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**Summary**

*No significant archaeological remains were observed in trenches for a new water main beside the church and close to a medieval earthwork site. A small part of an undateable feature thought to be a watercourse was revealed NE of the church.*

**Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) was commissioned by Anglian Water Services Ltd. in September 1998 to conduct a watching brief of trenching for a replacement water main at two locations within the parish of Burton Coggles (Fig. 1). The archaeological monitoring had been requested by Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section.

A single monitoring visit was made by Tobin Rayner on 16th November 1998.

**The Watching Brief (Fig. 2)**

The new main was directionally drilled in the road alongside St. Thomas á Becket's Church, and in Corby Road, Burton Coggles. Monitoring had been requested in this vicinity, in case the works disturbed archaeological remains associated with either the church and churchyard, or the nearby medieval earthwork site of a moated homestead or refuge (Pl. 1).

Three moling access trenches were excavated by machine, and assigned numbers by LAS for recording purposes. The positions of the trenches are marked on Fig. 2.

*Trench 1*

This 2m long and 0.8m wide trench was excavated in the southern edge of Church Lane, NE of the church but close to the churchyard wall (Pl. 2). The northern trench face revealed the eastern side of a broad, sloping feature **106** (Pl. 3). This survived to a depth of 0.5m and an exposed width of 1.7m, cut into brown clay. It was overlain by limestone rubble, either a post-medieval road or the foundation for the modern tarmac road. Its position so close to the road edge suggests it may be a recent road widening.

**106** was filled with a blue/grey silty clay, above primary silting of light yellow sand. The colour of the clay indicated gleying caused by waterlogging. The feature could possibly be a natural watercourse, surviving as a ditch north of the road and perhaps originally flowing through Church Farm to Manor Road.

### *Trench 2*

The trench in the road at the junction of Church Lane and Manor Road cut through tarmac and limestone rubble into a thin band of brown clay. Beneath this was a mixed deposit of clay and large lumps of limestone, apparently a naturally produced layer (Pl. 4).

### *Trench 3*

The trench at the junction of Chestnut Lane and Manor Road revealed the same sequence as in Trench 2. No trenches were monitored closer to the earthwork site to the south.

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### **Archive Summary**

This project (LAS Report No. 357: Bitchfield to Burton Coggles) is archived together with LAS Report Nos. 356: (Bassingthorpe Reservoir to Ingoldsby) and 358 (Ingoldsby to Pickworth).

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Anglian Water Services plans: annotated photocopies

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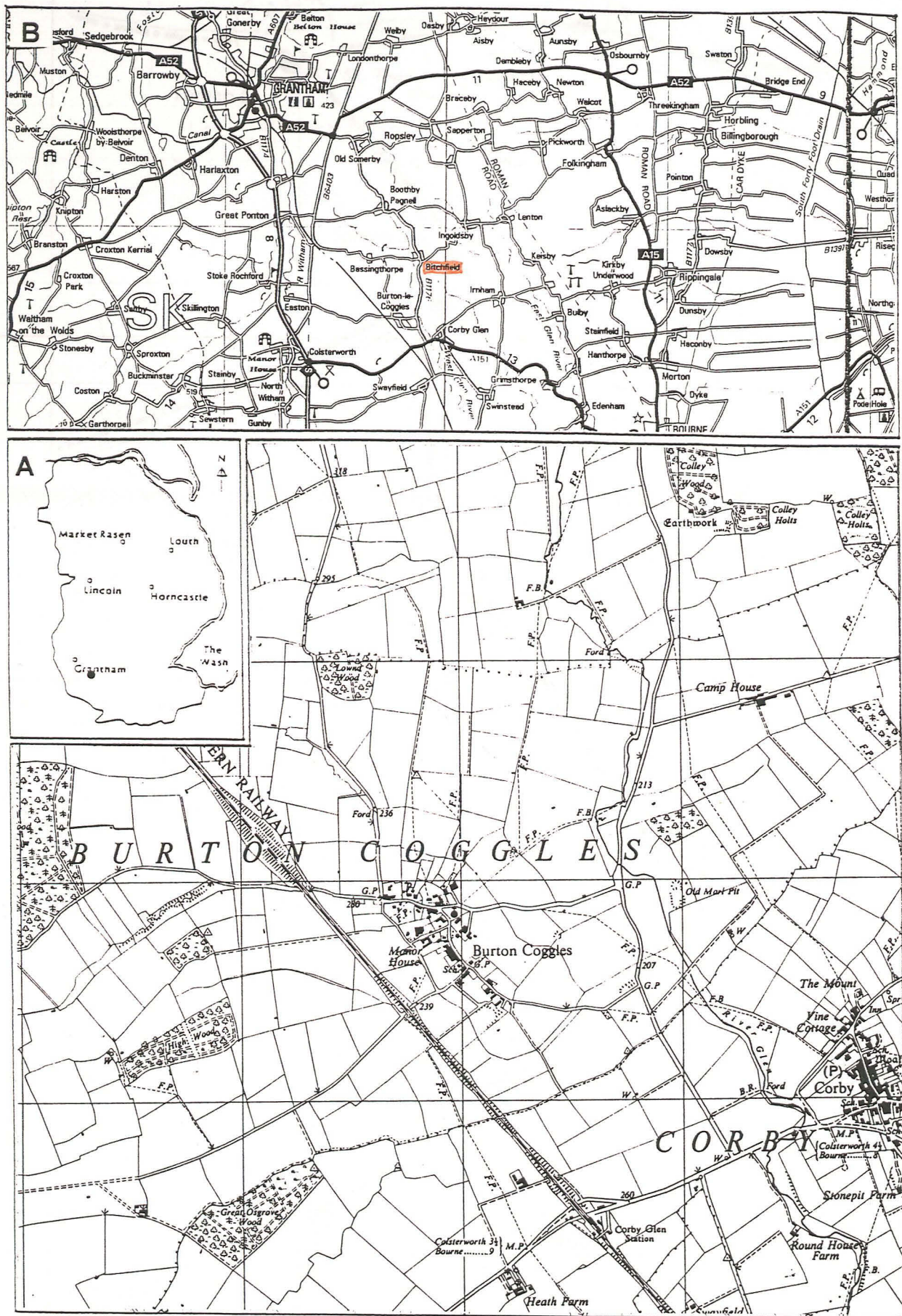


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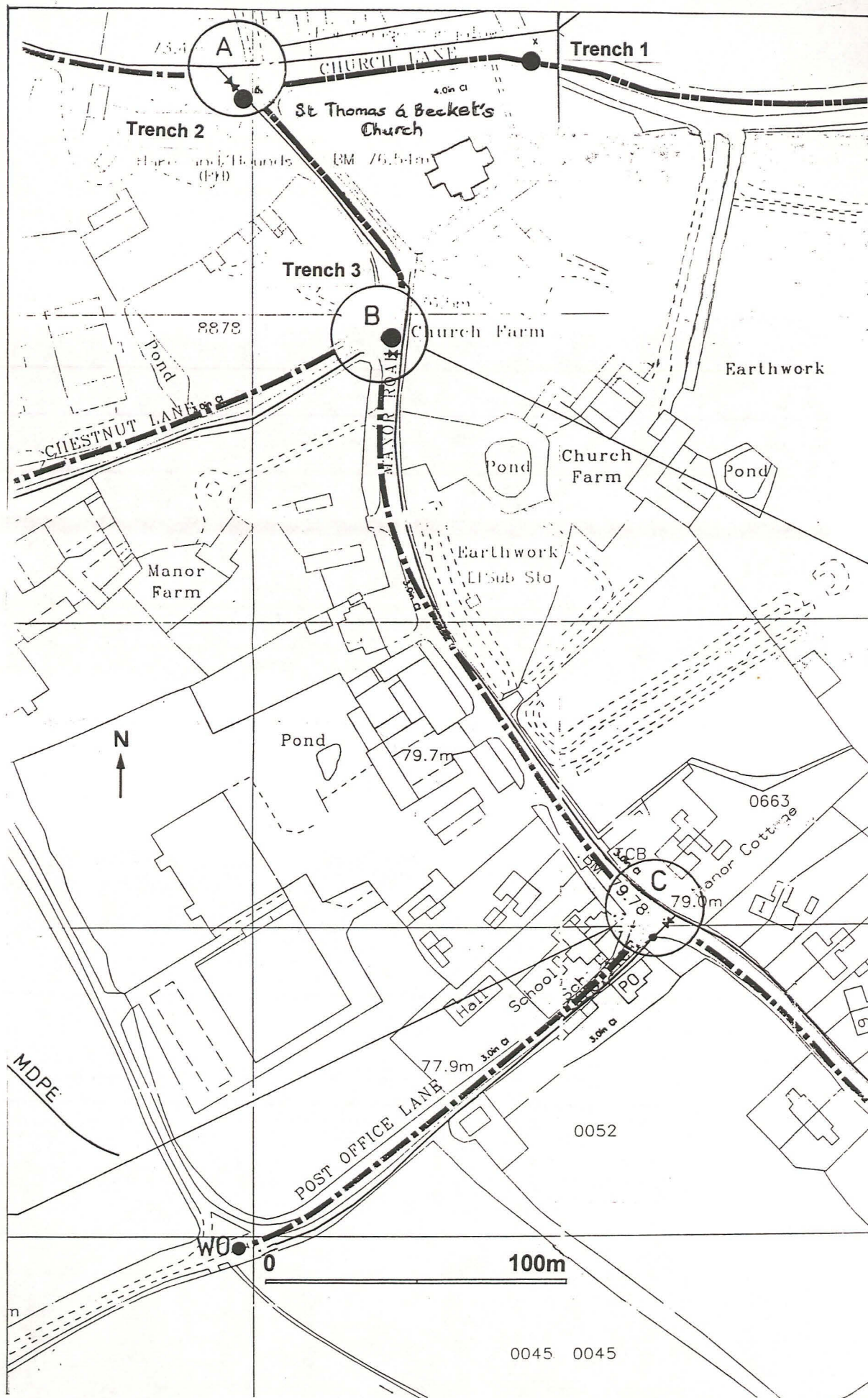


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