE0018 (NGR:NO58414020) have also been recorded by aerial photography.

2.3 Site location & geology

2.3.1 The proposed development lies within the village of Friockheim. It is bounded by modern residential developments to the east and south, gardens of modern

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residential developments to the west, and Lunan Water to the north. (Figure 1). The most recent use of the development area is that of a compound for the storage of building materials.

- 2.3.2 The underlying geology consists of old red sandstones, conglomerates and shales.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were to:

- i)* monitor ground-breaking works associated with the development and prevent the destruction of significant archaeological features prior to their recording;
- ii)* should significant archaeological material be discovered, the preparation of a mitigation strategy compliant with ACAS would be undertaken.

4. METHOD

- 4.1 The groundbreaking works consisted of two trenches each measuring 5 m by 3 m, which were located within the house plots of the proposed development. (Figure 1). Both of the trenches were excavated down in shallow spits, under archaeological supervision, down to the level of the natural geology. Trench 1 was orientated north/south and placed across Plot 7 whilst Trench 2 was orientated east/west was cut across Plot 8.
- 4.2 The groundbreaking works were undertaken using a mechanical excavator (JCB) using a 0.90 m wide toothed ditching bucket.
- 4.3 Black and white print and colour slide photographic record shots were taken of the excavated trenches.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1 The various data gathered from the evaluation are presented as a series of appendices:
- i)* Appendix 1: Trench Register;
 - ii)* Appendix 2: The Photographic Register;
 - iii)* Appendix 3: reproduces the Discovery & Excavation entry.
- 5.2 The fieldwork was undertaken on the 14th November 2007 under dry, bright weather conditions.

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- 5.3 A description of the nature of the deposits encountered can be found in Appendix 1.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 No significant *in-situ* archaeological remains or artefacts were observed during the ground breaking works. The buildings recorded on the 2006 map have been previously demolished during earlier development works on the site, to the extent that no *in-situ* remains survive. No further archaeological works are considered necessary.

7 REFERENCES

NPPG 5 National Planning Policy Guideline NPPG 5. Archaeology and Planning. January 1994. The Scottish Office Environment Department 1994.

PAN 42 *Planning Advice Note 42. Archaeology – the Planning Process and Scheduled Ancient Monument Procedures.* January 1994. The Scottish Office Environment Department 1994.

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APPENDIX 1: TRENCH REGISTER

Trench No: 1

Dimensions: 5 m x 3 m
 Topsoil depth: None
 Significant features: None
 Other features: Made ground deposit, containing building rubble and general detritus to a depth of 2.60 m

Trench No: 2

Dimensions: 5 m x 3 m
 Topsoil depth: None
 Significant features: None
 Other features: Made ground deposit, containing building rubble and general detritus to a depth of 2.50 m

APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

Frame no.	Detail
1 & 2	Registration shot
3 & 4	Trench 1, plot 7 from the south
5 & 6	Trench 1, plot 7 from the north
7 & 8	Trench 2, plot 8, from the east
9 & 10	Trench 2, plot 8 from the west
11 & 12	Plot 8, general shot from the west
13 & 14	Plot 8, general shot from the east

APPENDIX 3: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND REPORT

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Angus Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Plots 7 & 8, Old Mill Place, Friockheim, Angus
PROJECT CODE:	AOC 20827
PARISH:	Kinnell
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Alan Duffy
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	NO54NE0047
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Remains of an 18 th Century and later Industrial Complex, containing a Linen Mill, Bleachworks, and Gasworks.
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NO 926 989
START DATE (this season)	14 th November, 2007
END DATE (this season)	14 th November, 2007
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None

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MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during ground breaking works associated with a modern residential development at the site of an early 18 th Century and later industrial complex. Neither significant archaeological remains nor features were identified.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	n/a
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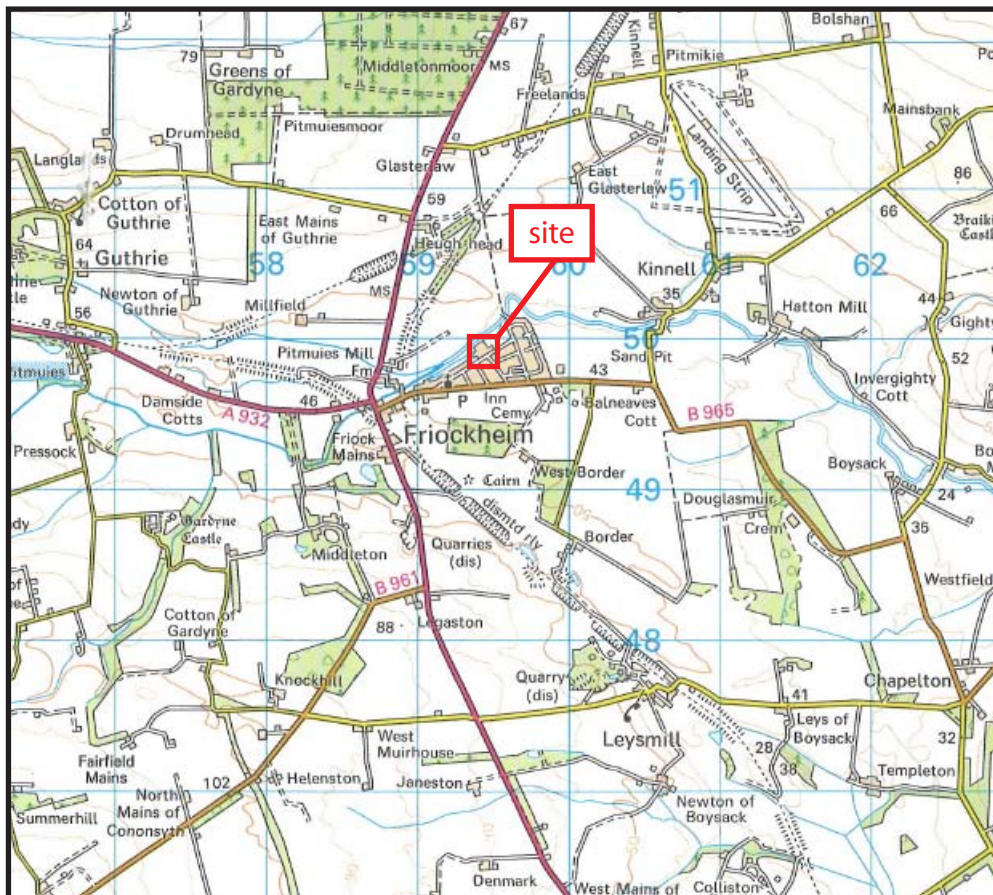
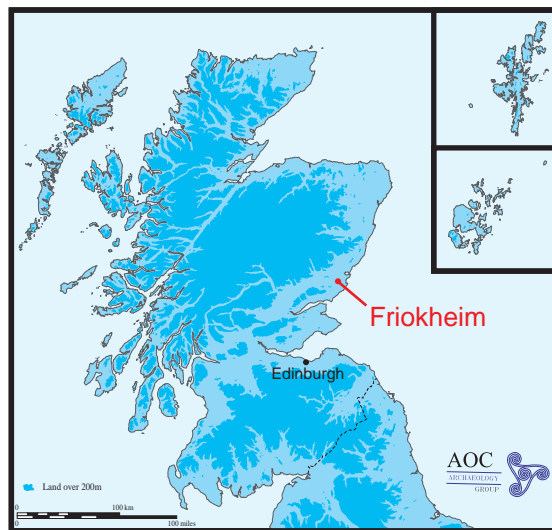


Figure 1 : Site location

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