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**Summary**

*The construction of a fence comprising the excavation of 13 postholes produced a coin of early modern date with a small number of Roman, medieval, and post medieval pottery sherds, along with a single piece of medieval tile (Appendices 1 and 2). No archaeological features were identified.*

**Introduction**

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Mr and Mrs D. Leonard to conduct the above site in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* (Lincolnshire County Council Archaeological Section 1998) and Scheduled Monument Consent from the DCMS.

**Site Location and Description**

Chantry Gardens is situated inside the walls of the Upper Roman Colonia north of the cathedral and within the medieval Close Walls. The site is bounded to the north and east by East Bight and to the west by residential housing. Mostly given over to lawns with occasional flower beds, the area to the north was being fenced and landscaped with feature gardens.

**Archaeological background**

The development lies within the scheduled area of the Lincoln Roman Colonia. (Lindum) Lincoln, Lincolnshire. (County Monument No 115). There have been significant archaeological remains found from the site dating from the Roman to the medieval period. Any ground disturbance could potentially impact upon archaeological remains.

**Objectives**

The purpose of the works was to excavate and record archaeologically a series of postholes for the erection of a new post and rail fence on the new boundary of the gardens.

**Method**

The site was visited on the morning of March 5<sup>th</sup> 2003 by two experienced archaeologists when a series of 13 postholes, previously marked out by Simon Cox Landscaping, was excavated using hand tools. A location plan was made using a drawing supplied by the contractor with a representative section drawing of one of the postholes. Finds were identified with a context numbering system for archaeological remains. LAS operates a standard context recording system, developed by its staff over the past 20 years based on MOLAS and CAS models. Photographs were taken at various stages of the excavation process.

## Results

Thirteen postholes, measuring 0.6 x 0.6 x 0.75m deep, were excavated. Each one exposed the same basic three layers. (100) was rich dark grey/brown topsoil with some small pebbles and charcoal flecks. This produced a total of 12 sherds of pottery dating from Roman to 19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup> century. (101) was a mid to brown very fine silt subsoil with some clay, containing small limestone fragments, some small pebbles and charcoal flecks. (101) contained 2 sherds of pottery, 1 fragment of 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> century tile and a bronze coin dated as early modern. (102) was a dark grey silt material containing small limestone fragments, charcoal flecks, and some very small mortar pieces. There were no finds in (102). There were no indications of any archaeological features within any of the postholes

## Conclusion

The excavation of the postholes and the erection of the boundary fence had no apparent impact on the archaeology of the area.

## Acknowledgments

Lindsey Archaeological Services wish to thank Simon Cox Landscaping for their help and co-operation during the time of the excavation.

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## Context Summary

Context No	Type	Description
100	Layer	Rich dark grey/brown sandy topsoil containing small pebbles and some charcoal flecks
101	Layer	Mid to dark brown, very fine, slightly clay material containing small pebbles, charcoal flecks and some small limestone fragments.
102	Layer	Dark grey silt containing small limestone fragments, charcoal flecks and some mortar pieces.

## Contents of Site Archive

3 context sheets

Correspondence

LAS Film and Negative Nos 03/30/ 21A-33A

Site plan and detail of post construction (supplied by D.Glew, Architect and Surveyor)

**APPENDIX 1**

# Pottery Archive LCG02

Jane Young *Lindsey Archaeological Services*

context	ename	full name	form type	sherds	weight	part	description	date
100	LSW3	14th to 15th century Lincoln Glazed Ware	jug	1	8	BS		14th to 15th
100	LSW3	14th to 15th century Lincoln Glazed Ware	jug	1	7	BS	cu mottled	early to mid 14th
100	PMLOC	Post-medieval Local fabrics	?	1	8	base	? Bichrome	16th
100	LSW1/2	12th-13th century Lincoln Glazed ware	tiny vessel	1	2	BS		late 12th to mid 13th
100	POTT	Potterhanworth-type Ware	large jar	1	18	BS	soot	13th to 15th
100	NOTS	Nottingham stoneware	?	1	3	rim		18th to 19th
100	TPW	Transfer printed ware	cup ?	1	2	BS		19th to 20th
100	CREA	Creamware	?	1	4	base		late 18th to mid 19th
100	LERTH	Late earthenwares	plantpot	1	16	rim	lettering	19th to 20th
100	BL	Black-glazed wares	jug ?	1	81	base		17th to 18th

**APPENDIX 2**



# Tile Archive LCG02

<b>context</b>	<b>cname</b>	<b>full name</b>	<b>frags</b>	<b>weight</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>date</b>
101	PNR	Peg, nib or ridge tile	1	236	semi vitrified cracked during firing	13th to 16th

**THE FIGURES**

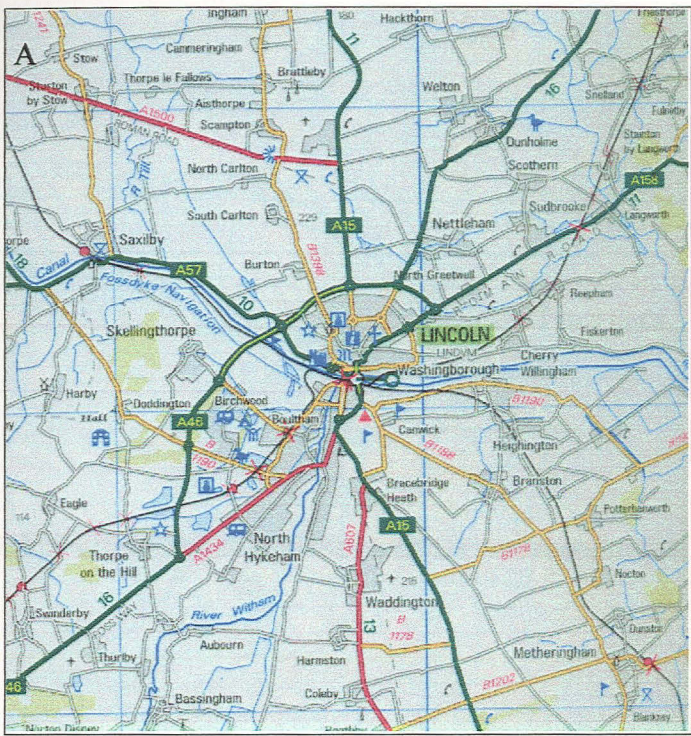


Fig. 1 Location of Chantry Gardens, Lincoln (C based on the 2000 1:25000 Ordnance Survey Explorer map Sheet 272. © Crown Copyright, reproduced with the permission of the Controller of HMSO. LAS Licence No.AL 100002165).

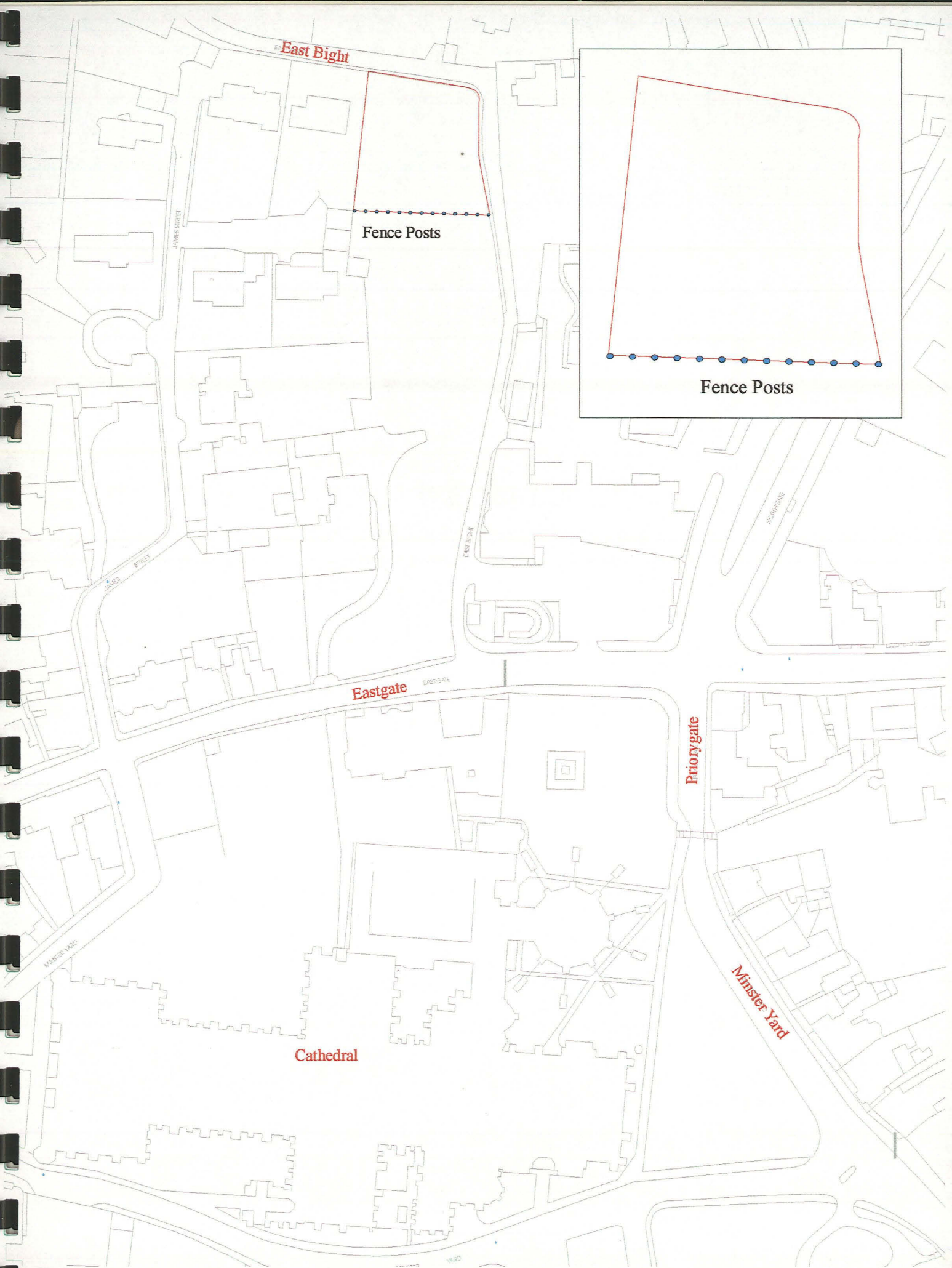


Fig. 2 Chantry Gardens, Lincoln, site location.

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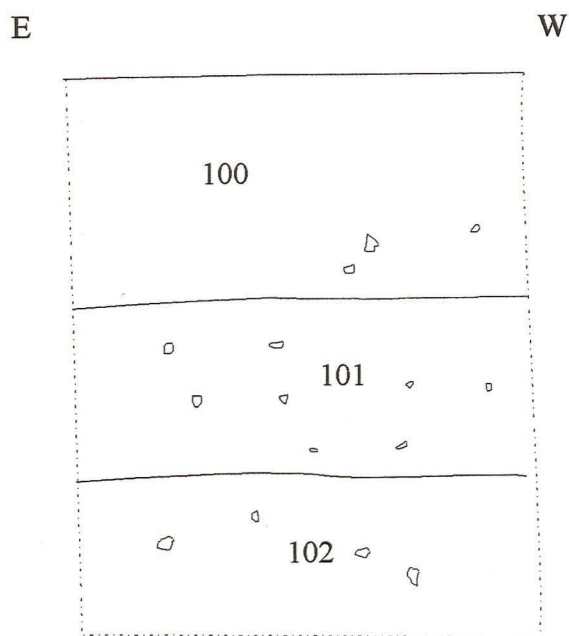


Fig. 3 Sample section of one of the post holes