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Introduction

An archaeological evaluation of a proposed residential development plot (Planning Application no. S/086/0647/93) at Banovallum Gardens, Horncastle was conducted by Lindsey Archaeological Services on behalf of Stamford Construction Ltd (Fig.1). The evaluation was to satisfy East Lindsey District Council Planning Committee's conditions and a specification for the archaeological works was provided and monitored by the Lincolnshire County Archaeological Officer.

Background

It has long been known that Horncastle was a major Roman settlement, mainly from the substantial stone defences which surround the present Market Place area. These were actually constructed in the late 3rd-4th centuries AD in an area adjacent to the settlement, at the confluence of the Rivers Bain and Waring. There was a much larger settlement extending over an area of 54ha which originated in the Iron Age. It reached along the modern Boston Rd as far as Tennyson Gardens and along Mareham Rd as far as the Residential College, just west of the Banovallum Gardens development. The area of settlement has been defined by discoveries, over nearly 300 years, of Roman pottery, coins, building remains, lead coffins and cremation pots (Fig. 3). They are listed in Field and Hurst 1983.

In a field south of, and adjacent to, the Banovallum Gardens development a rectangular enclosure complex had been identified from aerial photographs. This was unrelated to the Roman urban development and was provisionally thought to be a stockade for animals, possibly Iron Age or early Roman in date. When the field was walked over by the Boston Archaeology Group in 1970 no archaeological remains were found. By February 1993 23 years of further ploughing had brought considerable quantities of worked flint to the surface of the field. Geophysical survey revealed that in addition to the features visible on the aerial photograph there were further ditches which extended northwards towards the field boundary common with the Banovallum Gardens development.

The Development Site

There were no known archaeological finds from the proposed development site prior to the evaluation. Two aerial photographs include parts of the development site on their periphery (Fig.4). The main subject of these photos was the enclosure described above, which was first recorded in 1948 (Cambridge University Collection ref. BT/54). This photographs shows a tiny area of the southern part of the development site and is of interest because there is a faint suggestion of a circular ditch

straddling the field boundary. A second photograph, taken in 1977 (RCHM(E) Ref.2988/8A) shows more of the development site, which appears to be rough pasture and no archaeological features are apparent.

Whilst it was thought unlikely that the proposed development would lie within the Roman settlement there was the possibility of finding prehistoric remains. Some access roads had been laid together with the mains sewers. The remaining land was overgrown with weeds. It was therefore not possible to carry out any fieldwalking, which is suitable only on ploughed land. Geophysical survey over a large part of the site was also impractical and selected machine trenching was carried out across the site except in the north-west, part of which was a former landfill site.

Photographs are referred to in the text with the prefix 'P' and may be found at the end of the report.

Method

The fieldwork for this evaluation took place 21.7.1993-27.7.93 with a team of two experienced archaeologists under the site direction of the author. A total of 18 trenches were opened by a back-actor machine fitted with a 1.5m ditching bucket. These were arranged in accordance with a distribution strategy agreed by the County Archaeologist, slightly adapted in practice to respect site ground conditions and obstructions. Trench 6 was repositioned and a trench in the NE corner of the plot was not dug to avoid machining below overhead power cables.

Rough vegetation and topsoil was removed by machine from the trenches under archaeological supervision; the resulting surface was examined for possible archaeological features such as post-holes, ditches, pits or structural foundations. These were cleaned and investigated by hand excavation of a representative sample of each feature down to undisturbed geological material. Stratigraphic information and surface plans were recorded for all trenches producing information relating to past land-use.

The Evaluation Trenches (Fig. 2)

The subsoil on this site varies; clay, chalk and sand based soils were present. Modern plough marks had scored the surface of the natural sand and may have removed shallow archaeological features although the low density of finds indicates that this has probably been insignificant. The upper fills of archaeological features were immediately below the present topsoil.

Trench 1

This trench was sited at the edge of a visible depression resembling a former pond in the corner of existing field boundaries (P.2). A mixed geology of clays, chalks and chalky silts appeared to have been naturally formed and

had produced localised poor drainage partly rectified by land drains. There was no evidence of deliberate excavation of this feature or of any subsequent backfilling with soil or refuse. A narrow and vestigial chalk band forming a right-angled corner in the trench was investigated; it pre-dated a land drain but seemed to have been produced by some agricultural activity (P.3).

Trench 2 (P.4; Figs.5 and 6)
Two ditches aligned approximately N-S were found in this trench close to the S limit of the plot. Ditch 2 (close to the E end) was 1.8m wide and 0.7m deep with evidence of recent deliberate backfilling (P.5). This was interpreted as a post-medieval land boundary that had remained as an active barrier until a few years ago.

Ditch 5 lay 12.5m W of that boundary and was of a very different character (P.6). The main cut was over 4.5m wide and 0.6m deep with a gently sloping and flattish based profile. The primary fill rose highest on the E side, suggesting that an upcast bank had been on that side of the feature when excavated. Subsequent fills included dark grey clay and peat. The stratigraphy of the ditch fills indicated that the ditch line was partially re-excavated to a lesser depth through peat which had formed on the upper sides. There was no organic primary fill at the base of the re-cut and it had rapidly collected a thick layer of chalky material. This may represent hill-washed soil from the higher slope to the S after an episode of severe erosion. At this stage the ditch survived as a slight landscape feature with a thin layer of grey clay collecting on the base of the revised profile. A single rim sherd from a medieval pancheon dish was found in this layer. The light brown loam sealing the ditch fills may have been a deliberate levelling deposit.

In its surviving form, Ditch 5 superseded two flanking narrow and shallower gullies which butt-ended within the evaluation trench (P.6). Gully 13, on the W side, was 0.6m wide and had a surviving depth of 0.1m. The opposing Gully 16 was 0.8m wide and 0.3m deep. Each had a chalky primary fill; that of 15 had entered from the E side, while the fill of 13 had probably entered from the W. The primary fill of each gully was sealed by a peat deposit but the interpretation of that material was inconclusive. It was uncertain whether the peat had been a fill of each gully, disturbed by excavation of the main ditch, or whether it was redeposited material from cleansing of the main ditch which had slumped back down the bank sides. To the west of Gully 13 the peat continued horizontally on the surface of the chalk lower than the ground level from which the other gully had been cut. This was not understood on the basis of the evaluation trench data.

Ditch 5 and the flanking gullies are of archaeological significance and there is considerable potential in the area beside this evaluation trench. The gullies end here almost side by side and are likely to be contemporary.

The gully ends will reflect a change in land use - if only a break for an entrance - and detailed examination of the surrounding early land surface might provide information explaining the date and function of an enclosure bounded by this ditch complex. Further investigation by geophysical techniques or excavation might produce a corresponding butt-end to the main ditch close by. This could clarify the phasing of the ditch and gully sequence and determine whether the three features were contemporary. A flanked enclosure ditch arrangement might represent a minor defensive site perhaps associated with known cropmarks in the field to the S of the evaluated plot where prehistoric finds have been recorded.

An irregular feature to the E of the flanked ditch was originally considered as a possible archaeological feature but was reassessed as the "throw hole" of a blown down tree or sapling (P.7).

Trench 3 (Fig.7)

A broad W-E natural palaeo-channel, 36, was recorded in this trench, in excess of 10m wide (P.8). An animal bone was found in the secondary peaty fill and a fragment of post-medieval clay roof tile was recovered from an upper fill. Analysis of fossil pollen from this feature may allow the sequence of environmental changes on the site from the late prehistoric period onwards to be deduced.

Trench 4 - no archaeological features

Trench 5

Two very shallow linear features crossed this trench, 0.5m apart, about 0.12m wide and 0.14m deep. There were slight traces of another immediately to the SW. After investigation these were identified as cultivation marks cutting into the sand, probably recent.

Trenches 6 and 7 - no archaeological features

Trench 8

The northern side of the evaluation area was defined by an open stream, known as Thunker Drain. Trench 8 was sited beside it to investigate the nearby soil horizons which, as anticipated, had accumulated from repeated cleaning of the watercourse (P.9). Most of those present appeared to be very recent; earlier upcast may have been on the other side which is now developed.

Trench 9 - no archaeological features

Trench 10

A broad N-S palaeo-channel, 32, occupied much of this trench; a small section was examined and pollen samples taken for environmental analysis. The part investigated lay on the SW side of the channel where the depth was 0.5m (P.10). Width was approximately 12m (P.11).

Several land drains and later sumps incorporating re-used bricks were recorded in this trench, including a modern trench with a plastic perforated drainage pipe.

Trenches 11 and 12 - no archaeological features

Trench 13

A single casual find of a prehistoric worked flint implement was recovered from topsoil in this trench.

Trench 14

An irregular sub-circular feature 26, 1.15m diameter and 0.18m deep was noted in this trench (P.12). The fill was dense chalk lumps. No cause or function could be given to this probably natural hole.

Trench 15

A trench 1.5m wide crossed this trench from NW to SE, coinciding with disturbed vegetation growth in the field. This was considered to be a machine excavated service trench associated with the neighbouring development and was not investigated.

Trench 16

A land drain cut the fill of a shallow linear depression, 34, 2m wide and 0.2m deep, running NE-SW. This was probably a medieval plough furrow but no other indications of horse-plough cultivation survived in the evaluation trenches.

Trench 17 (Fig. 8)

This was positioned close to a field hedge-boundary and located the side of a substantial ditch 33, 0.4m deep (P.13). The grey sandy fill was sealed by a subsoil layer present over the trench, indicating the ditch to be of some antiquity. It is certainly not a recently abandoned drainage course and runs at a distinctly different alignment to the existing post-medieval boundary (P.14). A prehistoric worked flint was found in this subsoil deposit but the ditch need not be that ancient.

Trench 18 - no archaeological features

Discussion

Much of the development area appears to be clear of archaeological remains. The ditch and flanking gullies in Trench 2 are of particular interest because they may form part of the faint circular enclosure visible at the top of Fig.4. This may have been a stock enclosure or for defensive purposes. This, in turn, may be associated with the rectangular enclosure south of the site which is apparently pre-Roman, possibly Neolithic. The possibility that these features may be so early is of great importance as few Neolithic domestic sites have been investigated in Lincolnshire. There have been finds of Mesolithic and Neolithic worked flints from excavations at 3-5 Bridge St and 27 Market Place in the centre of Horncastle. The two worked flints from the present

evaluation are the only prehistoric finds from the site but further excavation may provide much needed dating evidence for the ditches in Trench 2.

The ditch in Trench 17 is evidence for further activity in the area but cannot be linked with the remains in Trench 2. It almost coincided with an existing field boundary but appears to be much older. Dating evidence from the ditch may be obtained during groundworks for the building development.

Slight evidence of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation was noted in Trench 16 and two post-medieval field ditches were recorded in Trenches 2 and 5

Two palaeo-channels were located indicating irregular post-glacial drainage of this plot. Peat is present in these stream beds and also in some archaeological features. Pollen analysis will demonstrate the prehistoric and later vegetation changes here which may shed light on the environments of previous human settlement on and close to this site.

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Reference

Field, F.N. & Hurst, H. 1983 'Roman Horncastle', Lincolnshire History and Archaeology, Vol. 18 pp. 47-88.

48 Trench 3. Fill of palaco-channel 36
45 Trench 3. Fill of palaco-channel 36
50 Trench 3. Primary Elli of palaco-channel 36
51 Trench 1. Cut of linear feature

54 Trench 17 Primary fill of disch 33

APPENDIX 1 CONTEXT NUMBERS Trench 1. Topsoil Trench 2. Ditch cut Trench 2. Fill of Ditch 2 3 4 Trench 2. Primary fill of Ditch 2 5 Trench 2. Ditch cut Trench 2. Fill of Ditch 5 Trench 2. Upper fill of Ditch 5 Trench 2. Fill of Ditch 5 Fill of Ditch 5 9 Trench 2. 10 Trench 2. Primary fill of Ditch 5 11 Trench 1. Cut of linear feature 12 Trench 1. Fill of 11 13 Trench 2. Gully cut 14 Trench 2. Fill of gully 13 15 Trench 2. Gully cut 16 Trench 2. Fill of 15 17 Trench 2. Cut of natural depression 18 Trench 2. Fill of 17 19 Trench 2. Cut of tree hole 20 Trench 2. Fill of 20 21 Trench 2. Layer 22 Trench 2. Layer, upcast material from Ditch 2 23 Trench 2. Fill of Ditch 5 24 Trench 2. Primary fill of gully 13 25 Trench 2. Upper fill of gully 15 26 Trench 14. Pit cut 27 Trench 14. Fill of pit 26 28 Trench 5. Cut of linear feature 29 Trench 5. Fill of 28 30 Trench 5. Cut of shallow linear feature 31 Trench 5. Fill of 30 32 Trench 10. Cut of palaeo-channel 33 Trench 17. Ditch 34 Trench 16. Cut of plough furrow 35 Trench 16. Fill of furrow 34 36 Trench 3. Palaeo-channel 37 Trench 10. Fill of palaeo-channel 32 38 Trench 10. Fill of palaeo-channel 32 39. Trench 10. Fill of palaeo-channel 32 40. Trench 10. Fill of palaeo-channel 32 41. Trench 10. Fill of palaeo-channel 32 42. Trench 10. Fill of palaeo-channel 32 43. Trench 5. Cut of ditch Fill of ditch 43 44. Trench 5. Peat layer 45. Trench 3. 46.Trench 3. Fill of palaeo-channel 36 Fill of palaeo-channel 36 47. Trench 3. Fill of palaeo-channel 36 48.Trench 3. 49. Trench 3. Fill of palaeo-channel 36 Primary fill of palaeo-channel 36 50.Trench 3. Cut of linear feature 51. Trench 1. 52. Trench 17. Layer of soil

53. Trench 17. Fill of ditch 33

54. Trench 17. Primary fill of ditch 33

APPENDIX 2

HBG 93 Finds List Context

3 fragments of animal bone 1

3

clay pipe stem
2 fragments of modern brick 4 7 15-16th century pancheon rim

bone, sawn and worked

fragment of willow pattern plate

Trench 3

pantile sherd 46 49 cattle? long bone

Trench 13

Topsoil 1 flint flake

1 post-med sherd glazed internally

Trench 17

1 flint flake Topsoil

Finds by category

Flint

Trench 13 topsoil 1 flint flake Trench 17 topsoil 1 flint flake

Bone

3 joining fragments of animal long bone 1

bone, sawn and worked 44 1 cattle long bone 49

Pottery

1 15-16th century pancheon rim

1 fragment of willow pattern plate

Trench 13 topsoil 1 post-medieval sherd, internal

glaze

Clay tobacco pipe

pipe stem fragment

Building materials

2 fragments of modern brick

pantile fragment

LIST OF FINDS IN THE UNWALLED SETTLEMENT (Fig. 26)

Findspots in the list are arranged geographically.

Abbreviations used: (LM) = Lincoln Museum Parish File

Information Mrs M. Vincent

Address and date of discovery

Finds and reference West of South Street/Boston Road (from N. to S.)

- Site of children's playground, W. of Cagthorpe, 1968 2. W. end of The Wong, 1947
- High Dependency Unit, The Wong, 1982
- Cattle Pens, W. side of South St., 1960
- 5. Just N.W. of Town Hall, 1968
- 6. N. of Town Hall, 1968
- Town Hall-Sellwood Gardens, 1968-9
- Warden's bungalow, Sellwood Gardens (more precisely located part of above site), 1968-9
- 9. S.W. of Town Hall, 1968
- Sunnymeade, Southfield
- Place, 1960s (?)
- 11. Churchill Ave. (1960s)
- 12. N. side, Churchill Ave.
- W. end of Churchill Ave., 1960s
- 14. Stafford Gardens, 1960s
 - Boston Road, E. side (from S. to N.) and Mareham Road, S. side (from W. to E.)
- Extension to S.E. of Tennyson
- Gardens estate, 1980
- 16. Tennyson Gardens, 1960s
- 17. Police House, 1975
- Grounds of Banovallum School, 1960s
- Banovallum School: construction, 1962
- 20. Banovallum School, 1967
- New school hall, Banovallum School, c. 1970
- 22. Opposite Churchill Ave., 1967

Pottery (LM)

- Pottery: 3rd-4th cent. grey ware (LM)
- Five cinerary urns, scatter of later pottery (p. 79, below)
- Two skeletons (LM; reported in Horncastle News)
- Cinerary urns (MV), several inhumations—one with jet bracelet, two with bronze bracelets (Whitwell & Wilson 1969, 103); two large V-shaped ditches aligned N.E.-S.W. seen in services trench to S. of burials (MV)
- Abundant pottery (MV)
- Sherds of Late Iron Age pottery; quern, coin of Trajan, Flavian and Antonine samian and other 1st-2nd cent. and other 1st-2nd cent.
 pottery; four 3rd-4th cent.
 coins; bones, including skull
 just S. of Town Hall (LM;
 Whitwell & Wilson 1969, 103;
- Wilson 1970, 10) Floor of crushed chalk and daub (with Roman pot above it), 'coarse plaster', one roofing tile (Whitwell & Wilson 1969, 103; plan in LM)
- N.-S. ditches, 20 and 15 ft. wide, c. 6 ft. deep samian in fill (info. L. Keen: sketch plan
- and section of 15 ft. wide ditch
- Coin of Constantius (LM)
- Coritanian coin (MV)
- Skeleton, human
- Cinerary urn, found when water main was laid
- Coin of Constans, pottery N. and S. of road (MV)
- - Observation of builders'
 - excavations produced no finds (N. Field)
 - 15 coins of 3rd-4th cents., incl. coins of Claudius II, Diocletian, House of Constantine and Valens, pottery. (LM)
 - Coins of Constantine II (RIC 591) and ae Constantinopolis (LM)
- Large late Iron Age jar
- One sherd Iron Age, 3rd-4th cent. Roman pottery (LM)
- Coin, Gloria exercitus, probably Constantius II (Whitwell & Wilson 1968, 28)
- Romano-Saxon pot (Marjoran 1974, 22)
 - Bronze core of Coritanian stater Whitwell & Wilson 1968, 21)

- From opposite Churchill Avenue northwards to junction with Mareham Road
- 23 Boston Archaeology Group's excavations, 1962
- Coins of Vespasian and Trajan, samian and other pottery; coin possibly of Gallienus, coins of Constantine and 4th cent. unidentified, 3rd-4th cent. pottery (Whitwell 1963, 6)
- Boston Archaeology Group's excavations, 1963-4
- Building with sandstone walls and 'cement' floors, one room measuring 17 ft. 10 in. E.-W. (Whitwell 1964, 66 = May 1964, 8 and letter by Miss P. Wheatley in LM)
- Boston Archaeology Group's excavations, 1967
- Walls of Spilsby sandstone, layers of 'cement' and flint.
 Coin of Vespasian/Domitian, samian and other pottery (Whitwell & Wilson 1968 24: the walls etc. probably belong to the same building as that exposed in 1963-4; a sketch plan by Mrs. E. C. Peacock in LM shows a 'Roman Causeway' extending southwards to this building from Mareham Road parallel to Boston Road)
- 25. Junction of Mareham Road and Boston Road, S. side, 1962
- 4 Mareham Road, 1962
- 27. 46 Mareham Road, 1969
- Coin of Gallienus (Whitwell 1963, 6)
- Coin, urbs Roma type (Whitwell 1963, 6)
- Coin, Gloria exercitus (Wilson 1970, 10)
- E. of South St., N. of Marcham Road
- 28. Just N. of Mareham Road, at its junction with Boston Road, 1968
- Bryant Close/South Street, 1962
 - Bryant Close/South Street, early 20th cent.
- Bryant Close/South Street, N. side, 1960
- 13 Mareham Road, 1960
- 32. 1 and 2 Bargate Lane, 1968
- New Jerusalem Chapel, Croft Street, 1872
- Croft House, 34 Queen Street/ Garden Cottage, The Gardens
- 35. 1 Croft Street, 1960s
- Rosecroft, The Gardens, c. 1970
- 37. The Hollies, Queen Street
- 38. 89 Queen Street, c. 1962
- Queen Street, near junction with Croft Street, 1970s 39.
- Between South Street and Queen Street (19th cent.)
- 41. 120 Foundry Street, 1976

- Two flat-bottomed ditches seen N.W.-S.E. (2-3 ft. deep, 3 ft. and 3 ft. 7 in. wide at base, 5 ft. apart: P. Wheatley)
- Constantine and Constantinopolis issue coins, sherd of Castor ware. One skeleton. (Whitwell, 1963, 6)
- Human bones found in this area displayed in a tent (LM)
- Skeletons (LM)
- Coins of Tetricus I, Constan-tine I, Gratian and Theodosius I (Petch 1961, 20)
- East-west wall of Spilsby sandstone traced for 60 ft. 1st/2nd cent. coin, pottery (LM)
- Three lead coffins (Walter, 1908, 6)
- Six inhumations—five adults, one child-aligned E.-W. and N.-S.; unaccompanied except for melon bead at neck of one burial (Whitwell 1964, 65-6; pottery)
- Bones (? human) reported (MV)
- Crushed chalk floor with straight edge seen for 3 ft. beneath drive (MV)
- Beehive quern, pottery, including one sherd of samian
- Sandstone foundation; pottery—grey ware (May 1964, 8)
- Human bones reported when sewers laid (MV)
- Urn burials
- Coin, ae follis Constans LRBC 140a (LM)

- 42. 73 Foundry Street, 1949-50
- Garden of Mr W. J. SMith, seedsman, 1896 (within 100 yards of no. 33)
- Union Workhouse (now Lincs. C.C. Welfare Centre),

Coin, ae Constantius II (LM)

Two lead coffins aligned E.-W., possible gypsum burials (Walter 1897, 1908, 7)

Pottery 'for the most part cinerary urns (five from this site illustrated by Trollope 1858, fig. facing p. 199); stamped mortarium, decorated samian, samian stamp-ILIANI, querns, fibulae, bone pins (Trollope 1858, 202).
Ordnance Survey records note 24 cinerary urns found in 1838, but this seems to be a mis-quote from Walter 1908, 7: 'The present writer has two jars, or bottles, of buff coloured ware [= flagons?], of which about a dozen were dug up when the foundations of the workhouse were being laid in 1838 . . .

45. Vicarage, 1858

Mr Clitherow's premises [now Fire Station, Foundry Street], 1858

Fields, 327, 342, N. of Mareham Road, 1970s

Fields 340 & 341, N. of Mareham Road, 19 (east of no. 47)

Cinerary urns (Trollope 1858,

Cinerary urns (Trollope 1858,

Careful fieldwalking produced no Roman finds, but more recent interest by users of metal detectors (p. 78, above)

Cropmark (p. 78, above)

Imprecisely located finds (not marked on plan)

'Fields on S. side of the town' before 1820

Many fragments of cinerary urns (two illustrated: Weir 1820)

'Mareham Road (TF 261691)',

Coin: antoninianus of Carausius (Petch 1961, 20)

'Just south of Mareham Road (TF 265690)', 1963

Coins of Claudius II, Constantine and Valens (Whitwell 1964, 11)

New housing estate, Boston Road, immediately opposite the playing field of Banovallum School, 1963 (TF 262688 = Churchill Ave. ?)

Pottery, grey ware (Whitwell 1966, 47)

Finds of uncertain provenance or dubious identification (not marked on plan)

Julian Bower mound (situated N.E. of point marked on O.S. map), 1964

Lincs. C.C. Residential College, Mareham Road, c. 1973

levelling of mound in redeposited material (LM) Coin, Gloria exercitus (RIC

520, i) found in disturbed soil brought from elsewhere in Horncastle (Marjoram, 1974,

Roman pottery found during

New Ambulance Station, Mareham Road, 1976

Telephone Box, The Crescent, 1960s

House to N. of almshouses, Queen Street, 1975

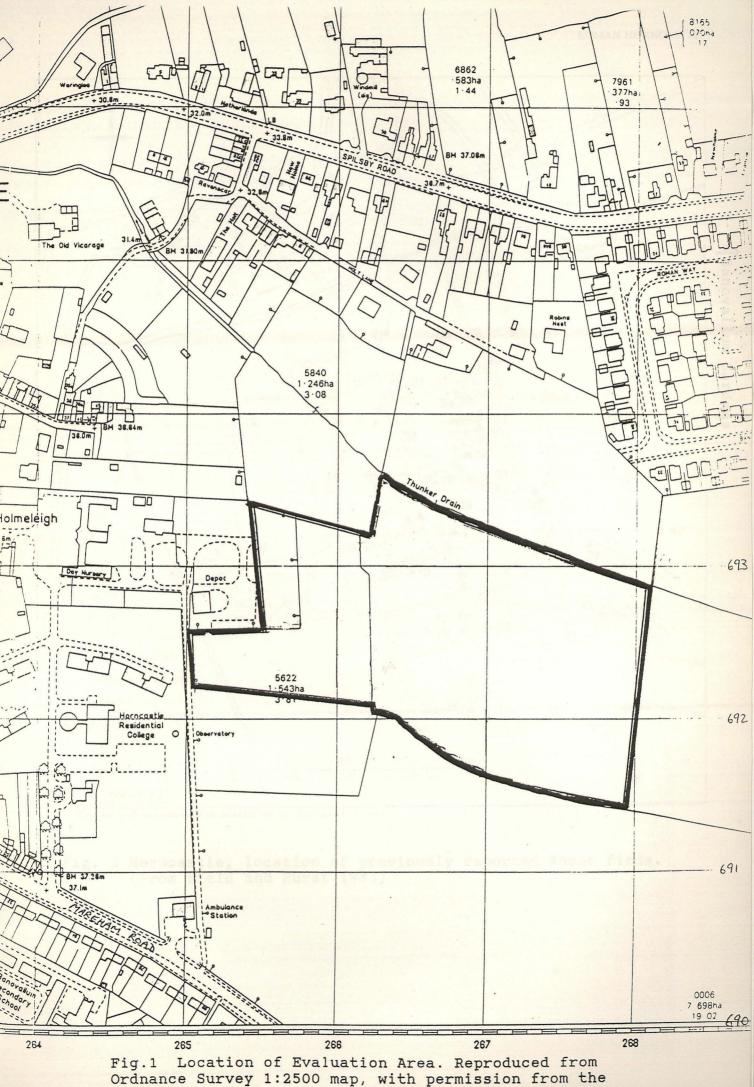
Just N. of drive to Banovallum School,-1960s

5 coins, uncertain date (LM)

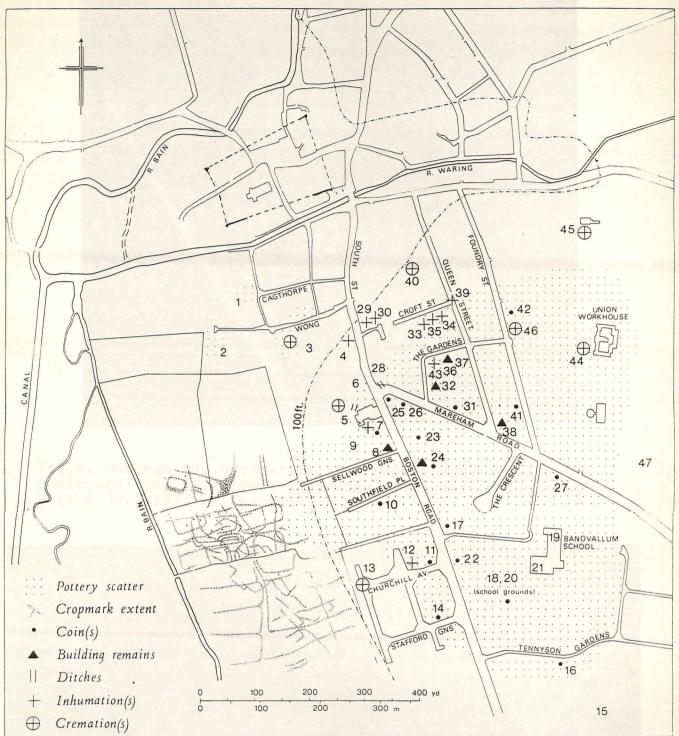
Coin of House of Constantine

Coin, unknown date (LM)

Possible human bones observed in trench (LM)



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Findspots of Roman material in the unwalled area (N. Field and R. Turner)

Fig. 3 Horncastle, location of previously reported Roman finds. (From Field and Hurst 1983)



Fig. 4. Mareham Rd, Horncastle. Air photographs showing enclosure. Top 23.7.1948 (Cambridge University Collection) Bottom 30.7.1977 (P.Everson).



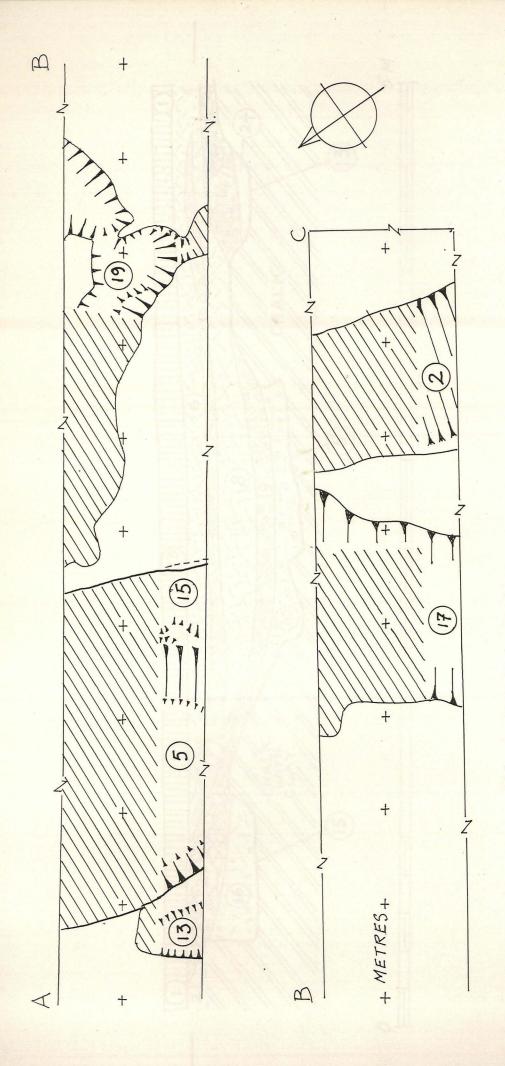


Fig. 5 Trench 2. Plan

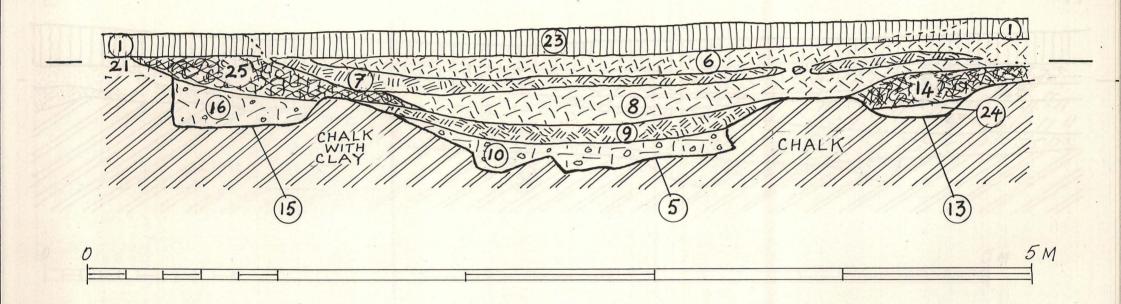


Fig. 6 Trench 2. Section

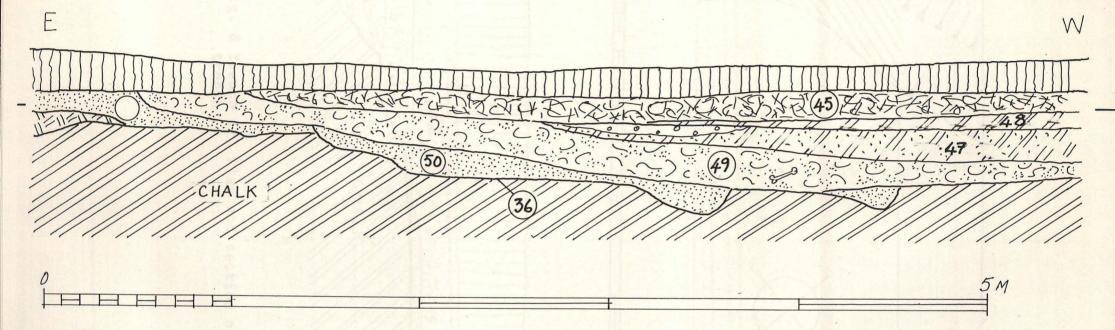


Fig. 7 Trench 3. Section across palaeo-channel

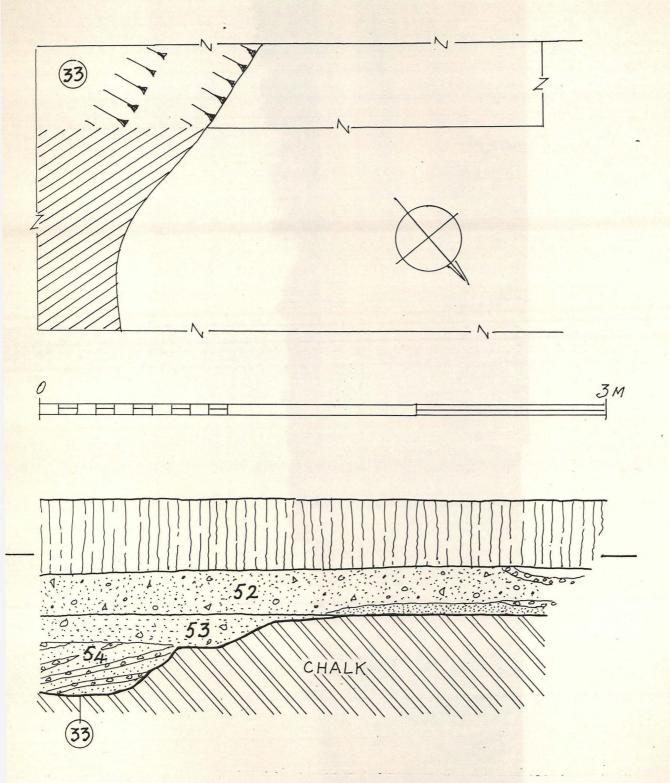


Fig. 8 Trench 17. Plan and section of ditch at east end of trench



Pl.1 View of site, looking south



Pl.2 Pond depression and field boundary, looking south-east
Pl.3 Trench 1: Chalk filled feature

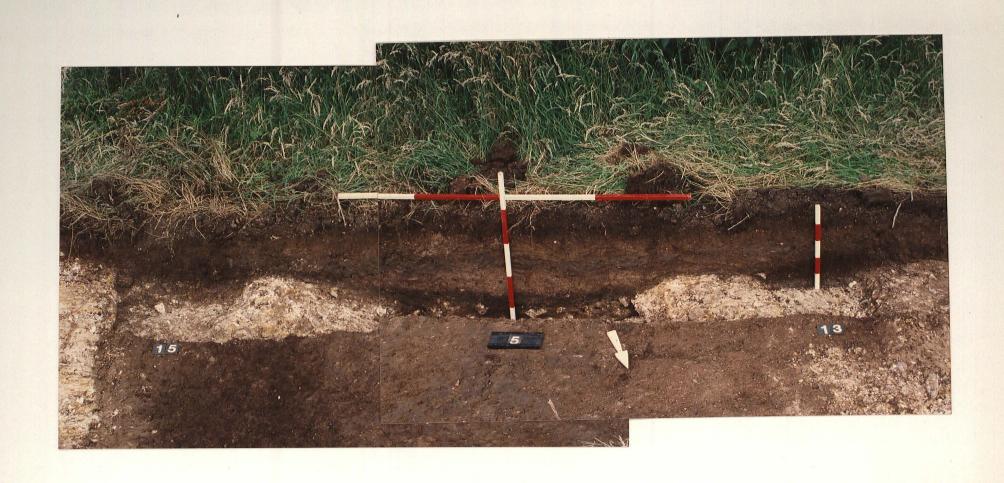




Pl.4 Trench 5: Looking south-east

Pl.5 Trench 5: Section through post-medieval field boundary ditch





Pl.6 Trench 5: Ditch with two flanking gullies



Pl.7 Trench 5: Tree 'throw-hole'

Pl.8 Trench 3: South edge of palaeochannel





Pl.9 Trench 8: Upcast deposits beside Thunker Drain
Pl.10 Trench 10: West edge of palaeochannel





Pl.11 Trench 10: Palaeochannel and later land drains, looking north-east towards Banovallum Gardens development

Pl.12 Trench 14: Chalk filled depression





Pl.13 Trench 17: Section through ditch 33

Pl.14 Trench 17: Ditch 33 at east end of trench, close to existing field hedge



