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Summary

An archaeological watching brief carried out during groundworks close to The Green, Waddingham, did not reveal any features of archaeological significance. The upper deposit covering the development site consisted of a modern make-up layer, below this natural deposits were encountered.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services (LAS) was commissioned by Mr and Mrs Wilmore to undertake an archaeological watching brief while groundworks were carried out on a small development site close to The Green, Waddingham.

The work was carried out in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section, 1998).

Scope of Work

The development is for a single two-storey domestic dwelling.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of the watching brief was to:

- establish the presence or absence, quality and extent of any archaeological remains;
- record and interpret any archaeological features.

Site Location and Description

Waddingham is situated on the limestone heath some 30km north of Lincoln. The village lies on either side of the Waddingham Beck, which drains into the Ancholme Valley to the east (Fig. 1). The building plot is situated in the middle of Waddingham village at the northern end of the Green, with the beck forming the northern and eastern boundaries of the site. Until approximately 30 years ago, there was a bank sloping towards the beck at the edge of the site, this has been levelled leaving the site fairly flat.

Archaeological Background and Landuse

The origins of Waddingham lie in the Anglo-Saxon period, and it is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086. The village was originally divided between two parishes, which is reflected in its

layout. The proposed development probably lay at the edge of the parish of Waddingham St Peter, on the east side of the village green, adjacent to Waddingham Beck.

Previously, the development site was a blacksmiths' yard, where machinery and equipment was stacked while waiting for repair. The blacksmiths consisted of a complex of buildings, shown on early maps of the village, some of which are still standing today. The remains of one of these buildings, a pigsty that has been recently demolished, are located in the south-east corner of the development site. In more recent years, the land has been used to store JCB and similar machines.

Method

The upper surface of the development site was stripped under archaeological supervision using a 1m toothless ditching bucket. The foundation trenches were then excavated to depths varying between 0.90m and 1.05m, using a 0.45m-toothed bucket (Fig. 2; Pl. 1).

A full written (single context) and photographic record of the site was made. A plan of the area based on a 1:100 plan provided by the client and a sample of the section at 1:20 were drawn. All deposits were assigned contexts numbers by LAS for recording purposes. These are referred to in the following report and illustrations (Appendix 1).

Results

The upper layer of material covering the site (**100**) comprised of a mixed make-up layer, varying in depth between 0.40m at the southern end of the site to 0.80m at the north, adjacent to the beck. This consisted of a mid-dark grey/brown sandy silt material with a large quantity of brick and stone rubble and fragments of iron machinery. Sparse grass was visible in patches across the area prior to stripping.

In the south-east corner of the plot the remains of a stone building (**101**) were visible (Pl. 2; Pl. 3). This was made of limestone fragments, and had recently been demolished to enable the new building to be constructed. The foundations measured 0.50m in width and extended approximately 0.20m below the ground. They were bedded on a layer of mixed brown clay (**104**). Layer **100** also filled the area within the building, although the fragments of brick and stone were less frequent.

Immediately below layer **100** was a mixed light grey/brown sand layer (**102**), measuring 0.25m in depth. Below this lay the natural shelly limestone (**103**).

Conclusions

The watching brief demonstrated that, with the exception of the remains of a post-medieval stone pigsty, there were no significant archaeological remains at the site. The building was a rectangular, stone built structure that was used as a pigsty, forming part of the complex of blacksmiths' buildings.

This building had been demolished to enable the house to be built, and was visible on the surface of the site.

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APPENDIX 1

Context Summary – Land of The Green, Waddingham (WTG 00)

Context Number	Context Type	Relationship	Description	Interpretation
100	Layer	Above 101 and 102	mid to dark grey/brown sandy silt with frequent rubble	Make-up layer
101	Masonry	Below 100, above 102	Limestone foundations	Wall foundations of former pigsty
102	Layer	Below 100 and 104, above 103	Light grey/brown sand layer	Layer
103	Layer	Below 102, LOE	Shelly limestone	Natural
104	Layer	Below 101, above 102	Mixed brown clay	Bedding material for 101

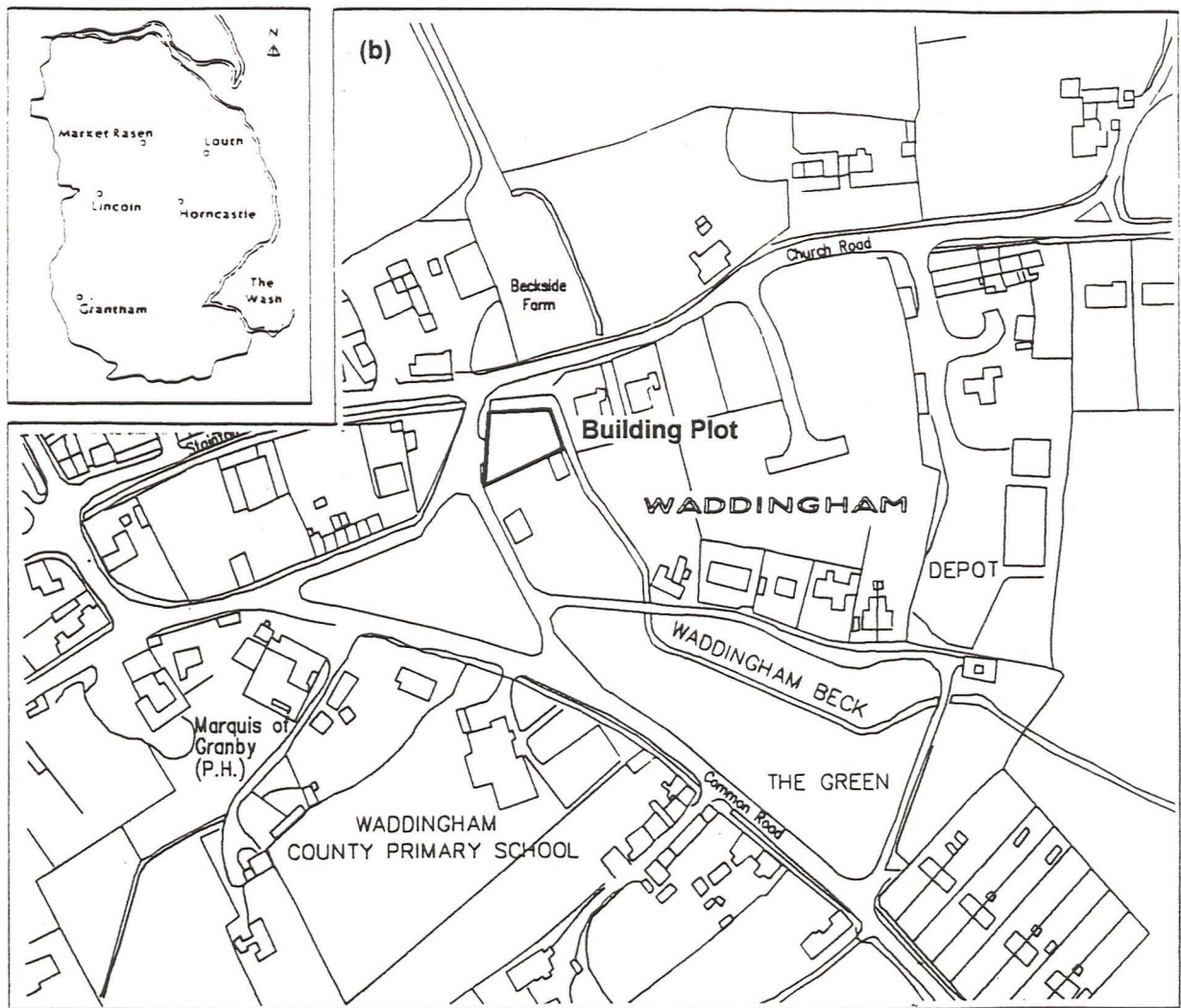
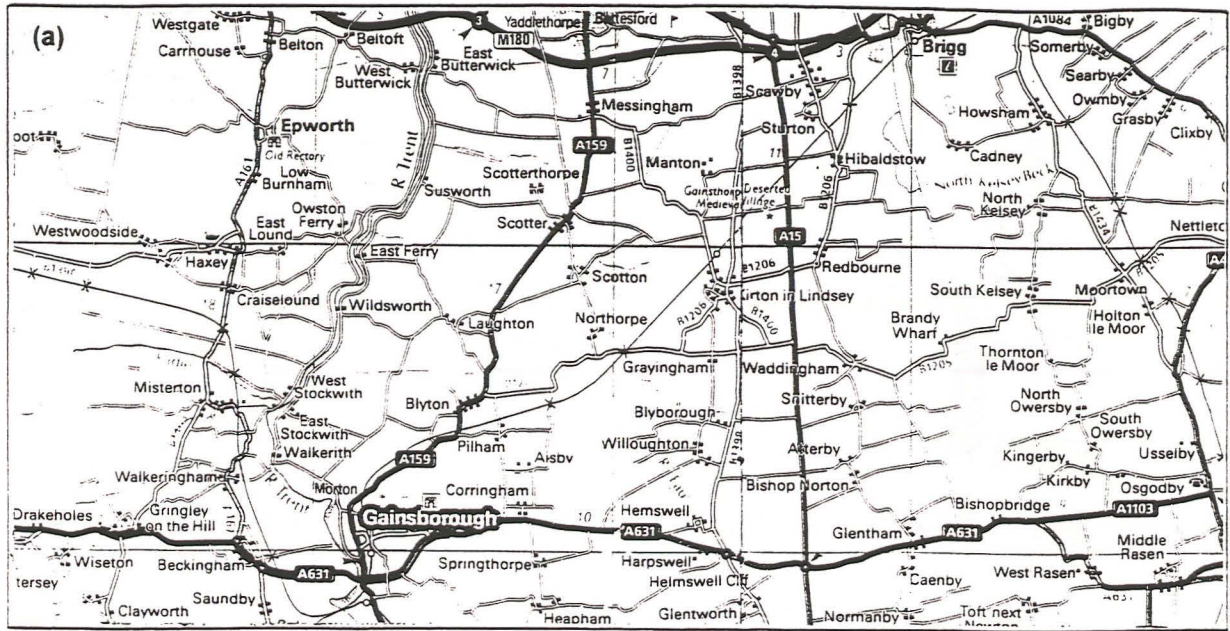


Fig. 1 Location of building plot, Waddingham, based on (a) 1:250 000 map and (b) 1:1250 map provided by the client, reproduced with the permission of the Controller of HMSO. LAS Licence No. AL50424A

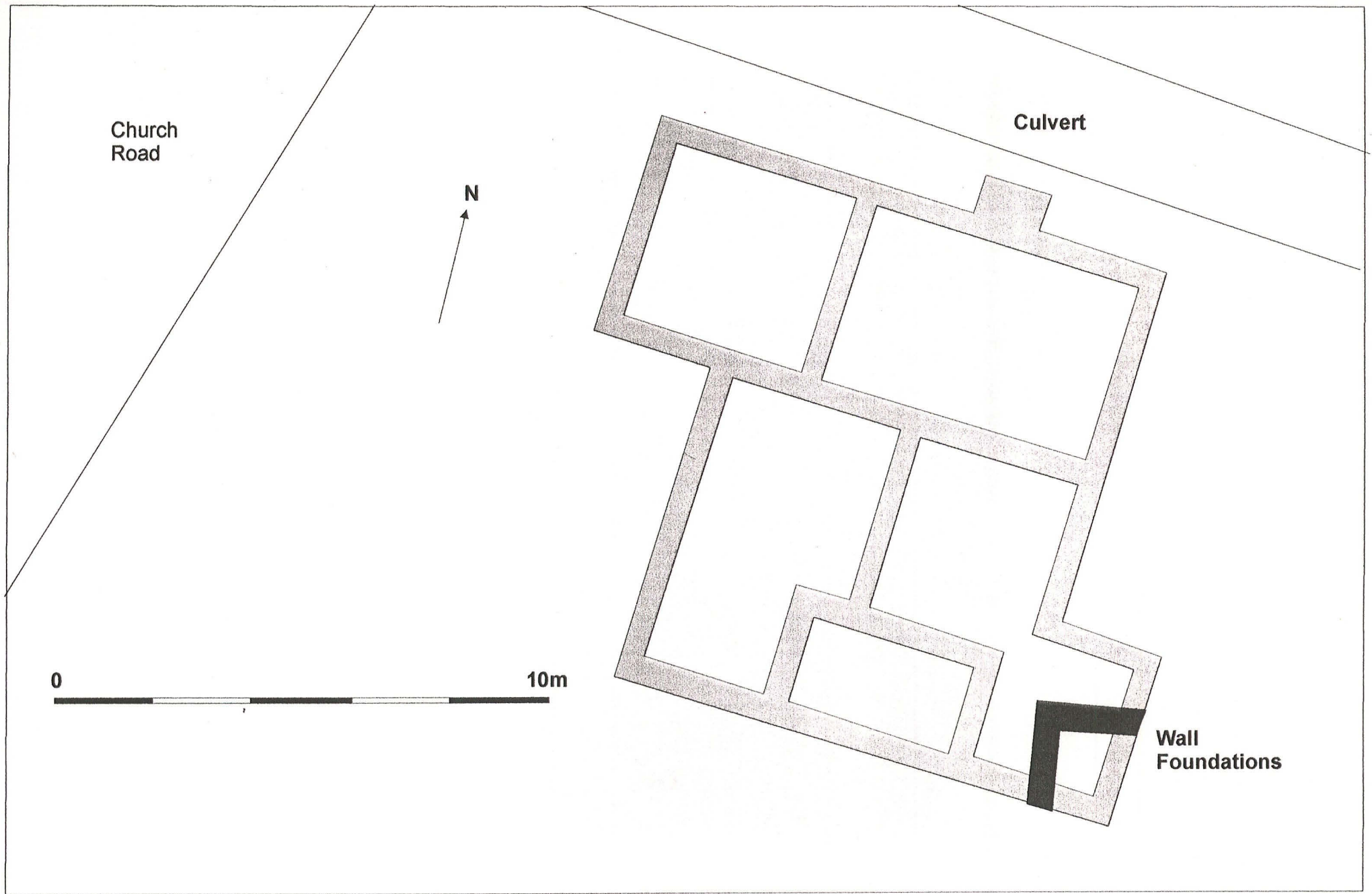


Fig. 2 Plan of foundation trenches, showing remains of pigsty wall foundations, based on a plan provided by the client



Pl. 1 The development site, looking north-west



Pl. 2 Remains of the stone foundations of pigsty (101), looking north-east

Pl. 3 Section through foundation trench, showing stone wall foundations (101)

