

**64 Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston:
Archaeological Watching Brief**

Data Structure Report

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Overview

1. This Data Structure Report reports a programme of archaeological works required by Mr Gary Farquhar in respect to the construction of an extension to a residential dwelling at 64 Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston, South Lanarkshire. The archaeological works are designed to mitigate the impact on the archaeological remains within their development area to the agreement of South Lanarkshire Council.
2. South Lanarkshire Council has conditioned the granted planning consent with an archaeological watching brief condition for archaeological works. The West of Scotland Archaeology Service who advises South Lanarkshire Council on archaeological matters has provided guidance on the structure of archaeological works required on this site during development works.
3. Rathmell Archaeology Limited was appointed by Mr Gary Farquhar to undertake the development and implementation of archaeological mitigation works at 64 Old Glasgow Road. The detail of these works was outlined and agreed in a Method Statement (Rees 2010) pertaining to all groundbreaking and hence the direct physical impact on buried sediments and was agreed with the West of Scotland Archaeology Service, archaeological advisor to planning authority, South Lanarkshire Council.
4. Rathmell Archaeology Ltd has been appointed to act with regard to the archaeological issue by Mr Gary Farquhar. Prior to the commencement of archaeological works the development area was partially occupied by a two storey house in the southern third. The natural slope of the surrounding ground, down from east to west, was moderated by a retaining wall along the western boundary of the development area. The development area is roughly triangular, narrowing from south to north.

Archaeological and Historical Background

5. The development area is on the western end of the original ribbon form of the village of Uddingston (Figure 1a). The buildings at 64-66 Glasgow Road are category B Listed. They are possibly earlier 17th century in origin, circa 1629, with later alterations and additions. They form a pair of rectangular-plan cottages: single storey 3-bay with attic to left (S); single storey 3-bay with lower single bay addition and further lean to addition N end of N cottage. The cottages are built from stugged and squared sandstone rubble with roughly defined ashlar surrounds to openings.
6. Originally known as Knowehead cottages, they are believed to be the oldest surviving inhabited houses in Uddingston and were built in 1629. Originally used as an inn for travellers on the road from England to Glasgow, later divided into two dwellings.
7. The land of the Knowehead estate had been granted to the Wilkie family in 1629 by the Earl of Angus and Knowehead House stood to the west of these cottages until demolition in 1968. A modern housing estate comprising Knowehead Drive and Knowehead Gardens now occupies the site of Knowehead House. The properties at 64-66 Glasgow Road form a Grade B-group in conjunction with 60 Old Glasgow Road and Easter Farm.
8. Other than the recorded building, there are no additional known archaeological sites within the development area. However, the location of the structures suggests that there is the potential to reveal archaeological features relating to the origin and early development of Uddingston.

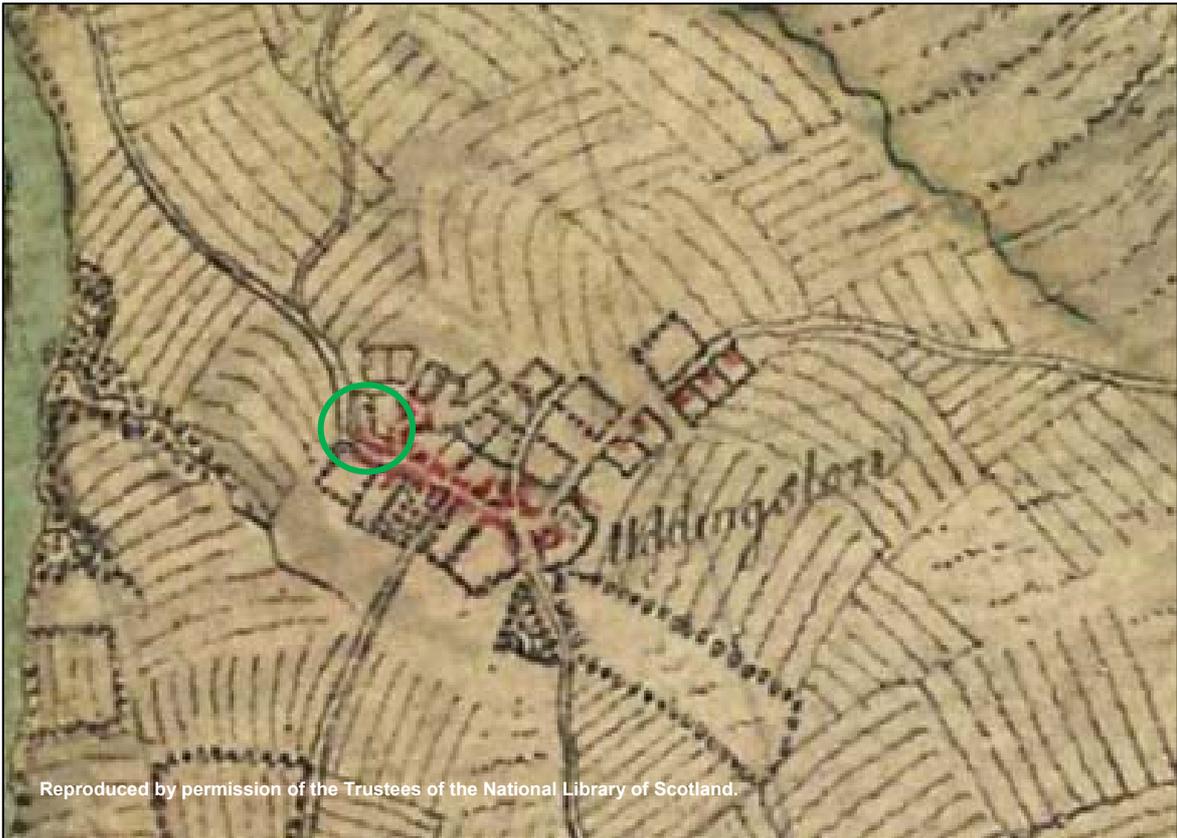


Figure 1a: Detail from Roy (1747-55) Plan of Uddingston

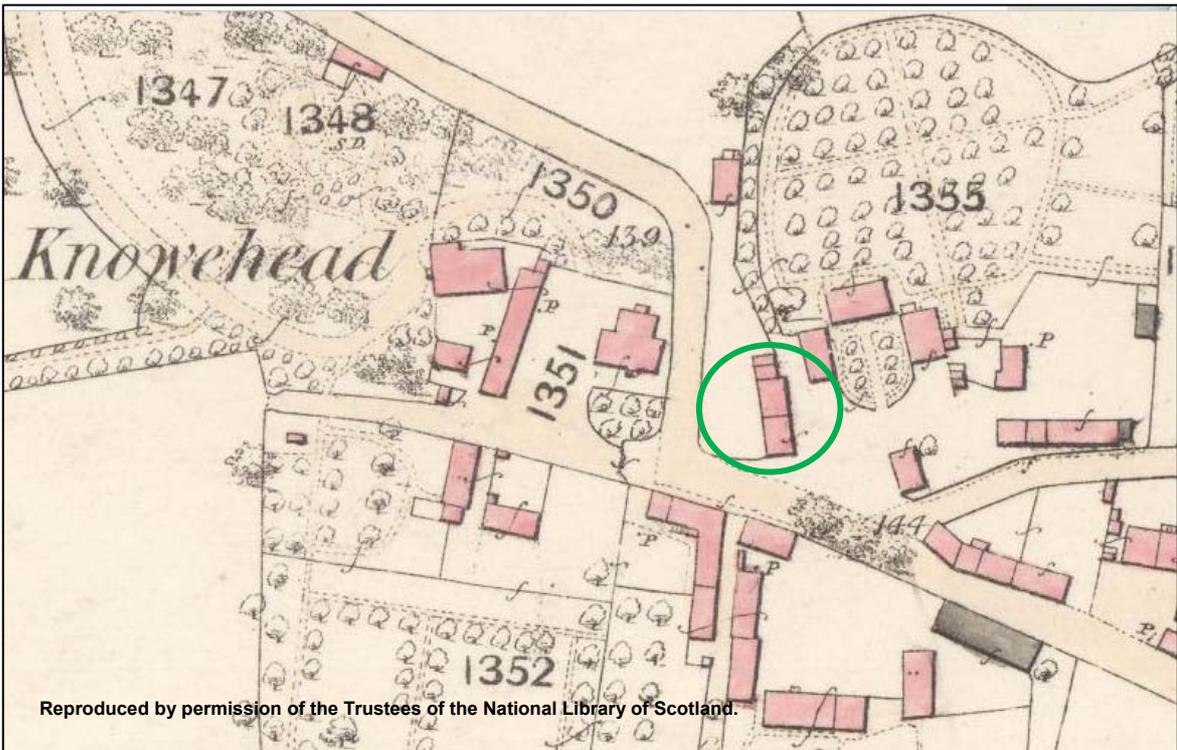


Figure 1b: Detail from 1st edition Ordnance Survey (1864)

Project Works

9. Archaeological monitoring was carried out on 18th November 2010 and then again on 27th September 2011. At the time of the first monitoring phase, some work had already been carried out within the development area (Figure 3a and 3b). The development area had been cleared of rubble and other dumped modern (20th or 21st century) building material. Although some of this material had been removed from site a large quantity had been mounded in the centre of the development area for removal later. There was no need to monitor this work as it involved the clearance of modern material and did not require excavation beyond the uppermost level of the topsoil (001).
10. Excavation work on site was carried out either by hand or using a mini-digger with a toothless ditching bucket. As per the terms of the Method Statement (Rees 2010) all ground breaking works were subject to archaeological monitoring. Initially (18th November 2010) this work included foundations for a house extension, service tracks, fence posts and foundations for a garage. At a later date (27th September 2011) the garage foundations and service track running from there to the house were excavated and monitored.

Findings

11. Archaeological monitoring began with the excavation of the trench for foundations of the proposed house extension to the north-west of the existing structure. The trench was excavated as an extended L-shape with the long side running north to south parallel to the existing structure. The trench excavated was approximately 600mm wide and 600mm deep (Figure 4a).
12. The topmost deposit encountered during these works was cultivated or garden soil (001) which had been heavily disturbed by roots and extended to a depth of approximately 400mm. Beneath this was orange sand to a depth of approximately 200mm (002). The interface between these two layers had been churned up in many places by tree roots. (002) was identified as archaeologically sterile subsoil (Figure 4b).
13. Any potentially significant features were investigated according to the terms of the Method Statement (Rees 2010), no significant archaeological features were observed in the course of the archaeological monitoring of the foundation trench and no anthropic material was observed other than would relate to the modern (20th to 21st century) use of the site. Archaeological sterile subsoil was reached in all parts of the excavation for the foundations. Disturbance to the subsoil was limited to disturbance by tree roots in the upper 100mm.
14. Three small excavations were carried out by hand to the east of the house in order to facilitate the connection of new services with existing cables (Figure 5b). These excavations were inspected and no significant archaeological features were observed and no anthropic material was recovered other than would indicate the modern (20th to 21st century) use of the site. The excavations were carried out to a depth of between 400mm and 500mm. At this depth the only sediment exposed was (001) topsoil.
15. Additional small excavations were inspected for the placement of a new fence line along the north-eastern boundary of the site (Figure 5a). These excavations continued to a depth of between 400mm and 500mm. For the most part these excavations were within the deposit (001) however at the base of some the upper layer of (002) was visible. No significant archaeological features were observed in any of these excavations and no anthropic material was observed other than would indicate modern (20th or 21st century) use of the site.

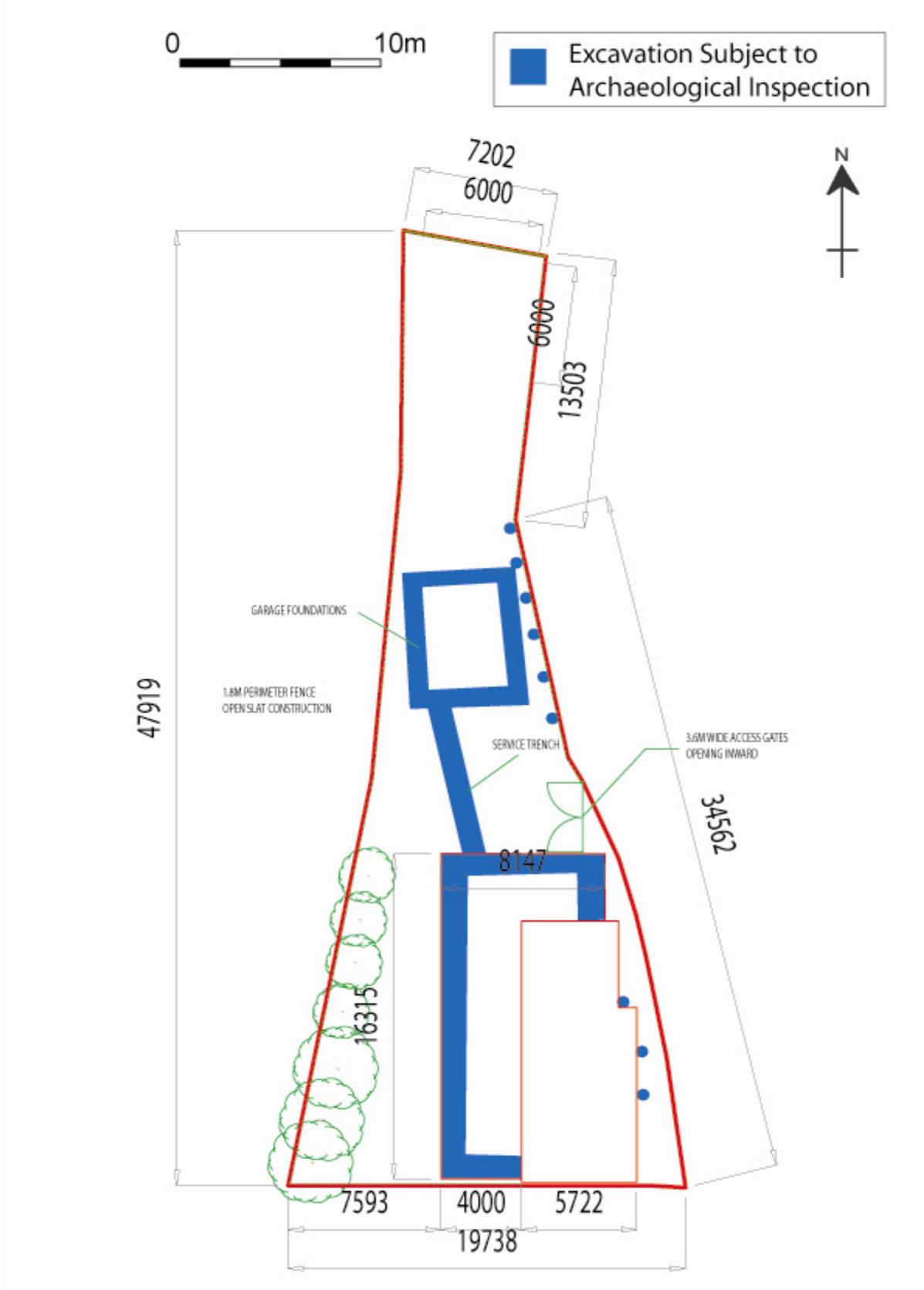


Figure 2: Site Plan



Figure 3a: The southern half of the development area



Figure 3b: The northern half of the development area

16. On the 27th of September 2011 a linear trench, 1m wide by approximately 400mm deep, was machine cut to form a square shape 6m by 7m. This was for the foundation of the garage. Another trench for services was excavated joining the house to the garage foundation trench. This trench measured 7.7m long by 500mm wide and 400mm deep. These excavations revealed that the topsoil (003), a dark brown silty sand, was full of modern debris, and was around 400mm deep. At the W side of the foundation trench some red-brown sand ((004) possible subsoil) was revealed beneath (003) in places, while at the E side (004) was more consistently revealed. No significant archaeological features were observed in either trench.
17. All archaeological work was carried out according to the terms of the Method Statement (Rees 2010), all required works were monitored and any potential archaeological features were investigated and recorded. All works complied with the Institute for Archaeologists' Standards and Policy Statements and Code of Conduct and Historic Scotland Policy Statements.

Discussion

18. The archaeological monitoring works failed to identify any significant archaeological features and any anthropic material recovered indicated only the modern (20th to 21st century) use of the site. All groundbreaking works were inspected for significant archaeological material according to the terms of the method statement and although only a small percentage of the development area was subject to archaeological monitoring, the groundbreaking works were sufficiently spread out to indicate the general character of the sediment within the whole of the development area.
19. Those sediments encountered during the archaeological works suggested the use of the area as a garden and as a place for the dumping of modern rubbish. No evidence of previously unknown structural features was encountered during the archaeological works and no features were found in association with the existing house. The roots, high humic content and depth of deposit (001)/(003) suggests use of a garden over an extended long period of time however the lack of artefactual material gives no definitive indication of the depth of time for the site's use or occupation. The inspection of excavations for the connection of services and the placement of fence posts supported the above observations.
20. No significant archaeological features were encountered anywhere during the on-site archaeological works and no anthropic material was recovered other than would suggest the modern (20th to 21st century) use of the site. Archaeologically sterile subsoil was encountered in most of the excavations and the only indications of disturbance were as a result of tree roots.

Recommendations

21. No significant archaeological features were uncovered in the course of the on site archaeological works and no anthropic material was uncovered other than would indicate the modern (20th or 21st century) of the site. No further groundbreaking works are planned with regards to this development. Rathmell Archaeology Ltd therefore recommends that no further archaeological works are carried out with relation to this development and that the archaeological condition be purged from the planning consent. In addition, as no significant material was recovered from site no post-excavation analysis is required.
22. The appropriateness and acceptability of our recommendations rest with South Lanarkshire Council and their advisors, West of Scotland Archaeology Service.



Figure 4a: Foundation trench to the west of the house



Figure 4b: Foundation trench to the north of the house



Figure 5a: Holes for fence posts on the north-eastern boundary



Figure 5b: Excavations for service connections to east of house



Figure 5c: Excavation for garage foundations to SE of house.



Figure 5d: Excavation for service track between SE side of house and the garage foundation trench.

Conclusion

23. A programme of archaeological investigative works was undertaken for Mr Gary Farquhar in respect to the construction of an extension to a residential dwelling at 64 Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston, South Lanarkshire. The archaeological works are designed to mitigate the impact on the archaeological remains within their development area to the agreement of the South Lanarkshire Council.
24. The groundbreaking works on site included excavation for foundations to the northwest of the existing house and small hand excavations for the placement of services, the placement of a fence along the northeastern boundary of the site and the excavation of a foundation trench for a garage to the SE of the house with a service track between this and the house. The archaeological monitoring of these works revealed no significant archaeological features and no anthropic material other than would indicate the 20th or 21st century use of the site.

References

Documentary

Rees, T 2010 *64 Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston: Archaeological Monitoring, Method Statement*, Rathmell Archaeology Ltd

Cartographic

1747-55 William Roy's Military Survey of Scotland
1859 Ordnance Survey, 1st Edition
1900 Ordnance Survey, 2nd Edition

Appendix 1: Registers

Within this appendix are all registers pertaining to works on-site regardless of the process by which that information was gathered (e.g. evaluation or strip, map & sample).

Context Register

| Context No. | Area/ Trench | Type | Description | Interpretation |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|--|
| 001 | Trench 1 | Deposit | Dark brown silty sand, very loose, inclusions of roots, small stones, stone and brick | Last dumped material on site mixed with the remainder of the topsoil |
| 002 | Trench 1 | Deposit | Light orange sand, loose, no inclusions, top layer (<100mm) disturbed by roots and (001) | Natural subsoil |
| 003 | Site | Deposit | Dark brown silty sand, loose, inclusions of roots, large stones, brick and modern rubbish, 40cm thick | Last dumped material on site mixed with the remainder of the topsoil |
| 004 | Site | Deposit | Red-brown sand, compact, no inclusions visible, | Probable natural subsoil |

Photographic Register

| Image No. | Print | | Slide | | Digital | Description | From | Date |
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| 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 | Pre Ex of the development area | W | 18/11/10 |
| 5 | - | - | - | - | 5 | Pre Ex of the development area | SW | 18/11/10 |
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| 19 | - | - | - | - | 19 | Foundations around house | S | 18/11/10 |
| 20 | - | - | - | - | 20 | Foundations around house | S | 18/11/10 |
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| 23 | - | - | - | - | 23 | Foundations around house | S | 18/11/10 |
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| 32 | - | - | - | - | 32 | Foundations around house | NW | 18/11/10 |

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| 33 | - | - | - | - | 33 | Foundations around house | N | 18/11/10 |
| 34 | - | - | - | - | 34 | Foundations around house | N | 18/11/10 |
| 35 | - | - | - | - | 35 | Service at front of house | N | 18/11/10 |
| 36 | - | - | - | - | 36 | Service at front of house | N | 18/11/10 |
| 37 | - | - | - | - | 1 | Shot of service trench | NW | 18/11/10 |
| 38 | - | - | - | - | 2 | Shot of garage foundation trench | S | 18/11/10 |
| 39 | - | - | - | - | 3 | Shot of (004) red-sand in foundation Trench | S | 18/11/10 |
| 40 | - | - | - | - | 4 | Shot of (003) dark-brown silt sand in foundation Trench | W | 18/11/10 |

Appendix 2: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland

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| LOCAL AUTHORITY: | South Lanarkshire Council |
| PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME: | 64 Old Glasgow Road, Uddingston |
| PROJECT CODE: | RA10070 |
| PARISH: | Bothwell |
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR: | Alan Matthews and Chris Muirhead |
| NAME OF ORGANISATION: | Rathmell Archaeology Limited |
| TYPE(S) OF PROJECT: | Watching Brief |
| NMRS NO(S): | None |
| SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S): | None |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS: | None |
| NGR (2 letters, 6 figures) | NS 694 605 |
| START DATE (this season) | 18 th November 2010 |
| END DATE (this season) | 27 th September 2011 |
| PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.) | None |
| MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (may include information from other fields) | The groundbreaking works on site included excavation for foundations to the northwest of the existing house and small hand excavations for the placement of services, the placement of a fence along the northeastern boundary of the site and the excavation of a foundation trench for a garage to the SE of the house with a service track between this and the house. The archaeological monitoring of these works revealed no significant archaeological features and no anthropic material other than would indicate the 20 th or 21 st century use of the site. |
| PROPOSED FUTURE WORK: | None |
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