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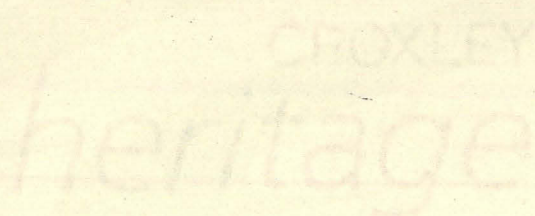
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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was carried out at the above site in January 2001. No archaeological features were noted during the groundworks.

Introduction

An archaeological watching brief, was carried out by Lindsey Archaeological Services on behalf of D. Hunter & Co. in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeology Section, 1998).

Site Location and Description (Fig.1)

The plot is located to the rear of 22 The Green, Scotter opposite the War Memorial on the Green. Planning permission was granted for the construction of a single bungalow and garage with associated access and drainage, subject to an archaeological watching brief which was carried out during the excavation of foundations and other groundworks.

Archaeological Background

Scotter is located in the Trent valley on the west side of the River Eau c. 12km north-east of Gainsborough. The geology of the site comprises wind blown sands overlying boulder clay. There were two manors (estates) in the village of Scotter at the time of the Domesday Survey in 1086, both of which belonged to Peterborough Abbey. This was an important and wealthy place in the medieval period. The development site was located close to both the manor house, the church and one of the village greens and the potential for further medieval remains during the groundworks phase of the operations was noted.

Method

Foundation trenches were excavated by a JCB (Pl. 1), monitored by an archaeologist and where appropriate all layers recorded. A full photographic record was maintained during the excavations. Context numbers were assigned to all deposits for recording purposes; these are used (in bold) in this report.

Results

The foundation trench had a depth ranging from 0.75m – 1.50m (Pl. 2, Fig.2). The topsoil 1 (Fig. 3), a dark grey brown clay loam varied in depth from 0.35m-0.50m and contained modern brick, pot, wood,

mortar fragments and lenses of sand/clay. The layer appeared heavily disturbed across the entire application area, suggesting possible redeposition. The depth of topsoil increases to the north of the application area, possibly the beginnings of a depression or backfilled feature. Underlying **1** was **2**, a mix of limestone brash, sand and gravel natural. Below **2** was **3**, a solid limestone natural within a light grey brash.

Towards the southern end of the site footings for the construction were excavated to a maximum depth of 1.30m, deeper than anywhere else on the plot due to the close proximity of mature trees whose roots may cause instability to the building at a later date.

Discussion and Conclusion

Despite the application area being located within the presumed former boundaries of Brand's Croft, a medieval manor belonging to Peterborough Abbey, no archaeological remains were present (Pl. 3). A geophysical survey conducted previously on 22a The Green offered no indication of archaeological activity, other than evidence for a very disturbed topsoil, probably a continuation of the material recorded on this site. It was suggested during the watching brief that a mill formerly occupied this and an adjacent plot (now a bungalow) although no features or archaeological layers were present.

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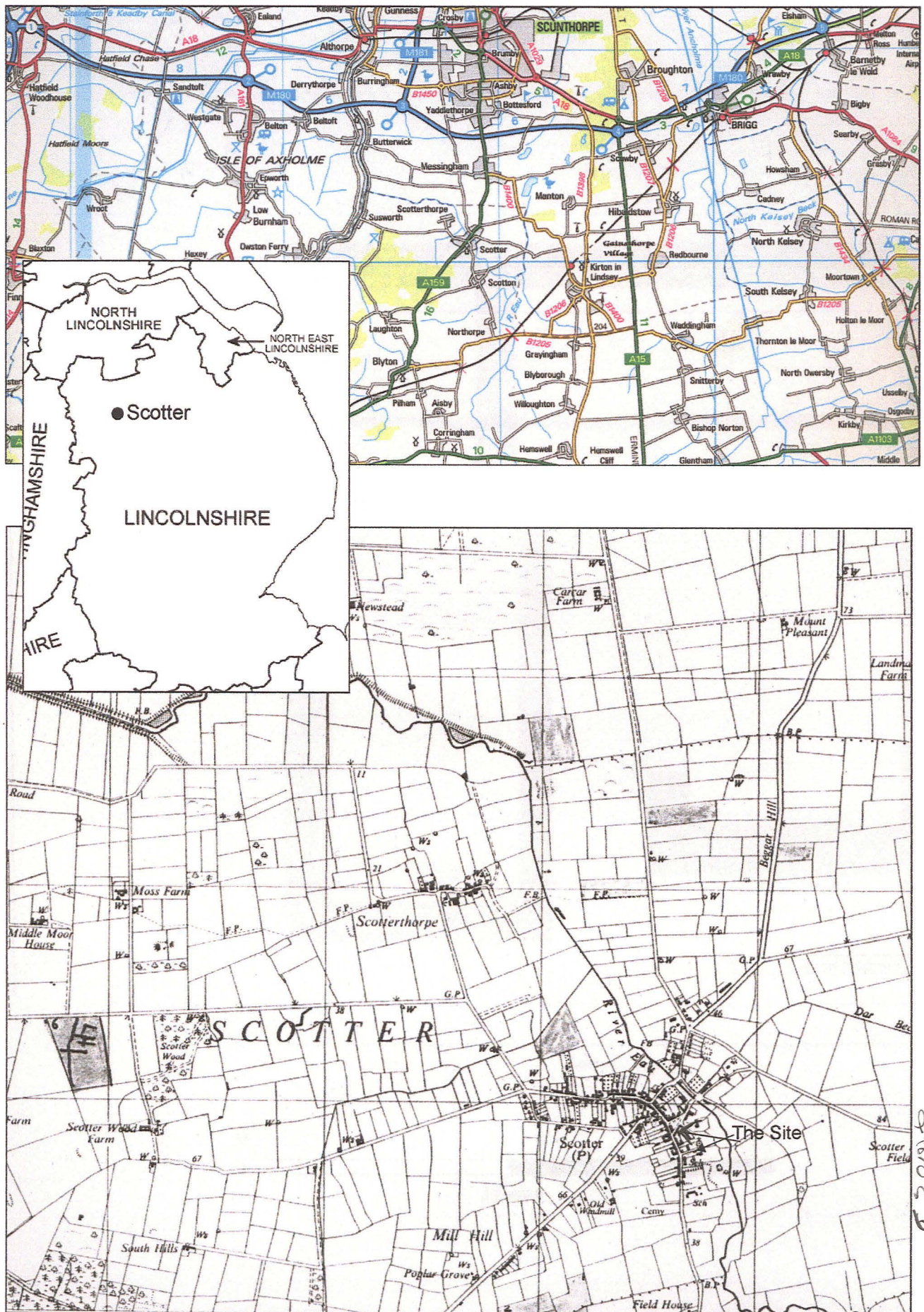


Fig. 1 22 The Green, Scotter, site location, reproduced from the 1:25,000 OS Map. © Crown copyright; reproduced with the permission of the Controller of HMSO. LAS Licence number AL 50424A.

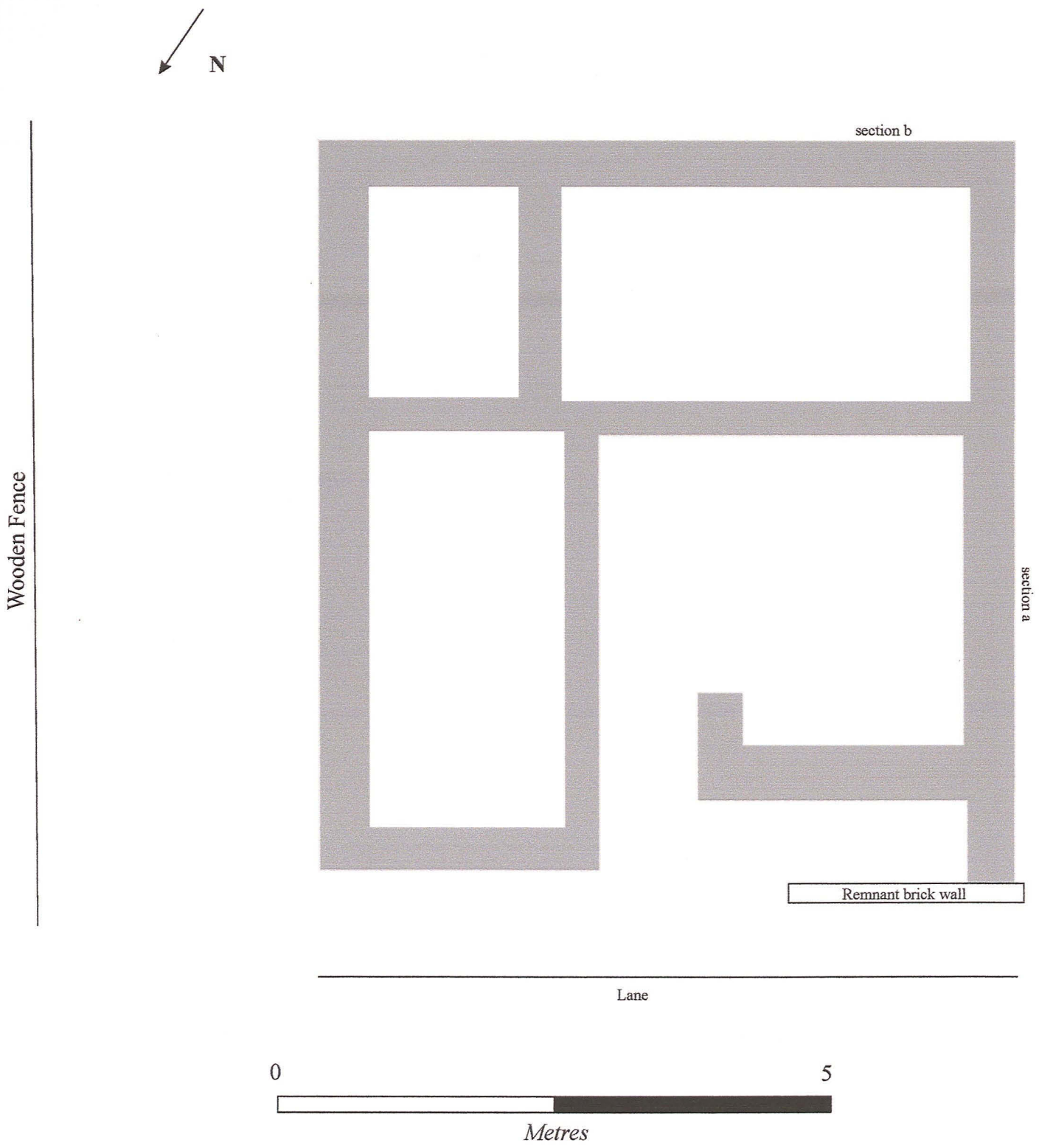


Fig. 2 Area of watching brief showing plan of footings.

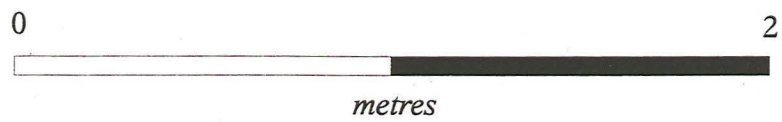
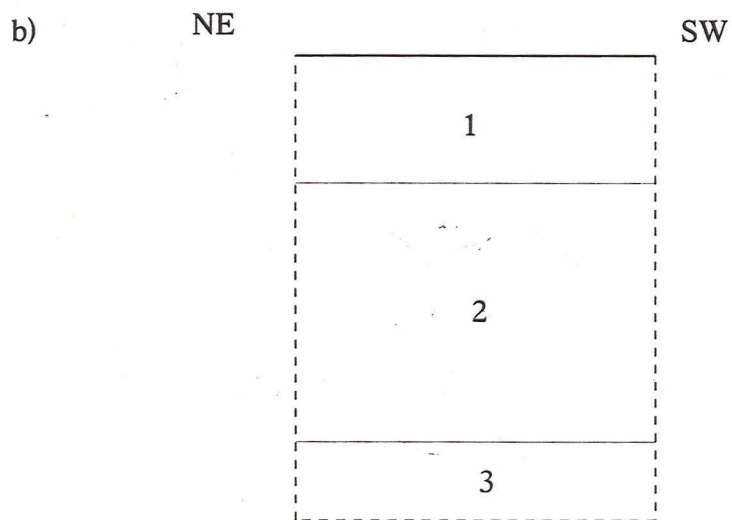
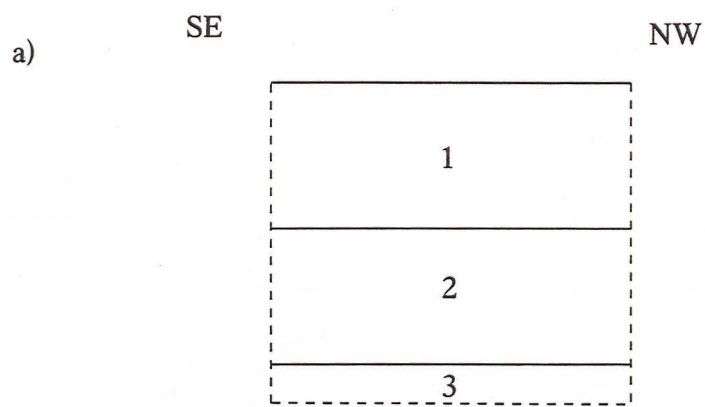


Fig.3 Sample sections after excavation of footings. (Location shown on fig. 2).



Pl. 1 Machine excavation of foundation trenches under archaeological supervision.

Pl. 2 North-east facing section of the foundation trench showing topsoil and the underlying layers. Scales 0.50m.





Pl. 3 The plot after excavation of trenches, looking east.