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Archaeological Fieldwalking Report  
along the line of the proposed  
**SLEAFORD WESTERN BY-PASS**  
by  
Heritage Lincolnshire  
for the  
County Archaeological Officer.

**PROPOSED SLEAFORD WESTERN BY-PASS**  
**Archaeological Fieldwalking Report**

Introduction:

During June 1991, Heritage Lincolnshire has undertaken a programme of fieldwalking along the line of the proposed Sleaford by-pass from Holdingham to Silk Willoughby.

Known sites along the line of the proposed by-pass included two recorded deserted Medieval villages at Holdingham and Silk Willoughby. An archaeological survey of the proposed by-pass route was recommended in order to assess the amount of damage that the known sites would suffer, and to detect any previously unrecorded archaeological sites along the proposed route.

Methodology:

Fieldwalking was confined to the areas which were to be affected by the construction of the proposed roadway. The investigation area was divided into 10 metre square, numbered, grids and artifacts recovered from the field were recorded by grid number. This method enables the plotting of significant

concentrations of artifacts and allows the identification of archaeological sites.

Much of the proposed route is presently under crop and it has only been possible to examine a part of the area that will be destroyed. Two large fields were walked (hereafter referred to as Field 1 and Field 2 - see enclosed location plans) - one near the village of Holdingham and the other at the other end of the proposed by-pass, near Silk Willoughby.

The fields were walked separately, by teams of two. Scaled measurements were taken from the plans of the proposed by-pass, in order that the line of the by-pass could be located on the field. The position of the eastern edge of the by-pass as it touched both field boundaries was marked with surveying poles and a string marked at ten metre intervals was laid out between the two poles. The line of the string was walked, with another archaeologist walking parallel to and 10 metres from string. A new bag was used for each 10 metre grid surveyed

The string was then moved twenty metres across so that it ran parallel to the last line and a further two lines were walked. Thus there were four transects of field walking in the thirty metre width of the by-pass.

### Results - Field 1:

A thirty metre strip was walked across the field ( as described in the methodology). This strip extended for a maximum of 340 metres. A moderately dense scatter of artifacts was found over the whole site - an average ten metre grid yielding approximately 3 pot sherds and a quantity of brick and tile fragments. The brick and tile seemed to be of mixed date ranging from modern to Roman but most of the pottery (approximately 85%) has been identified as Roman. A further 7% has been identified as medieval, with a similar proportion of post-medieval pottery.

The findings indicate Roman settlement or activity on or close to the site - This is a previously unrecorded site.

### Results - Field 2:

A thirty metre wide strip was walked as described in the methodology. This strip extended for a maximum of 280m, although a part of the third and fourth lines were obscured by a dense crop of beans (see Fig 2).

A thin scatter of artifacts was located across the survey area. There seemed to be no concentrations of material. An average ten metre grid yielded approximately two sherds of pottery - pottery of a post-medieval or modern date seemed to be the most common artifact, although moderate amounts of modern tile and brick fragments were also recovered.

The quantity and character of the artifacts recovered from this field would suggest that the land was the site of little human activity, especially in the medieval and earlier periods. It seems likely that if this land was linked to the deserted medieval village at Holdingham, it was used for farm land.

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100/200	1 bone, 1 oyster shell, 5 brick/tile 1 ?flint
110/200	4 brick/tile, 3 Roman pot
120/200	1 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot
130/200	4 brick/tile, 2 ?Roman pot
140/200	4 brick/tile, 1 CU alloy frag - probably modern
150/200	2 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot
160/200	5 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot
170/200	2 bone, 2 Roman pot
180/200	3 brick/tile, 1 bone
190/200	2 Roman pot, 5 brick/tile
200/200	4 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot, 1 Copper Alloy buckle (undated)
210/200	5 brick/tile, 1 bone, 2 post-med. pot. 1 modern glass
220/200	3 brick/tile, 1 clay pipe, 1 oyster shell
230/200	2 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot, 1 post-med. pot, 1 unidentified pot
240/200	1 brick/tile
250/200	-
260/200	1 brick/tile
270/200	-
280/200	-
290/200	2 brick/tile
300/200	2 oyster shell, 1 brick/tile
310/200	1 unidentified pot
320/200	1 medieval pot
330/200	2 oyster shell, 1 brick/tile
340/200	2 brick/tile

SBP 91 01 Cont.

100/210	3 brick/tile
110/210	1 Roman pot
120/210	1 brick/tile
130/210	2 brick/tile, 2 slag
140/210	3 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot, 1 Iron slag
150/210	3 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot
160/210	1 Roman pot, 1 post-med. pot
170/210	3 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot (Rimsherd)
180/210	2 brick/tile, 1 slag, 3 ?Roman pot
190/210	1 slag, 2 oyster shell, 2 brick/tile, 5 ?Roman pot
200/210	2 brick/tile
210/210	5 brick/tile
220/210	2 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot
230/210	1 brick/tile, 1 slag
240/210	1 brick/tile
250/210	-
260/210	2 slag
270/210	1 brick/tile, 1 post-med. pot, 1 ?modern glass
280/210	2 brick/tile
290/210	1 brick/tile
300/210	1 brick/tile
310/210	1 modern metal
320/210	1 brick/tile, 1 modern metal
330/210	1 brick/tile
340/210	3 brick/tile, 1 medieval pot, 1 modern metal

SBP 91 01 Cont.

100/220	2 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot
110/220	6 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot
120/220	1 metal object, 1 bone, 1 post-med pot
130/220	4 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot
140/220	7 brick/tile, 3 Roman pot, 1 flint, 1 bone
150/220	6 brick/tile, 2 bone, 3 Roman pot, 1 ?flint
160/220	11 brick/tile, 1 bone, 1 oyster shell, 4 Roman pot
170/220	8 brick/tile, 2 Roman pot, 1 unidentified pot
180/220	4 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot, 1 post-med pot
190/220	1 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot
200/220	1 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot,
210/220	6 Roman pot (1 base sherd)
220/220	4 brick/tile, 3 Roman pot (1 base sherd)
230/220	4 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot
240/220	2 brick/tile
250/220	3 brick/tile, 1 glass
260/220	-
270/220	1 brick/tile
280/220	2 brick/tile
290/220	2 brick/tile, 1 oyster shell
300/220	2 brick/tile
310/220	1 brick/tile
320/220	-
330/220	1 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot
340/220	-



SBP 91 02 Cont.

100/220	-
110/220	-
120/220	-
130/220	2 brick/tile
140/220	4 brick/tile, 1 pot, 1 clay pipe
150/220	2 pot
160/220	1 clay pipe, 2 brick/tile
170/220	1 glass, 2 pot
180/220	1 brick/tile
190/220	-
200/220	1 pot
210/220	3 brick/tile
220/220	2 brick/tile, 1 pot
230/220	1 brick/tile, 1 pot
240/220	1 pot, 3 brick/tile
250/220	-
260/220	-

100/230	-
110/230	-
120/230	2 brick/tile
130/230	1 pot
140/230	1 pot
150/230	-
160/230	1 pot
170/230	-
180/230	-
190/230	-
200/230	1 brick/tile
210/230	-
220/230	1 pot
230/230	-

From these 4 lines - predominantly post-medieval material.

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100/200	1 pot
110/200	2 pot
120/200	-
130/200	1 pot, 2 brick/tile
140/200	2 pot
150/200	-
160/200	1 pot, 1 brick/tile
170/200	1 pot
180/200	1 pot
190/200	-
200/200	-
210/200	1 pot
220/200	2 pot
230/200	4 pot, 1 brick/tile
240/200	1 glass, 1 clay pipe
250/200	1 brick/tile, 2 pot
260/200	1 pot
270/200	-
280/200	1 glass, 3 pot

100/210	-
110/210	1 pot, 1 brick/tile
120/210	2 brick/tile
130/210	3 pot
140/210	1 pot, 2 brick/tile, 1 shell
150/210	-
160/210	2 pot
170/210	1 brick/tile, 1 pot, 2 clay pipe
180/210	1 brick/tile, 2 pot
190/210	1 pot, 1 brick/tile
200/210	1 pot, 1 lead frag.
210/210	1 shell, 1 pot
220/210	1 brick/tile
230/210	-
240/210	1 modern brick/tile
250/210	1 pot, 2 brick/tile
260/210	1 pot, 1 glass
270/210	3 pot, 1 brick/tile
280/210	1 pot, 1 bone

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100/230	1 brick/tile, 1 post-med. pot, 2 Roman pot, 1 medieval pot
110/230	3 brick/tile, 1 bone, 2 post-med. pot, 2 Roman pot
120/230	1 bone, 1 slag, 5 brick/tile, 2 ?Roman pot
130/230	4 Roman pot, 2 brick/tile
140/230	7 brick/tile, 2 slag, 1 ?Roman pot
150/230	5 brick/tile, 1 bone, 3 slag, 1 Roman pot
160/230	4 bone, 1 slag, 6 brick/tile, 1 post-med. pot, 4 Roman pot, 2 medieval pot
170/230	1 slag, 2 bone, 7 brick/tile, 1 post-med. pot, 7 ?Roman pot
180/230	2 bone, 1 slag, 7 brick/tile, 4 Roman pot, 2 medieval pot 1 ?loom weight frag.
190/230	3 slag, 1 bone, 5 brick/tile, 3 ?Roman pot
200/230	3 brick/tile, 1 Roman pot (Rimsherd)
210/230	1 brick/tile
220/230	1 brick/tile, 2 slag, 3?Roman pot, 1 ceramic object unidentified
230/230	2 brick/tile, 1 bone, 5 Roman pot (inc. 1 Samian)
240/230	-
250/230	-
260/230	-
270/230	-
280/230	1 ?flint, 1 unidentified pot
290/230	3 brick/tile
300/230	1 glass, 2 brick/tile
310/230	1 brick/tile
320/230	1 brick/tile, 1 glass
330/230	1 brick/tile, 1 pot
340/230	3 brick/tile



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**Field One**

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100/200

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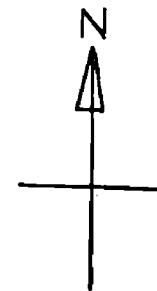


Fig. 2

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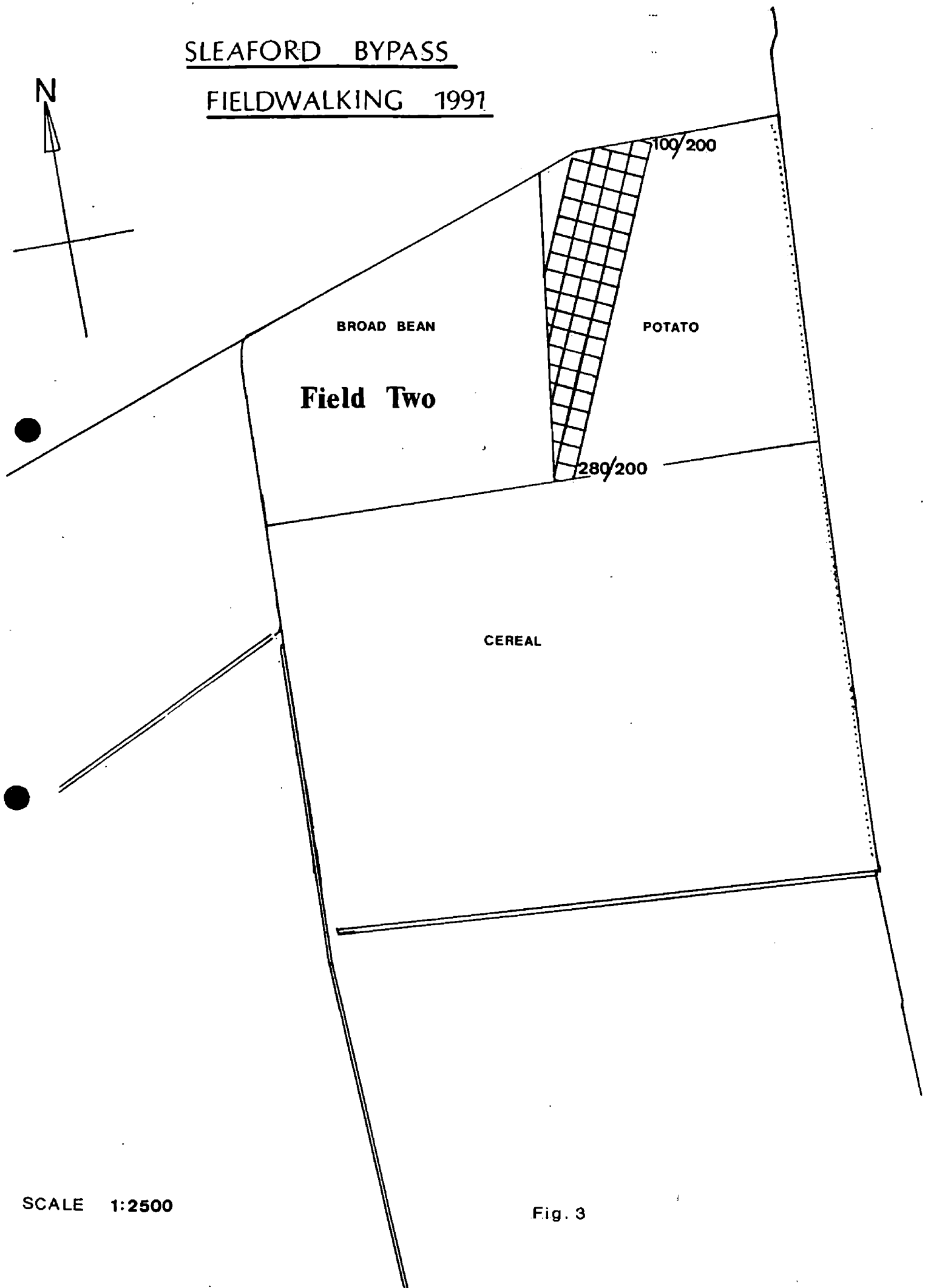


Fig. 3