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Archaeological Watching Brief

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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was carried out at the Bull Hotel, Horncastle. The work involved the lifting and relaying of an existing cobble surface in the courtyard area, a former yard surface was found beneath but was not disturbed by the work.

Introduction

Lindsey Archaeological Services was commissioned by Scorer and Hawkins in 1998 to undertake an archaeological watching brief at The Bull Hotel, Horncastle (Fig. 1). The work was carried out in accordance with the general requirements set out in the *Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook* published by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council (1998).

Site Location and Description

The modern town of Horncastle is focused at a confluence of the Rivers Bain and Waring at the southern tip of the Lincolnshire Wolds. The Bull Hotel lies east of the Roman walls in an area which may have been settled in the medieval period, but there has been little previous work in this part of the town.

Planning Background

Planning permission was granted for the resurfacing of the yard inside The Bull Hotel subject to an archaeological watching brief being carried out during the groundworks phase of construction.

Archaeological Background

There is evidence for extensive Romano British settlement in Horncastle, a late Roman fort lies to the west of the development site. The main focus of the settlement, which probably originated in the Iron Age, appears to have been to the south of the River Waring. The Saxon and medieval settlement was concentrated within walls of the Roman fort, although recent finds of early Saxon burials were found north of the Roman walls. In the post-medieval period the settlement expanded again south of the Waring and eastwards encompassing the current development site.

Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits disturbed during groundworks at the above site.

Method

The groundworks were monitored by an experienced archaeologist. A full written (single context) and photographic record was made of the site.

Results

The courtyard surface was composed of a compact layer of 0.10m diameter rounded cobbles, which overlay a 0.08m thick dark brown black silt bedding deposit. This overlay a 0.06m thick layer of orange sand which sealed a former surface composed of small angular stones set in orange sand. No other archaeological remains were observed.

Conclusion

The watching brief identified a former courtyard surface beneath the existing cobble surface, but neither this or any other archaeological deposits were disturbed by the work.

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THE FIGURES

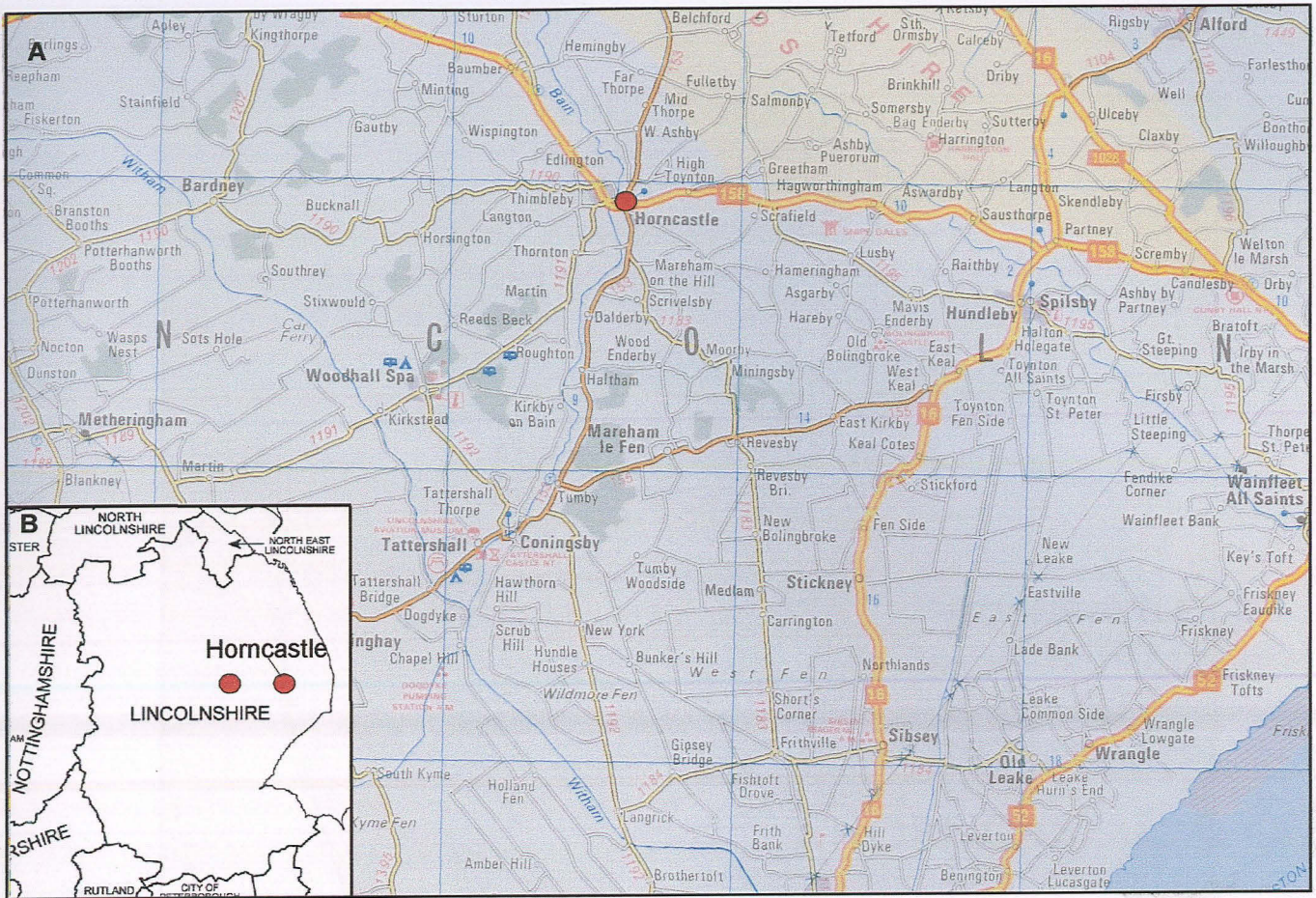
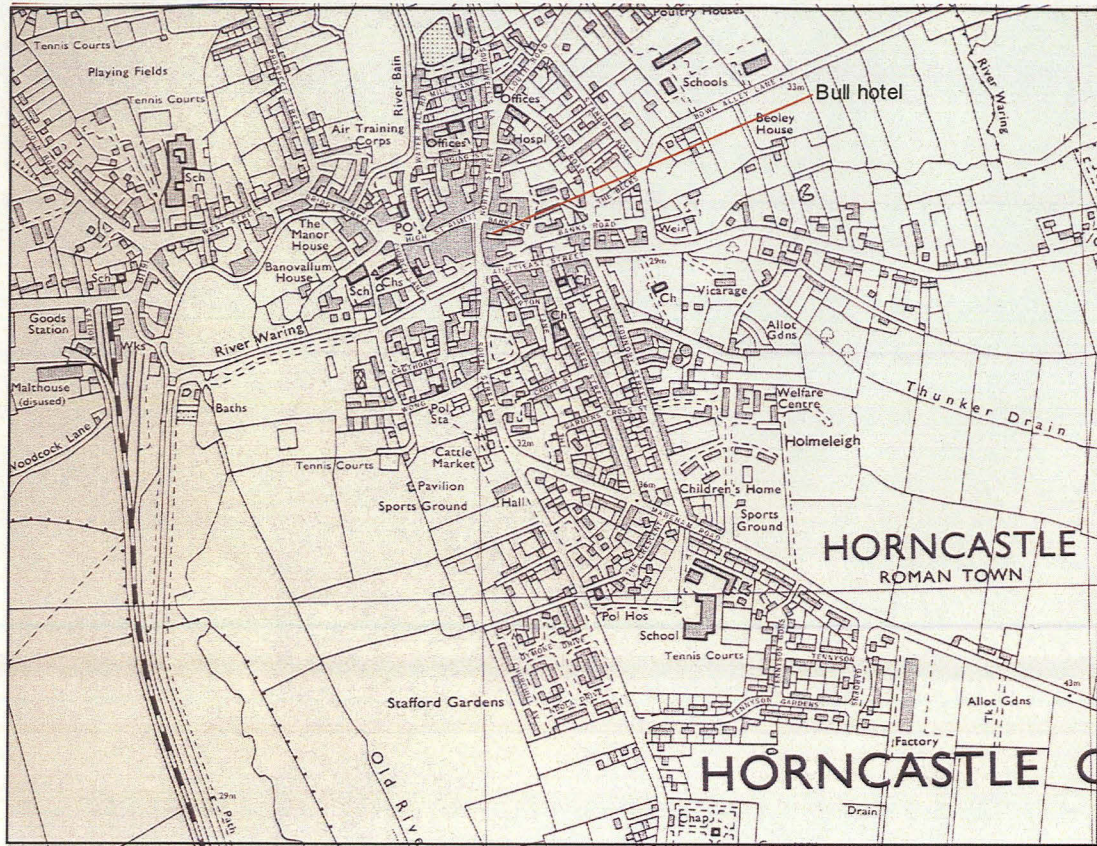
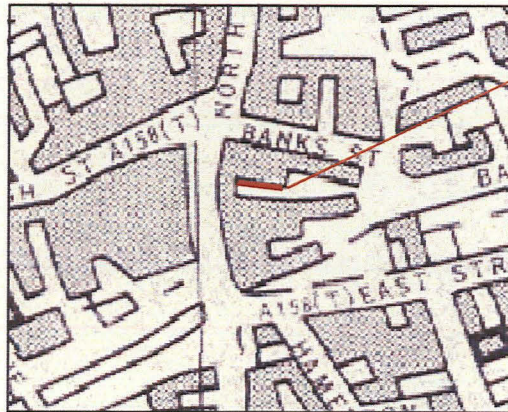


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Area in red shows location of resurfaced courtyard

The work was carried out by Naomi Field, in May 1998, one site visit was made.

THE PLATES



Pl. 1 View of courtyard, looking west, during removal of existing surface.



Pl. 2 View of courtyard surface with former surface beneath. Scale 0.30m