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ABSTRACT

Hallgate Construction Ltd commissioned Alder Archaeology Ltd to undertake a photographic survey of a small lodge close to Ruthven Towers in Auchterarder. The work was carried out on the 26th of October 2009 in good weather conditions. The aim was to provide a photographic record of the lodge prior it being demolished. The building was extensively photographed externally and internally and was found to be of very late 19th century or early 20th century date. There were two 20th century extensions, probably dating to the 1930s. The site code was AA12.

1 Background

1.1 Introduction

Hallgate Construction Ltd commissioned Alder archaeology Ltd to undertake a photographic survey of a small building known as 'The Lodge' near Ruthven Towers, Auchterarder. The building lies to the north of Ruthven Towers care home at NGR NN 95148 713085. The site code was AA12.

The work was designed to satisfy the archaeological condition on the site which is a housing development.

1.2 Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the photographic survey was to make a record of the building prior to it being demolished in advance of a residential development.

1.3 Reporting

Copies will be sent to Hallgate Construction Ltd, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and the RCAHMS.

1.4 Planning and Curatorial Issues

This programme of archaeological work is designed to inform the local authority (Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust) of the internal and external appearance of this building, to assess its importance.

1.5 Acknowledgements

Alder Archaeology wish to thank Michael Walker of Hallgate and Oliver O' Grady and Sarah Winlow of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust for there advice on this project.

2 Survey Method

The survey was conducted on the 26th of October 2009 by one person. All photographs were taken with a Nikon D50 digital SLR camera.

The external elevations of the building were photographed with shots taken at 90 degrees to the walls (where space permitted) and at oblique angles. The building was also photographed from further back to show it in the surrounding landscape, for context. Any undergrowth and trees that were obscuring the elevations were removed prior to photography. The windows at the front of the lodge and one of the side doors had been covered over with pine planks nailed to the frames; this was firmly attached and could not be removed for the purposes of this survey. Shots of internal rooms and circulation areas were taken systematically using a flash as well as slow timed shots using natural lighting. Important details and fittings were also recorded and notes taken.

3 Results of Investigations

3.1 Setting

The lodge lies at the west end of a boundary running WNW north of Ruthven Towers care home. The boundary comprises a bank covered in mature beeches with a wrought iron fence on its N side. Originally this boundary and the lodge would have belonged to Ruthven Towers. To the NW of the lodge is a driveway in a hollow and beyond a grassy field enclosed by a drystone wall. The land to the E and NE of the lodge, the site of proposed housing, slopes gently downhill. During development this area was found to have deep topsoil containing the remains of greenhouses. Presumably this area was once the garden / allotment for Ruthven Towers.

3.2 Basic Description

See annotated illustrations.

3.3 Phasing

There are three phases to the building:

The first is represented by the original building, essentially just two rooms divided by a central wall containing the chimney stack. Originally there would have been fireplaces in both rooms, but the one in the NW room has been blocked up. There was probably also once a doorway between the rooms, but this seems to have been blocked by the insertion of cupboards and a boiler in the SE room. The roof of this original structure is of hipped design (with two gablets at each end) and covered in light bluish Scottish slates of uniform size (but fairly thick and irregular). The wall bricks were not visible because of the cement render and plaster, but the uniform nature of the walls suggests they may be built from colliery bricks.

The second phase is represented by the building of extensions to the front (NE) and back (SW) of the house, essentially a couple of lean-tos. The front extension is little more than a metre high wall with a continuous line of casement windows above (now boarded up). Its roof is at a shallow angle and is covered in darker, thinner more uniform slate than the original roof. The rear extension is slightly wider than the front with a 1.8m high wall containing just 3 windows (now blocked). The roof of the rear extension is covered in similar slate to that of the front but is at an even shallower angle. This area seems to have been used as a kitchen and storage area.

The final change to the house seems to have been the creation of a bathroom. This involved building an internal wall division in the NW room and knocking a hole through the original front wall.

3.4 Date

The earliest part of the building probably dates to the very late 19th or early 20th century, judging by the slate roof and the form of the windows. The extensions definitely of 20th century date, probably 1930s. The bathroom door suggests the bathroom was put in circa 1950s.

4 Conclusion and Recommendations

This survey has enabled a detailed photographic record of this building to be made. The author feels that demolition of this lodge can now go ahead; however, the final decision ultimately rests with Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.

Appendix 1 Photographic Register

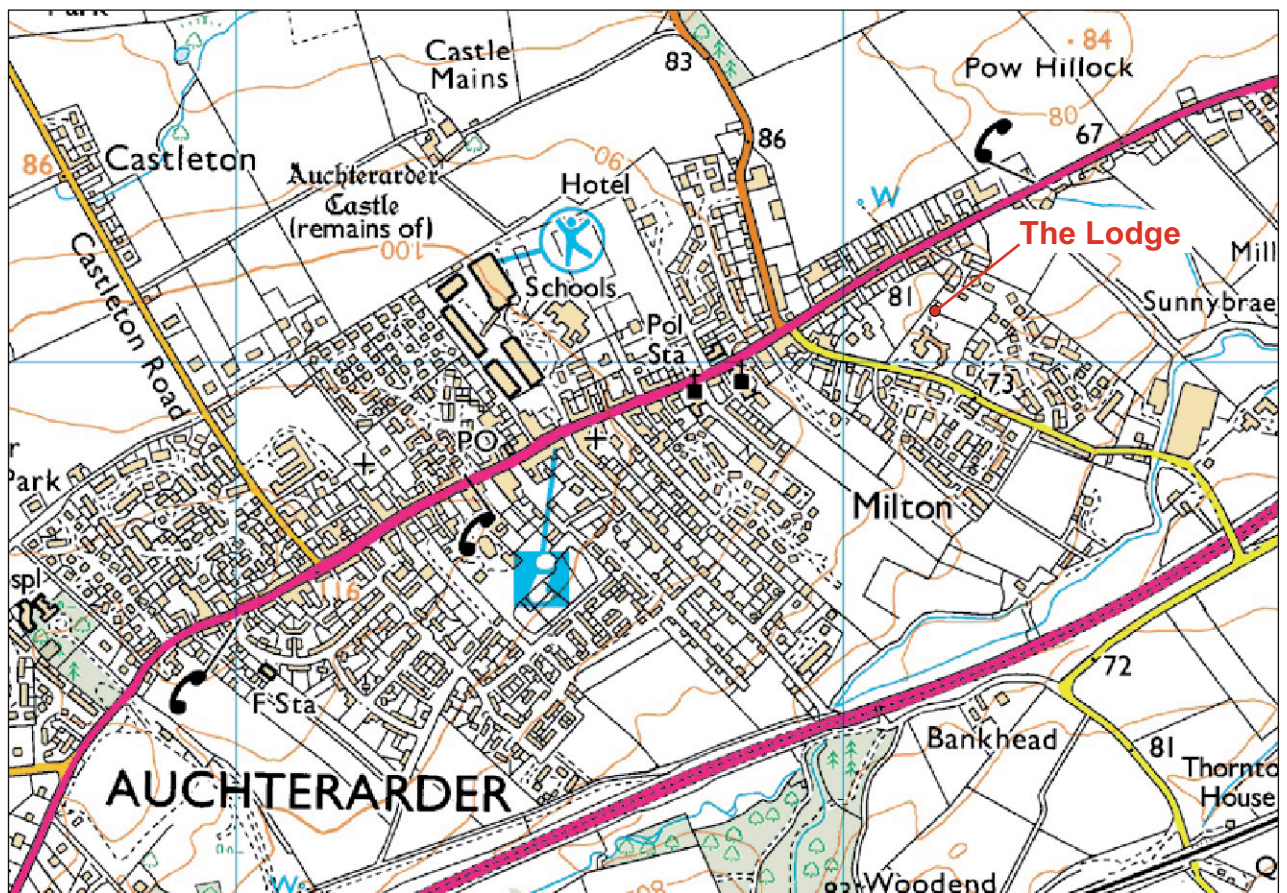
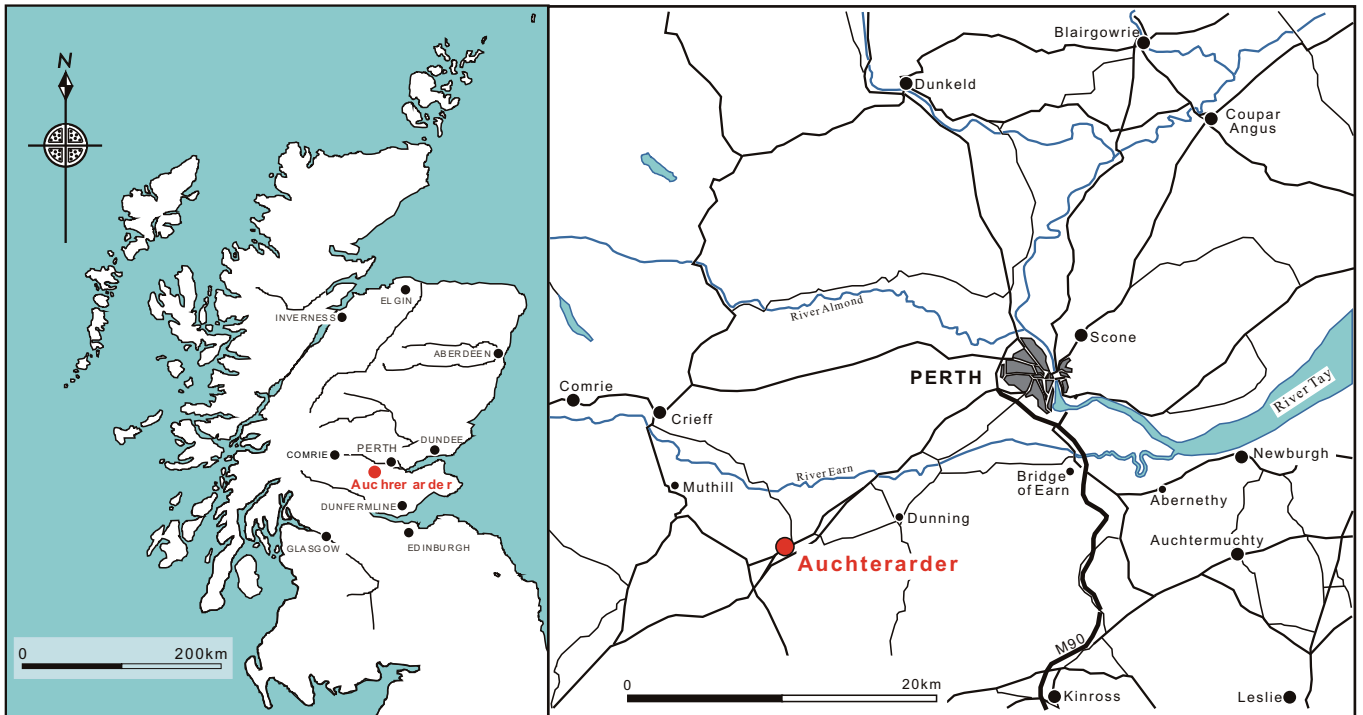
<i>Frames</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>View</i>
DSC_0001	Shot of lodge from the east showing the drystone wall behind the drive.	W
DSC_0002	The lodge showing the beech lined boundary to the SE and Ruthven Towers in the background	W
DSC_0003	Shot of lodge with Ruthven Towers in the background.	SW
DSC_0004	Shot of lodge showing drive to NW.	SW
DSC_0005	View across development site (to the E and SE of the lodge)	E
DSC_0006	As above.	E
DSC_0007	Shot of the rear of the lodge	E
DSC_0008	View of Ruthven Towers care home	SE
DSC_0009	Shot of rear of the lodge from Ruthven Towers care home car park	NE
DSC_0010-11	As above.	NE
DSC_0012	As above.	N
DSC_0013	As above.	NW
DSC_0014-15	Shot of gate in the iron fence against the boundary (SE of lodge)	NE
DSC_0016	The SE elevation of the lodge.	N
DSC_0017-25	The SE elevation of the lodge, various angles.	NW
DSC_0026	The NE elevation of the lodge showing boarded up windows.	W
DSC_0027-32	The NE elevation of the lodge, various angles.	SW
DSC_0033	Close up of the door on the front extension.	SW
DSC_0034	Close up of the chimney stack.	SW
DSC_0035-45	The NW elevation of the lodge, various angles.	S-SE
DSC_0046-51	The SW elevation of the lodge, various angles.	E-NE
DSC_0052-53	The trench at the back of the lodge, cut into the bank. Note the loose stone at the back of the extension.	N

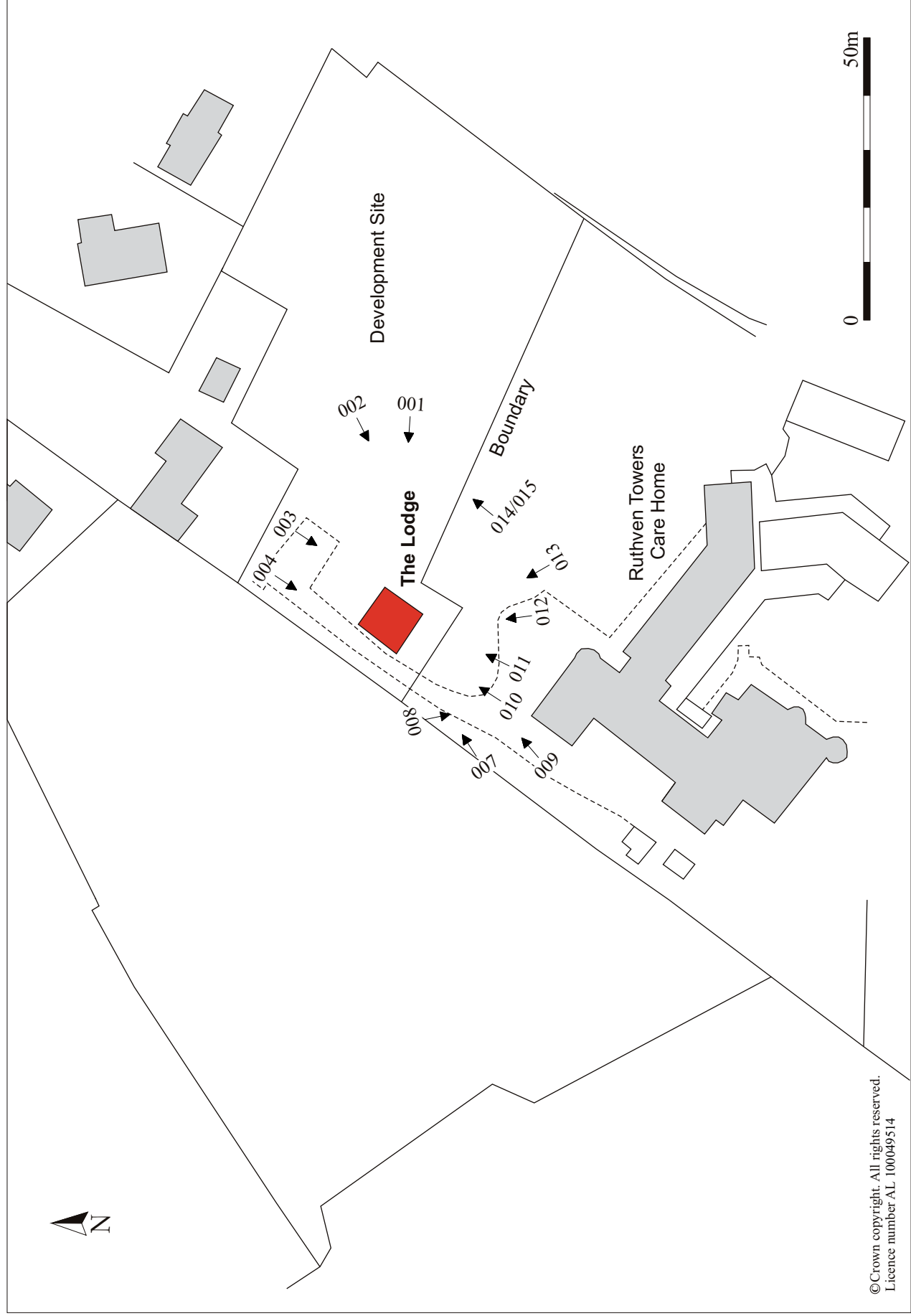
DSC_0054	The roof	N
DSC_0055	Loose stone at the back of the rear extension.	N
DSC_0056-58	The windows in the original front wall (NE) of the lodge. Inside front extension.	W
DSC_0059	Close up of slates where rear extension meets the original roof. Note the thinner slates on the extension.	N
DSC_0060-1	Shot of long room inside the rear extension from entrance room.	SE
DSC_0062-63	Shot of long room inside the rear extension from kitchen end. Looking into entrance room.	NW
DSC_0064	Shot of entrance room (rear extension).	NW
DSC_0065	Close up of blocked up window in long room inside the rear extension .	S
DSC_0066-7	Shot of kitchen room at the SE end of the rear extension.	SE
DSC_0068	Shot of kitchen room at the SE end of the rear extension.	S
DSC_0069	Detail of sink.	E
DSC_0070	Detail of cooker.	SE
DSC_0071	Shot of door leading to kitchen in the rear extension.	E
DSC_0072	Shot where doorway widened in the long room inside the rear extension.	N
DSC_0073	Internal elevation of the NE wall of the SE room (original front wall).	NE
DSC_0074	The N corner of the SE room.	N
DSC_0075	Shot showing fireplace and cupboards in the SE room.	N
DSC_0076-7	Shot above fireplace in the SE room.	NW
DSC_0078	Shot of NW wall of SE room.	W
DSC_0079-82	Shot of SW wall of SE room (original rear wall).	SW
DSC_0083	Shot of NW wall of SE room.	W
DSC_0084	Shot of NW wall of SE room.	NW
DSC_0085-88	Internal elevation of the NE wall of the SE room (original front wall).	NE
DSC_0089	The fireplace in the NW wall of SE room.	NW
DSC_0090	The SE wall of SE room, showing the blocked window.	SE

DSC_0091	Shot showing gently curving ceiling plaster in SE room.	up
DSC_0092	The access to the attic space above the SE room (too high to investigate).	up
DSC_0093-4	The copper immersion heater tank in one of the cupboards in the SE room.	N
DSC_0095-6	Shot of corridor inside front extension, looking at outside door at SE end.	SE
DSC_0097-8	Shot of central door from inside the front extension.	E
DSC_0099	Shot of the corridor inside front extension, looking at bathroom.	N
DSC_0100	Looking at outside door at SE end of front extension.	SE
DSC_0101	Close up of latches of sash and case windows in the original front wall of the SE room.	S
DSC_0102-3	Shot of bathroom (NW end of front extension). Someone's finger marks can be seen smeared across the mirror.	NW
DSC_0104	Close up of swivelling mirror.	NW
DSC_0105	Shot of bath (built into part of the NW room)	W
DSC_0106	Close up of bathroom windows.	NE
DSC_0107-8	The SW wall of the NW room.	SW
DSC_0109-10	The NW wall of the NW room showing blocked up window.	NW
DSC_0111	Close up of the windows in the NW room.	NW
DSC_0112-3	The SE wall of the NW room, notice no fireplace.	E
DSC_0114-5	The NE wall of the NW room, notice the bathroom extension built into the room.	NE
DSC_0116-8	Close up of details of the window in the NW room.	W
DSC_0119	Loft access in the NW room (too high to reach).	up
DSC_0120	Shot showing where the insertion of the bathroom has led to the NW side of the doorway into the NW room being square off. Other window and door corners are rounded.	W
DSC_0121	Close up shot of entrance into front extension showing rounded corners of doorway.	E

Appendix 2 Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth and Kinross Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	The Lodge, Ruthven Towers, Auchterarder
PROJECT CODE:	AA12
PARISH:	Auchterarder
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Tamlin Barton, Ray Cachart
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Alder Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Photographic Building Survey
NMRS NO(S):	-
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Cottage
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 8 figures)	Site centred on NN 95148 713085
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END DATE	26 October 2009
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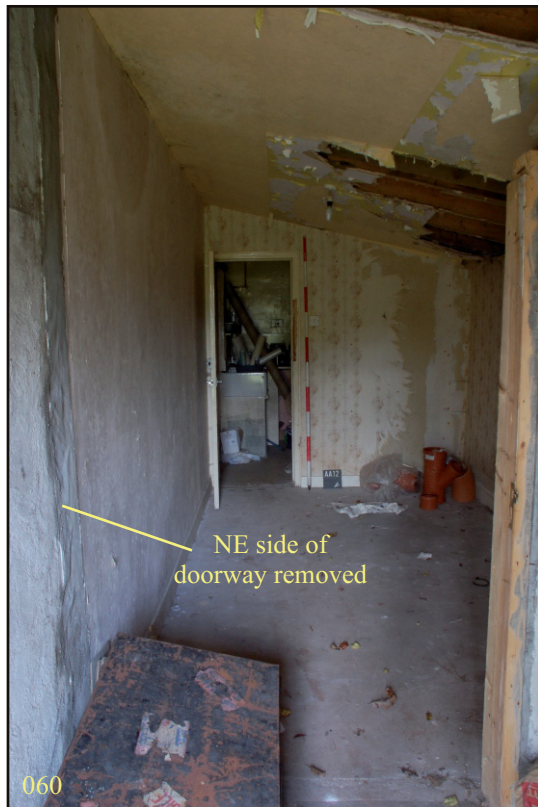


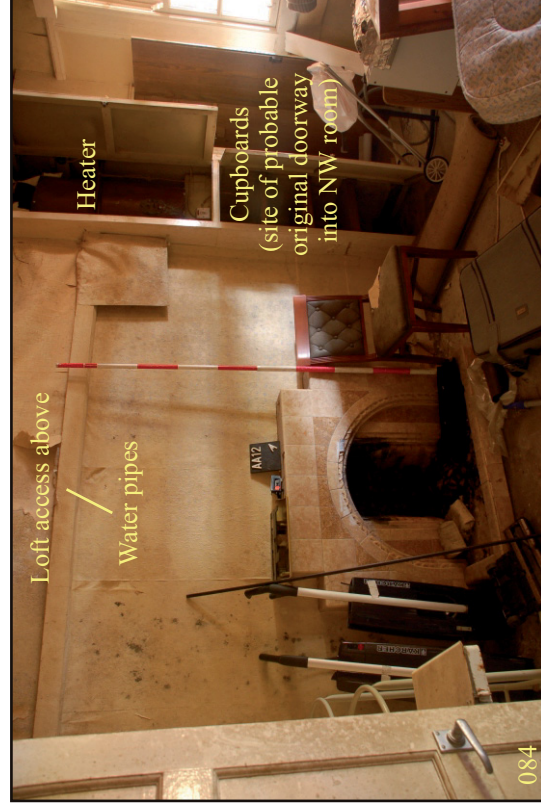












Illus 10 The front extension (excluding bathroom)

