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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 This report presents the results an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in November 2009 which was one aspect of a multi-faceted archaeological investigation at 91-93 High Street, Haddington, East Lothian (NGR: NT 5168 7386 centred). The work was commissioned by East Lothian Council.
- 1.1.2 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for this programme of works was produced by CFA on behalf of East Lothian Council and agreed in advance by East Lothian Council Archaeology Service (ELCAS).

1.2 Background

- 1.2.1 This report details the findings of a watching brief during groundbreaking work to provide service access on land adjacent to the building at 91-93 High Street, Haddington. The area disturbed was situated outside the southern elevation of the building and lies partially within the public highway, itself situated within the Haddington Conservation Area.
- 1.2.2 Previous work includes a building appraisal survey carried out in February 2009 (Cressey 2009a). Additional enhanced architectural recording work was undertaken in April and May 2009 (Cressey 2009b) following internal and external down-taking work.
- 1.2.3 The building is situated at the west end of the High Street and is a Category B-listed structure dating to the late 18th century.

1.3 Objectives

- 1.3.1 The primary objective of the watching brief was to provide archaeological monitoring during groundbreaking for any service trenches on the outside of the building. The watching brief was designed to allow the preservation by record of any unknown archaeological remains, and to provide an opportunity to inform all interested parties if significant archaeological remains were discovered.

2. WORKING METHODS

- 2.1 CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs.
- 2.2 The initial groundbreaking was done using a mechanical excavator equipped with a hydraulic breaker in order to penetrate the modern road surface and other indurated deposits under constant archaeological supervision.
- 2.3 The removal of soft deposits was carried out using a mechanical excavator equipped with a smooth bladed bucket under constant archaeological supervision. Any further work required to fulfil the terms of the brief was carried out by hand.
- 2.4 All excavation and on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures, principally by drawing, photography and by completing standard CFA record forms.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

- 3.1.1 Numbers in bold and parentheses refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 1.
- 3.1.2 The overlying deposit comprised the modern tarmac road surface (**001**) which overlay a modern manhole chamber of brick construction (**002**).
- 3.1.3 Underneath the tarmac road, a deposit of stone setts (**003**) laid upon a bedding layer of light-greyish coarse-grained sand (**004**) was excavated. The setts continued southward underneath **001**. The deposit did not continue to the east and west due to modern truncation during the incorporation of the manhole (**002**) and activity associated with road building or maintenance in the High Street itself.
- 3.1.4 Underneath **003/004** was an indurated layer of concrete (**005**), which suggests the stone setts, which were stratigraphically later in the sequence, were re-deposited as levelling material during ground make-up.
- 3.1.5 The deposits underlying **005** consisted of mixed orangey-sand and gravel backfill (**006**) for utility service trenches. In total, four extant services were noted running through the trench, indicating the area had been heavily disturbed.
- 3.1.6 The remains of two earlier kerb stones (**007**) were located under the bedding layer for the modern kerb. The stones were aligned E-W, parallel to the High Street, and were left in situ.
- 3.1.7 Beneath the pavement running parallel to the building's elevation was a linear deposit of masonry which comprised large, roughly hewn stone blocks (**008**). The blocks underlay the modern make-up for the paved surface and continued

under the building. The preferred interpretation is that the stones form the foundation footing for the building.

3.1.8 No features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance were found.

4. SUMMARY

4.1 An archaeological watching brief was conducted during all groundbreaking for utility services to 91-93 High Street, Haddington.

4.2 The watching brief identified a number of deposits and features, these were:

- a number of stone setts which had been re-deposited to make-up the road surface under the High Street;
- the in situ remains of an earlier stone kerb running parallel to the High Street;
- the probable foundation footings of building 91-93 High Street which are preserved in situ.

4.3 The watching brief also observed and recorded a number of modern services, a manhole chamber and a series of deposits which comprise made ground in this area.

4.4 No other archaeological features were found.

4.5 The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS) and copies of reports will be lodged with the East Lothian Sites and Monuments Record.

4.6 A summary statement to be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3) will be sufficient to disseminate the results of this programme of works.

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY

Cressey, M 2009a *92-93 High Street, Haddington Building Appraisal Report*. CFA Report No. 1603.

Cressey, M 2009b *92-93 High Street, Haddington Enhanced Historic Building Survey*. CFA Report No. 1641.

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APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context no.	Type	Description
001	Deposit	Modern tarmac road surface
002	Masonry	Modern manhole chamber of brick construction
003	Deposit	Deposit of re-used stone setts
004	Deposit	Coarse bedding layer for (003)
005	Deposit	Layer of concrete
006	Deposit	Made ground within trench
007	Deposit	Deposit of kerbstones
008	Masonry	In-situ foundation footings for upstanding building

APPENDIX 2: Digital Photographic Register

Shot No.	Description	From	Conditions
1	Working shot of groundbreaking	West	Overcast
2	Working shot of excavation through modern road surface (001)	West	Overcast
3	Services under the modern paved surface	West	Overcast
4	General shot of excavation area	West	Overcast
5	Excavated stone setts (003)	-	Overcast
6	Working shot of trench excavation	West	Overcast
7	Shot of in-situ kerbstones (007)	South	Overcast
8	Shot of excavation through deposits 004 & 005	West	Overcast
9	Shot of buried services and stone setts 003	West	Overcast
10	Shot of buried services and stone setts 003	South	Overcast
11	Working shot of site after the removal of modern paved surface	West	Overcast
12	Shot from above of excavation below modern paved surface	-	Overcast
13	Shot of in-situ foundation footings for upstanding building (008)	West	Overcast
14	Shot of in-situ foundation footings for upstanding building (008)	West	Overcast

APPENDIX 3: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	East Lothian Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	91-93 High Street, Haddington East Lothian: Archaeological Watching Brief
PROJECT CODE:	HADD
PARISH:	Haddington
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Phil Moore
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	N/A
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	N/A
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR	NT 5168 7386 centred
START DATE (this season)	November 2009
END DATE (this season)	November 2009
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	Cressey, M 92-93 High Street, Haddington Building Appraisal Report. CFA Report No. 1603. Cressey, M 92-93 High Street, Haddington Enhanced Historic Building Survey Report No. 1641.
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	CFA Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief during groundbreaking for utility services at 91-93 High Street Haddington. The watching brief identified a number of deposits and features, these were: a number of stone setts which had been re-deposited to make-up the road surface under the High Street, the in situ remains of an earlier stone kerb running parallel to the High Street, and the probable foundation footings of the upstanding building. The fieldwork also noted a number of modern services, a manhole chamber and a series of deposits which comprise made ground. No other archaeological features were found.
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Site Location



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Fig. 2 - Photograph showing kerbing stones



Fig. 3 - Photograph showing buried services & cobbled surface



Fig. 4 - Photograph showing foundation stones

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