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NORTH RACUBY VOLUNTEER EXCAVATION AND FIELD SURVEY – VERY BRIEF INTERIM REPORT MARCH 2000

Field number OS 0086 NGR TF019 469 (c) Map number TF 04NW NK 45.17 & NK 45.4

A volunteer excavation and field survey was carried out on the 21st and 22nd August 1999 on the earthwork site of a shrunken medieval village. This was organised by Heritage Lincolnshire, funded by North Kesteven District Council (and volunteers) and supervised by members of Archaeological Project Services.

The north western corner of the field was sampled by three trenches. This area was also subject to an earthwork survey and magnetometry survey. The whole field was metal detected and the field to the north was surveyed using a resistivity meter.

The excavation was mainly through topsoil and masonry rubble spreads. Trench 1 exposed a possible wall to a dovecote, Trench 2 exposed a wall to a possible farm building and Trench 3 exposed a stepped wall lining a hollow way on the northern boundary of the field.

Most of the pottery, tile and metal artefacts were 19th and 2nd century in date and came from the surface or from the topsoil. Only 5 small abraded sherds of medieval pottery were excavated. Two possible medieval horse shoes were found by metal detectorists in the north field.

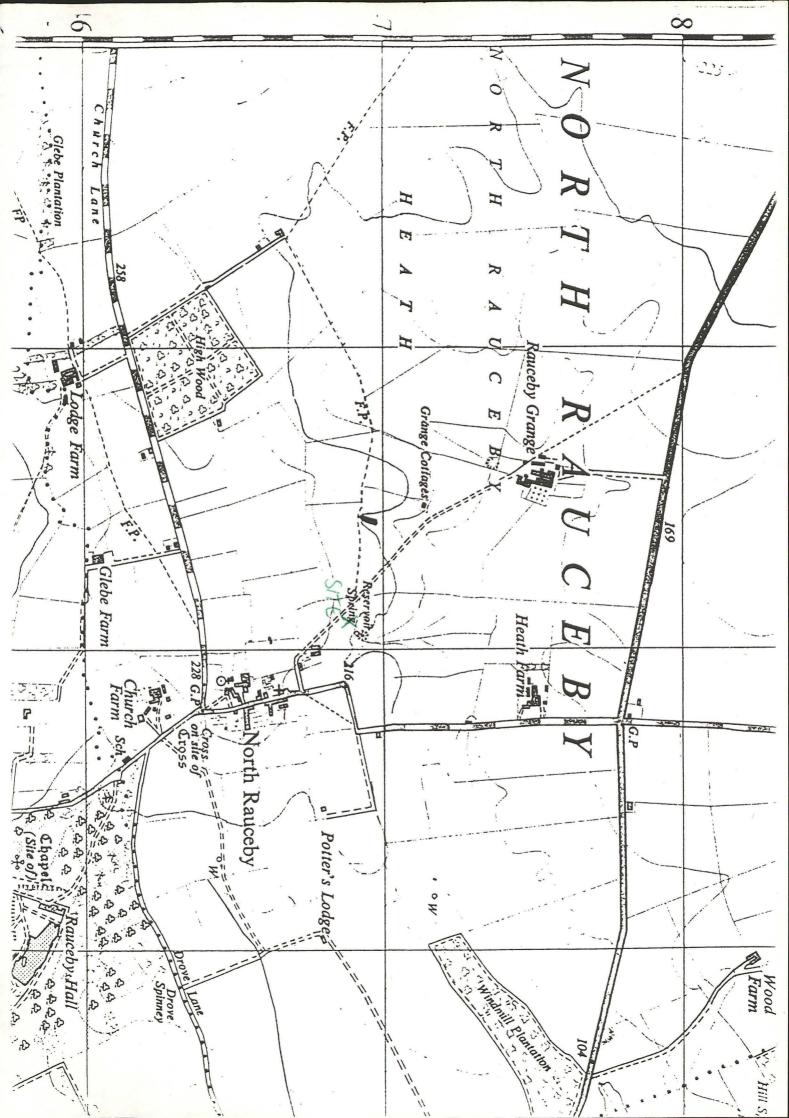
The lack of medieval pottery and tile may indicate that this area in the north west of the field was an area of farm buildings, pens and ponds enclosed by a wall and that the tofts and crofts were situated in the south eastern part of the field. Alternatively it may be that the medieval layers were not reached during the two day excavation.

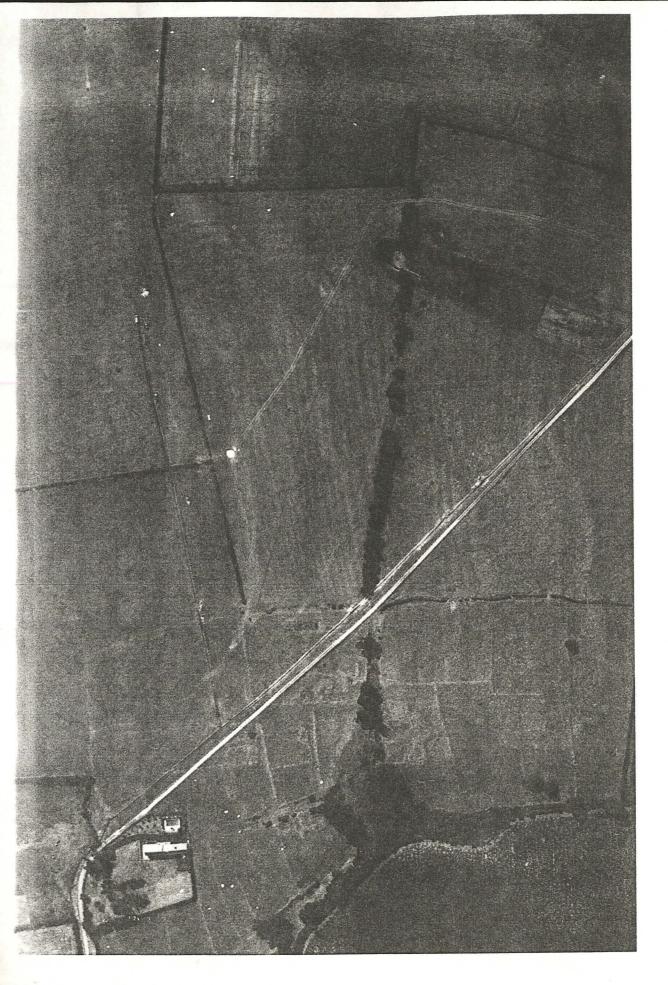
An earthwork survey was carried out by the volunteers.

The magnetometry survey (carried out by Pre-Construct Geophysics) showed two phases of activity. Clear anomalies showing ditches and walls were shown running on both on a north–south and east-west alignment.

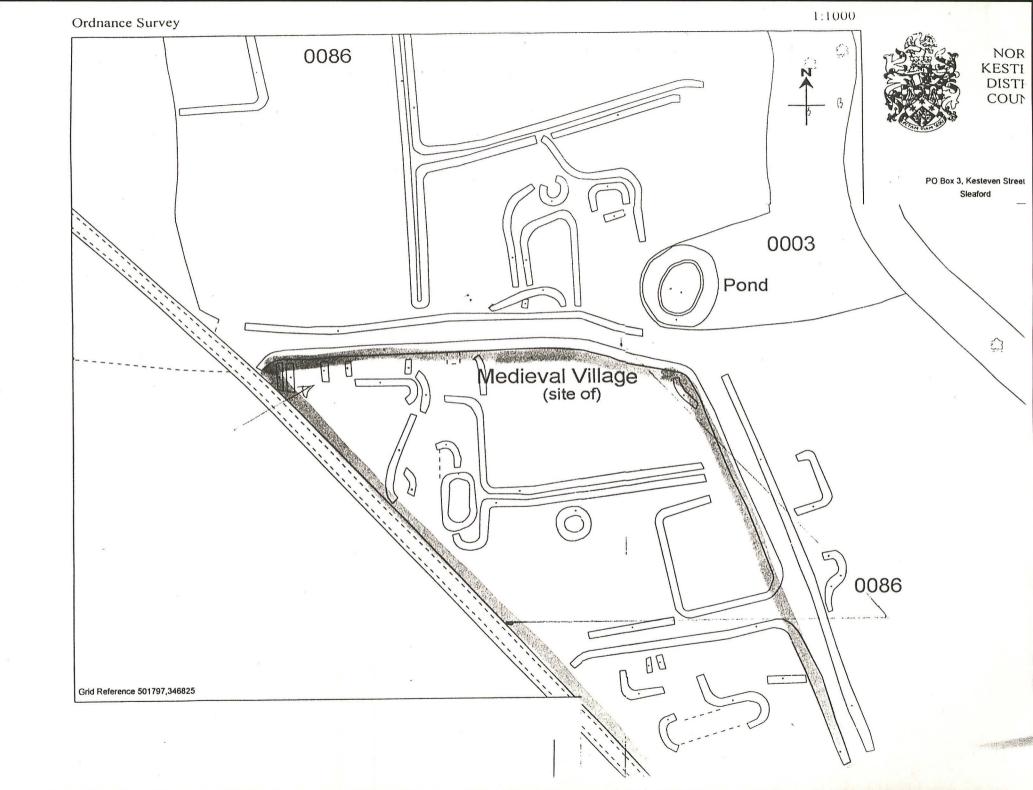
The full report is coming.

Aerial Photo - 1976 OS vertical photograph in the possession of Mr Tony Ireland the landowner tel: 01529 488272. Also see NMR overlays





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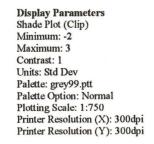




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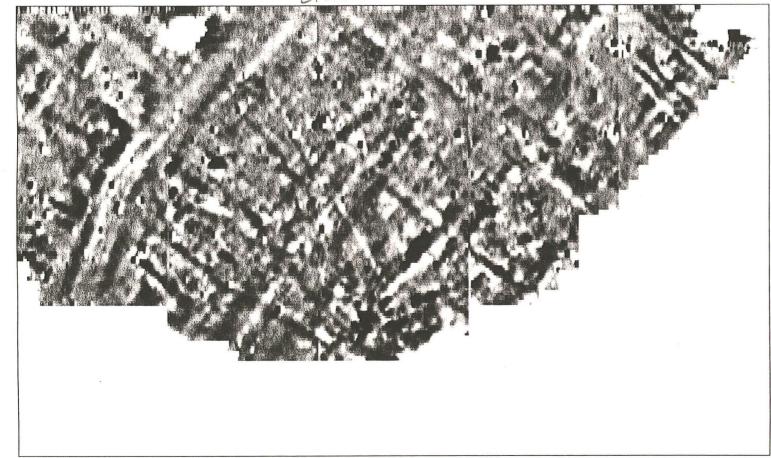


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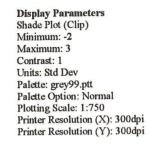
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