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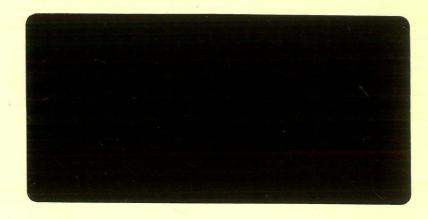
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1. SUMMARY

An archaeological watching brief and a building survey was undertaken during improvements to the Bede Almshouses, Tattershall, Lincolnshire. The watching brief monitored the excavation of the drainage trenches and the building survey recorded the interior of the almshouses.

The development site lies at the centre of a cluster of buildings of late medieval date (AD1400-1500). To the west lies the remains of Tattershall Castle, built upon the site of a 13th century castle. The impressive rectangular keep is one of the earliest brick buildings in Britain. Located immediately south of the development is the Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity. This has been identified as a chapel that would of been a centrepiece to a medieval college. Few remains of the college are visible, but for a building which once served as a grammar school adjacent to the marketplace.

The investigations revealed walls and floors, associated with the college or a previous almshouse that is known to have been situated in the vicinity. From the wall plan it is possible to surmise a rectangular building lying beneath the present almshouses. A number of finds were retrieved from the investigation and included locally made pottery of medieval and post-medieval date. A single sherd of late Saxon pottery was also recovered. Other finds include a number of worked stone fragments, including a stone sundial and decorative window mouldings.

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Background

As a condition of Listed Building Consent, an archaeological watching brief was required during alterations and improvements to Tattershall Bede Almshouses. This archaeological work was commissioned by Meldrum Lee and Gillatt in July 1995, prior to the setting of a brief for works, and in September 1995 Archaeological Project Services were contracted to carry out the watching brief.

Subsequently, in September 1995, a brief for works was set by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council, and this required, in addition to the standard watching brief during groundworks, a programme of building recording, partially by means of rectified photography (Appendix 1).

The watching brief commenced on 25th September 1995 and continued intermittently until 6th March 1996. During the early stages of groundworks and archaeological monitoring it became clear extensive and well-preserved archaeological remains survived in the area at shallow depth. As a result of these discoveries, a series of further requirements archaeological investigation recording were set by the Archaeology Section, Lincolnshire County Council, in a letter dated 4th October 1995 (Appendix 2). Subsequently, and in consideration of the importance of recording the below archaeological remains. requirement to carry out a rectified photographic survey was waived by East Lindsey District Council, as detailed in a letter dated 1st November 1995 (Appendix 3).

2.2 Topography and Geology

Tattershall is situated 27km southeast of Lincoln and 18km northwest of Boston (Fig. 1). The town lies on the west bank of the River Bain in the civil parish of Tattershall, East Lindsey District,

Lincolnshire. The investigation site is c. 250m south of the village centre as defined by the Market Square (Fig. 2) and is located at National Grid Reference TF 21196 57619.

The site and immediate surroundings lie at about 6m O.D. adjacent to the Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity and Tattershall Castle. The site and this cluster of buildings are on land that dips slightly to the east, towards the River Bain.

Local soils are the Blackwood Association of sandy and coarse loamy soils in glaciofluvial drift, developed over glaciolacustrine clay or till (Hodge *et al.* 1984, 127). Soils recorded during these investigations are generally brownish sandy silts.

2.3 Archaeological Setting

Tattershall is located in an area of known archaeological activity dating from the Neolithic period (4200-2200 BC) onwards. This early prehistoric activity takes the form of a number of artefacts including stone and flint axes recovered from the area to the southwest of the site (SMR 40154, 40155, 40158, 40170 and 40176). There has been no indication of Romano-British activity in the vicinity of the site.

Tattershall is referred to in the Domesday Survey of 1086 AD and belonged to Eudo and the Bishops of Durham and Bayeaux. There is mention of a church, two mills and several fisheries as well as large extents of woodland for pannage (Foster and Longley 1976). Referred to as *Tateshale*, the name is believed to derive from the Old English *Tathere's Halh*, meaning 'Tathere's valley' (Ekwall 1974, 461).

The site lies in an area of relatively dense

medieval activity. The most predominant feature is Tattershall Castle, located 100m southwest of the Bede Houses. The first castle was built by Robert de Tateshall in 1231 AD and consisted of a number of towers strengthening a curtain wall of which some remnants are visible today (Pevsner and Harris 1989, 745). The brick built keep, the two moats and various other buildings were constructed between 1434 and 1435 by Ralph Cromwell, Treasurer of England (ibid.). This represents one of the earliest brick buildings in England and as such has become a Scheduled Ancient Monument (County No. 2). The keep was restored between 1911 and 1925 by Lord Curzon before subsequently being taken over by the National Trust.

In 1439, Ralph Cromwell was granted a charter to establish a college in Tattershall. All that survives of this is the Collegiate Church of the Holy Trinity. This replaced the Norman church of SS. Peter and Paul of which no trace survives (Parsons 1989, 2). The college was located around the church and was probably enclosed as a gateway was uncovered to the northeast of the church during excavations in 1967 (HTL Parish files). The college was to support seven priests, six laymen and six choristers and was subject to visitations from the Bishop of Lincoln (Page 1988, 237). The college was also to provide almshouses for the shelter of thirteen poor people. The so-called 'Old College', south of the market place, was also a part of the college but its location away from the main centre suggests that its role was as a grammar school (HTL parish files). The college was dissolved in 1545, although the grammar school continued in use for some time.

The Bede Houses, constituting the present investigation area, represent the continuity of the almshouses established by Ralph Cromwell in 1440. The original buildings

are thought to have been half-timbered and what survives today is largely 17th century in origin (Pevsner and Harris, 749). The present almshouses were last renovated in the 1960s when the number of inhabitants were reduced to the present five (HTL parish records). An article in Lincolnshire Life (1966) described the proposals for the renovation thus;

'A report and proposal for conversion has been drawn up by a Chartered Architect, *Mr. Edward Craven*. In it he says the only structural alterations would be the provision of rear access doors on the north side and the formation of a door through the existing party walls. The buildings can be re-roofed with Lincolnshire red pantiles which, in the presence of so many trees would mellow within a year or two. Some attention to the east gable and brickwork would be necessary'.

3. AIMS

The aims of the watching brief, as detailed in the brief (Appendix 1), were to establish the presence or absence of archaeological deposits, if present, and to determine their date function and origin.

The aims of the building survey was to record parts of the building due to be altered to establish the character, history, dating, form and archaeological development of the structure.

4. METHODS

Trenches, specified by the developers, were opened by machine to the required depths to allow for the provision of services. Generally, these trenches did not exceed 0.6m wide. The sides of the trenches were cleaned and selected deposits partially or fully excavated by hand to determine their nature and to retrieve artefactual material. Each archaeological deposit or feature was allocated a unique reference number

(context number) with an individual written description. A photographic record was compiled and sections were drawn at a scale of 1:10 and plans at a scale of 1:20. Recording of deposits encountered during the watching brief was undertaken according to standard Archaeological Project Services practise.

Alteration to the building required that photographs of all external elevations were to be compiled and rectified to provide a permanent record. This was later waived in favour of additional sub-surface archaeological recording (Letter 1st November 1995, East Lindsey District Council). However, where possible any interior elevation affected by the works was recorded by photography and supplemented by elevation drawings, drawn at a scale of 1:10.

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE EXCAVATION

Trenches were machine dug along the north, east and west walls adjacent to the Bede Almshouses.

Finds recovered from those deposits excavated were examined and a period date assigned where possible. Records of the deposits and features recognised during the evaluation were also examined. A list of all contexts and interpretations appears as Appendix 2. Phasing was assigned based on artefact dating and the nature of the deposits and recognisable relationships between them. Four phases were identified;

Phase 1: Pre-Construction

Phase 2: Construction and Use

Phase 3: Demolition

Phase 4: Modern Deposits

Archaeological contexts are listed below and described (Appendix 4). The numbers

depicted in brackets are the context numbers assigned in the field.

For ease of understanding the site has been divided into six areas (Fig. 3). Areas D and E revealed no archaeology.

Phase 1 Pre-Construction

The earliest deposit encountered during the watching brief consisted of a light brownish yellow sand and gravel layer (122). This was uncovered along the full extent of the northeast soakaway trench (Area C) and was c. 1m below ground level.

Phase 2 Construction and Use

A number of structures and floors were located during archaeological investigations. The majority of these were revealed to the north of the almshouses. This phase is comparable to Lord Cromwell's Collegiate buildings of the mid 15th century.

It is important to note that the trenches excavated for the modern drainage pipes did not extend beneath the medieval floor levels. Also, as noted in the brief, walls were left *in situ*. where possible. This has led undetermined the relationship between these two types of features (floors and walls).

Area A: The northwestern soakaway trench was excavated to the top of a north to south aligned limestone wall (037). The short length of this wall revealed (c. 1.4m) was of roughly dressed limestone with a sandy mortar matrix. Associated with this wall, and located 0.8m to the east was an area of limestone and brick floor (130) of some 2m in extent.

A wall was also revealed c. 10m further east (055-7, 064-5). This comprised sections of both limestone and brick construction aligned east to west.

Area B: This revealed only three deposits of this phase. A single limestone wall was uncovered (044), though the width of the trench did not allow the alignment of this wall to be recorded. Located 4.4m and 7.2m east of this wall were two areas of disturbed limestone and brick flooring (041 and 042).

Area C: Walls and floors again represent many of the deposits in this area. Two fireplaces were also revealed.

A north to south trench revealed an east to west aligned limestone wall (026). A 1m length of this was exposed, but a later trench revealed its footings for a further 1.5 metres to the east (081). To the north of this wall was a small area of plaster flooring (024) and to the south a limestone and brick surface was revealed. This southern surface would appear to continue further east, eventually joining a large expanse of limestone and brick floor (049, 051 and 054).

Immediately north of this floor was one of the two fireplaces (Fig. 4, Plan 6). A recess was built into the limestone wall (047), and appears to have utilised smaller limestone blocks (060). This was then lined with brick on the two sides, the rear wall and the floor of the fireplace (059, 062 and 069). At the rear of the fireplace is a small construction of brick (070), possibly a fireback or firegrate of some sort. Brickwork lining this fireplace shows a thin deposit of soot, evidence of having been used. Wall (047) continues east whereupon it joins with a north - south wall, either a projection or an internal

dividing wall.

Lying adjacent to and east of the north south component of wall (047) was another area of limestone and brick flooring (054) extending for a length of some 4m.

Located 1m to the northeast of the eastern extent of floor (054) were the remains of a second fireplace. A similar recess was noted in a limestone and sandstone wall (071). A brick lining is also apparent (072). Whether a brick floor to this fireplace existed was not ascertained.

The sandstone wall can be projected to the east, whereupon it aligns with wall (007) revealed in the section of a Trench (Fig. 5, Section 4).

Situated to the north of this second fireplace, a short stretch of wall was revealed in the northeastern soakaway trench. This wall was composed of three elements, these being a limestone rubble foundation (033), a limestone ashlar course (034) upon which a brick wall had been constructed (035). Together these three contexts are 1.15m high and aligned east to west.

A similarly constructed wall was recorded at the northerly end of the soakaway trench (123). This wall was aligned north to south and may represent a northern return of the same wall. East of this wall and north of wall (033) was an extent of buried topsoil (121), generally a mid brown silty sand and must represent an external deposit.

Areas D and E were not examined during this investigation.

Area F: An east to west aligned wall was recorded set slightly north of the alignment of the present almshouses. This limestone

wall (005) appeared to have an external face to the south and was bonded to a brick and tile floor (004) to the north (this surface continued into Area C and butted against wall 007). No floors were revealed south of wall (005).

Phase 3 Demolition

This Phase represents the demolition of the Collegiate buildings, believed to have started in 1545. The foundation of the present almshouses also belongs in this phase, although no direct relationship between the sub-surface archaeology and the almshouses was able to be established during this investigation.

Demolition deposits were recorded from several places during the watching brief. These comprise brown silty sands (002, 052 and 127), sandy silts (009, 010, 038, 039 and 058) and dumps of building material such as limestone fragments and bricks (015, 018, 073 and 109). Several of these contexts (002, 009, 024, 052 and 058) contained pottery of 17th century date, possibly relating to the earliest use of the present or previous almshouses. With the exception of some deposits along the northwestern soakaway trench, demolition deposits were generally located within the limits of the walls recorded in the previous phase.

A linear feature (078), only partially revealed in Area C, may represent a missing portion of the wall (007). The fill (077), of brown sandy silt contained brick and mortar fragments, typical of many deposits in this phase.

Phase 4 Modern Deposits

The provision of services to the present almshouses constitute many of the features assigned to this phase. These take the form of linear trenches (e.g. 067, 076, 102, and 113) containing drainage pipes. These are generally aligned to the northwest. A water main was also recorded (094).

A possible posthole (016) in Area A measured 0.29m wide and 0.4m deep. The function of this feature was not apparent.

The recent ground surface was typified by a dark brown sandy silt (001, 023, 035 and 087). Located towards the rear and front of the almshouses, this was replaced by a concrete path (003) around the almshouses.

6. BUILDING DESCRIPTION

The Bede Almshouses comprise a single structure divided into five dwellings. The building dates from the 17th century and was originally designed for ten single roomed dwellings. Alterations are believed to have taken place in the 19th and 20th centuries (DoE 1987, 37).

Roof; Pantile roof over a simple rafter and beam construction. The rafters possibly date to the last renovation in the 1960s whilst the beams show earlier tenon joints and appear more aged than the rafters. Ten chimneys occur, one each at the gable ends and four pairs.

External walls; The south elevation is built of brick in English bond. Ten doorways are apparent of which five are blocked. An arched passageway is evident in the centre of the south elevation. The blocked doors are now filled with windows. Both sides and the north elevation incorporate reused

masonry, usually in lower course and in an uneven coursing pattern. Side elevations show decorative brickwork towards the eaves. The reused masonry is likely to have come from the former collegiate buildings. Only five entrances are apparent on the north side, and appear to be those inserted in the 1960s.

Interior; Walls are composed of reused limestone masonry, usually the lower courses, and red brick in English 'type' bond. Former doorways to the front are revealed as recesses boarded up with window set above these. Elevation 3 (Fig. 8) shows a blocked doorway between two dwellings of recent brick, a feature that may have existed in all dwellings. Recent repairs show the use of breeze blocks and modern brick. The former central passage through this structure has been utilised as cupboard space for Dwelling 3.

Floors and ceilings; Concrete now covers the floors of all dwellings. Investigation has demonstrated that this concrete lies above a brick floor overlying a crushed sandstone make-up layer. No former wall lines are visible. The ceilings were not subject to alteration and remained beneath paintwork.

Fittings; All doors and windows are believed to be 20th century in origin as the same pattern is repeated in blocked doorways dating from the 1960s.

General investigations throughout the structure did not reveal a datestone. Some bulging of the walls has occurred leading to the use of steel tie-rods. The results of this survey have been committed to the ground plan of the building (Fig. 7) and a conjectural plan of the 17th century structure prepared (Fig. 11).

7. DISCUSSION

Investigations at the Bede Almshouses, Tattershall revealed a sequence of archaeological deposits dating from the late medieval period to the modern day. These archaeological remains were developed on a natural alluvial deposit of sand and gravel (Phase 1).

A number of structural remains identified during the investigation relate to the construction and use of the site as a college in the Late medieval period (Phase 2). These remains take the form of walls and floors extant throughout much of the investigation area. The limited size of the trenches required by the development did not allow for a full understanding of the structural remains. However, some points can be ascertained.

It appears that a rectangular building, orientated east to west, lies beneath the present almshouses. Two fireplaces are located at the northeast of this building and suggest sub-divisions within this structure. Two remnants of walls exist slightly north of this, and their close proximity to the rear walls of the fireplaces suggest a corridor aligned east to west.

The walls recorded during trench cutting were generally composed of a limestone foundation topped by a few courses of limestone ashlar upon which a brick wall was built. Worked stone from these investigations indicate that windows and door jambs were of limestone. The surviving buildings of Tattershall Castle and the Old College best indicate the building style of the archaeological remains, all constructed of brick walls upon limestone foundations. No evidence was uncovered for the use of timbers in these structures, indicating that the remains

encountered may not be those of the original half-timbered almshouses founded by Lord Cromwell. It is possible, therefore, that these buildings may be part of the actual college. Comparison with other colleges of the period (eg Eton College, Winchester College and St. John's College Cambridge) indicate no set layout.

Evidence for the subsequent use of these buildings is limited and is indicated by deposits of soot at the back of the fireplaces and worn surfaces on brick and limestone floors.

Phase 3 deposits relate to the demolition of the earlier rectangular structure, possibly in 1545, following the dissolution of the College. Demolition deposits are varied but are typified by quantities of brick, tile and mortar fragments.

Finds retrieved from the investigation include a quantity of medieval and post-medieval pottery. A single late Saxon sherd was also retrieved. The medieval finds are residual and were found alongside post-medieval pottery in the demolition phases. A quantity of bone was also recovered and represent a number of different species including human, horse, cat, rabbit, red deer and goose as well as more common species of cattle, sheep and pig. Antler from red deer also indicates working of this material.

Despite elements of the recording being waived, the building survey of the almshouses has identified the extent and nature of the 17th century almshouses. This indicates that each dwelling comprised a single room with doorway. Two windows, on each side of the building, provided light and a single fireplace central to one side of each room are noted. This is likely to have remained the layout of these cottages until

the 1960s whereupon the number of dwellings was reduced to five, a northerly entrance installed and subdivisions of the main rooms made to allow for the insertion of a kitchen and bathroom.

8. CONCLUSIONS

Archaeological investigation and a building survey were carried out at the Bede Almshouses, Tattershall because the site fell within an area of archaeological and historical value. The site formed part of a cluster of structures that includes the castle and the Collegiate Church.

Investigations revealed a sequence of deposits of the late medieval period to the modern day. Built upon a natural alluvial gravel deposit was a rectangular building of brick and dressed limestone, probably part of the late medieval college that stood on this site.

Following the dissolution of the college, the buildings were demolished and stonework was reused in the 17th century almshouses. The almshouses were subjected to a building survey which revealed the original ground plan prior to renovations in the 19th and 20th centuries.

High potential exists for further remains of the college surviving at less than 0.5m deep in the vicinity of the site. However, disturbance of these deposits by the graveyard are likely. Medieval colleges are regionally rare and the setting of Tattershall College in relation to the castle and Old College increase the importance of this site.

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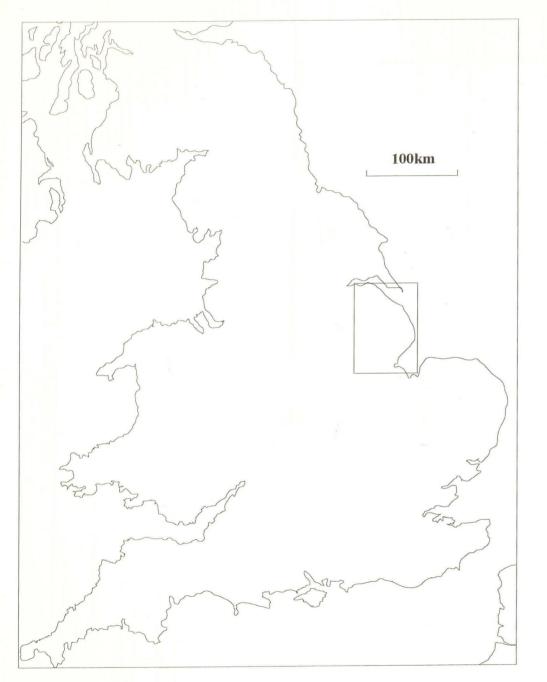
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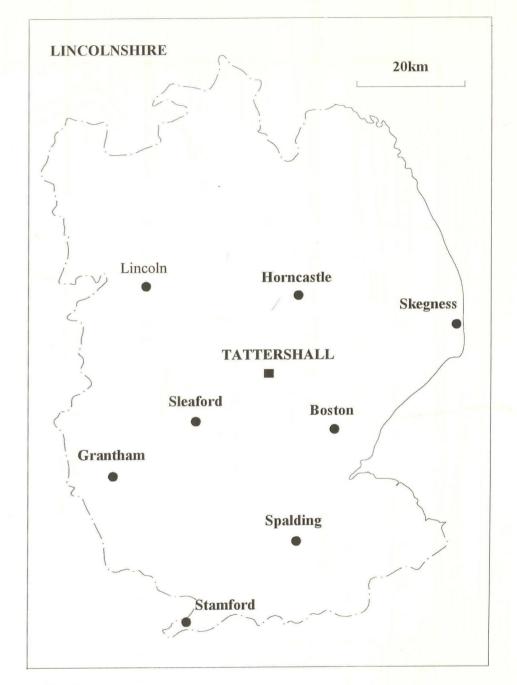


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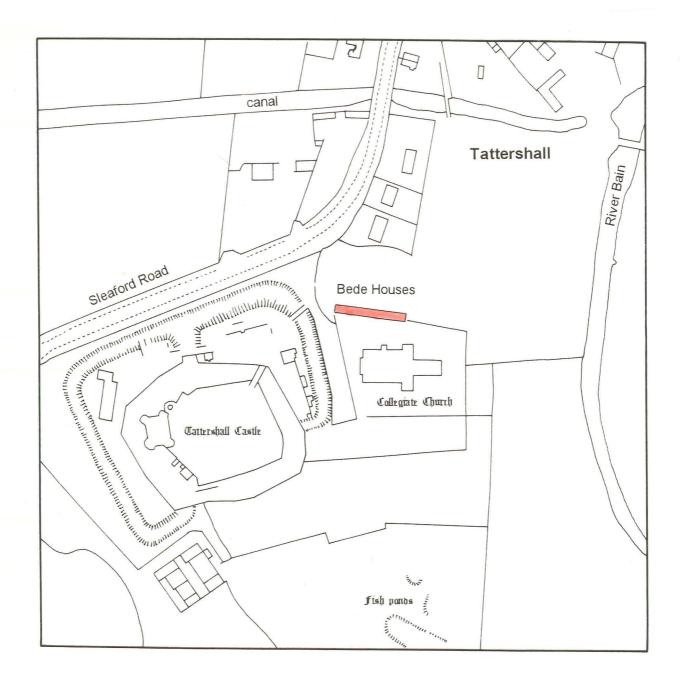




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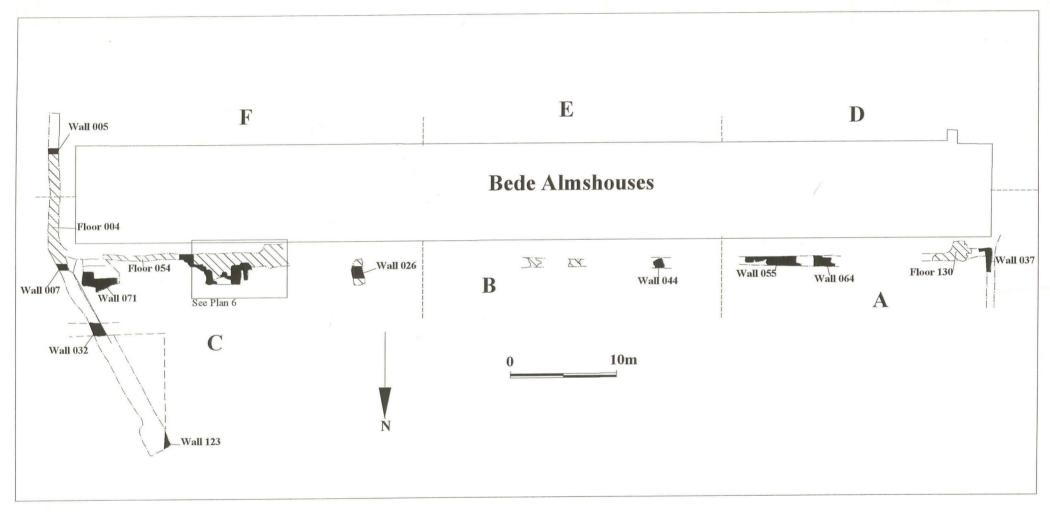
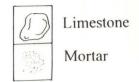
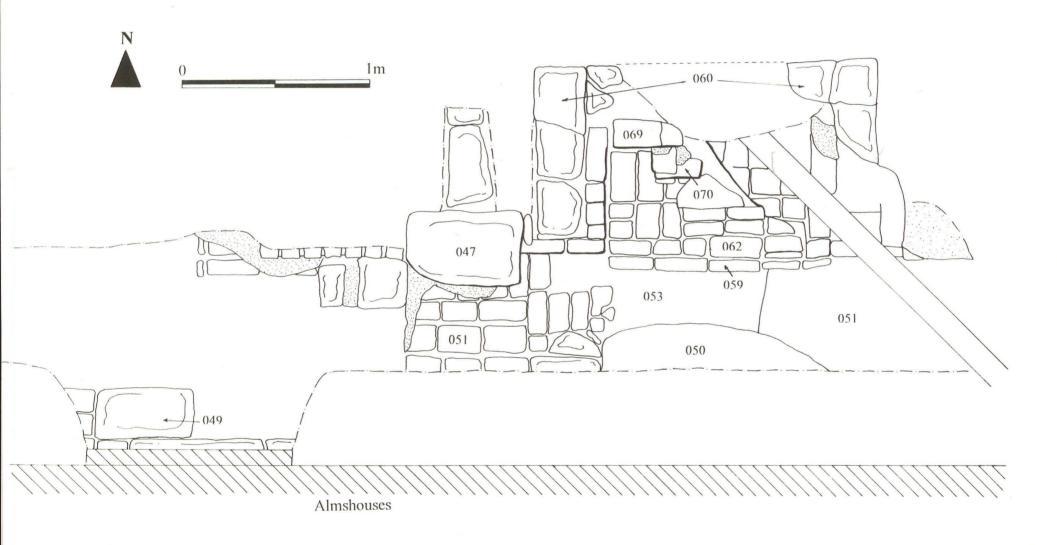


Figure 3 - Excavated Features





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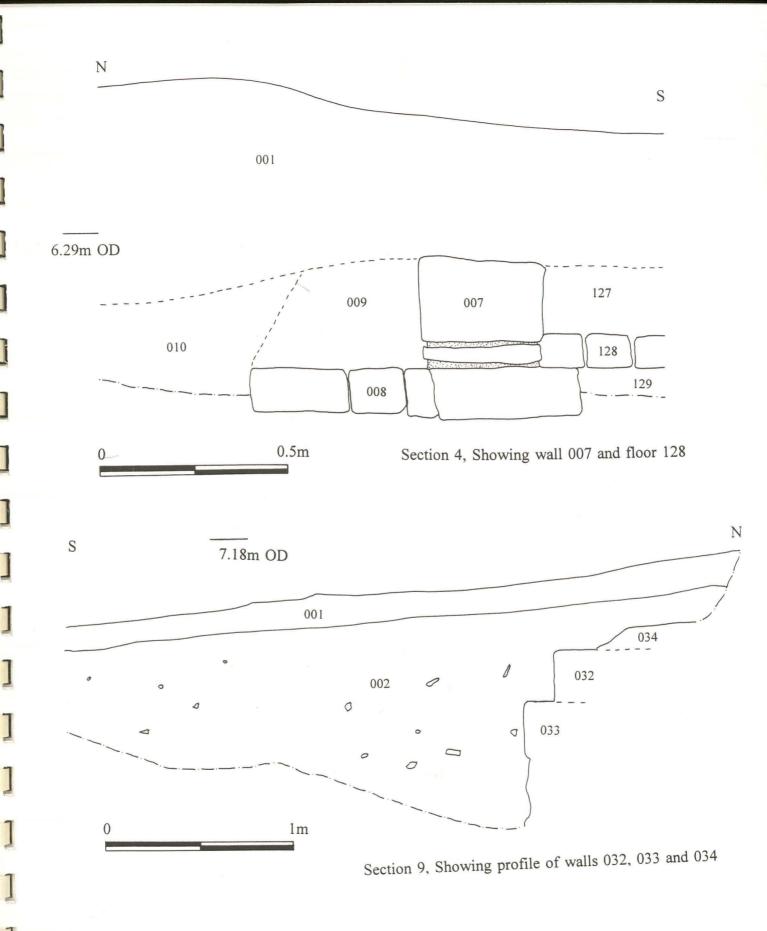
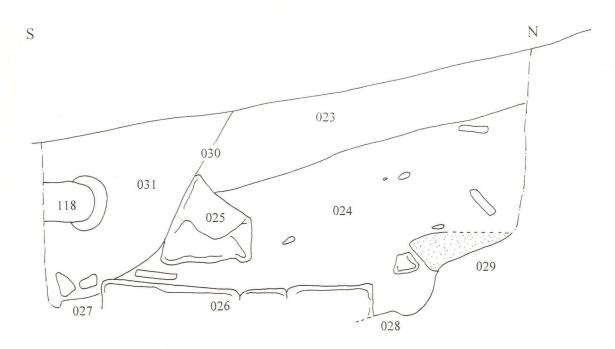


Figure 5 - Sections 4 and 9



Section 7, showing demolition and recent deposits above wall 026

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Figure 6 - Section 7

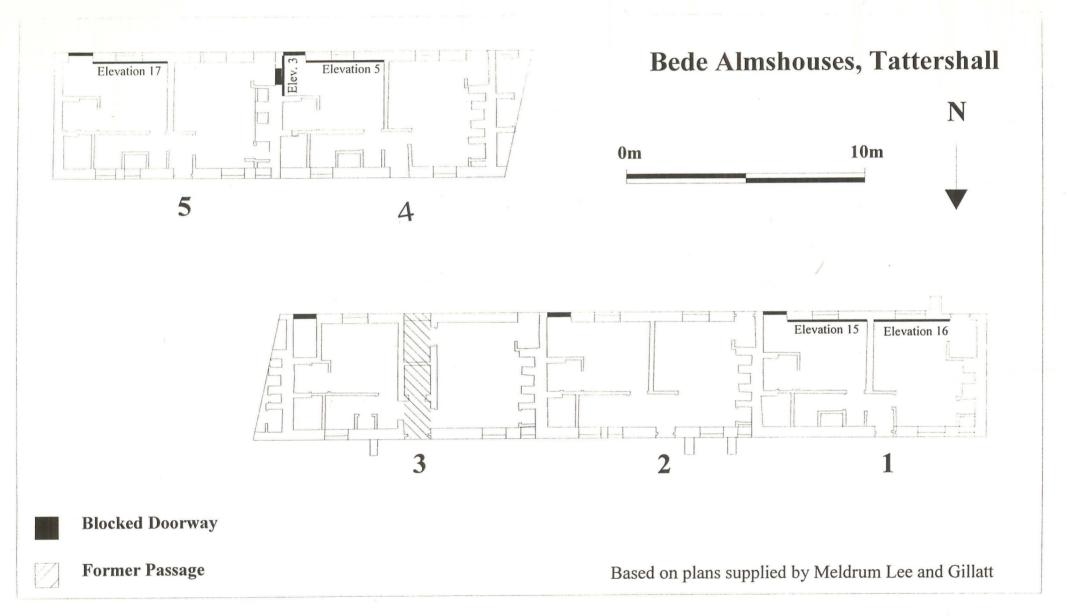
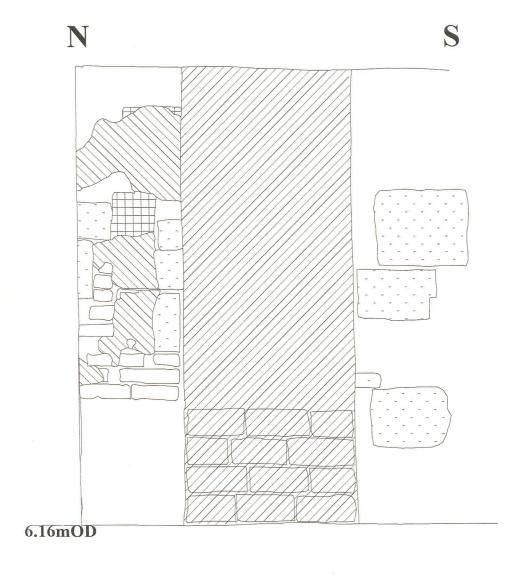
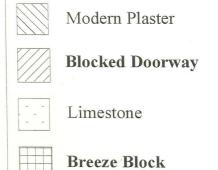


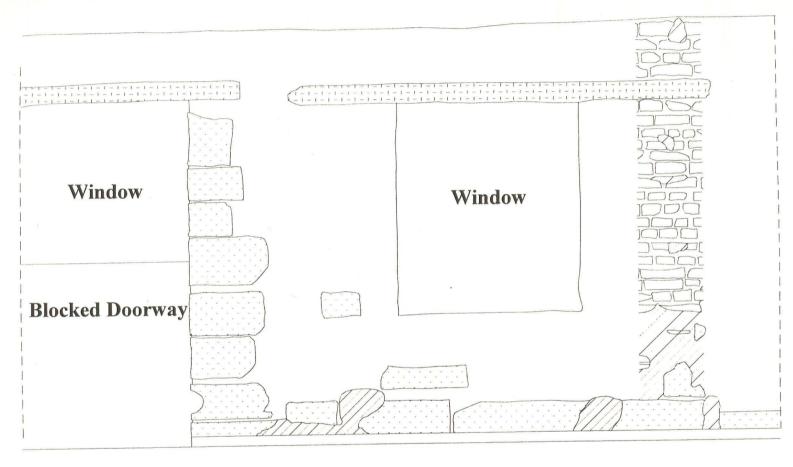
Figure 7 - Ground Plan of the Almshouses

Elevation 3, showing blocked doorway between No. 4 and No. 5.





Elevation 15



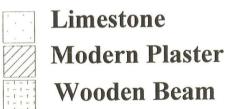


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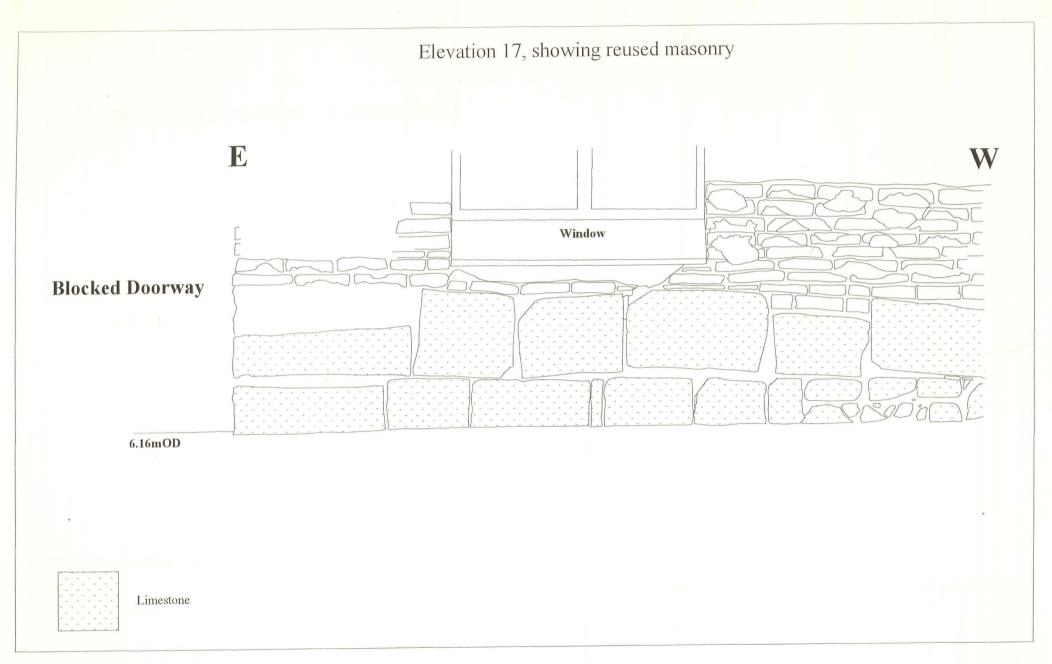
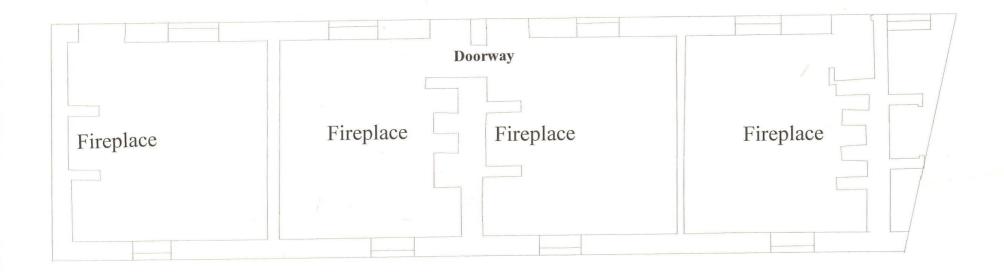


Figure 10 - Elevation 17 see replacement figure in rear pocket

Bede Almshouses, Tattershall



Conjectural Ground Plan of the original 17th century Almshouses at

Tattershall

Based on plans supplied by Meldrum Lee and Gillatt

Figure 11 - Conjectural Ground Plan

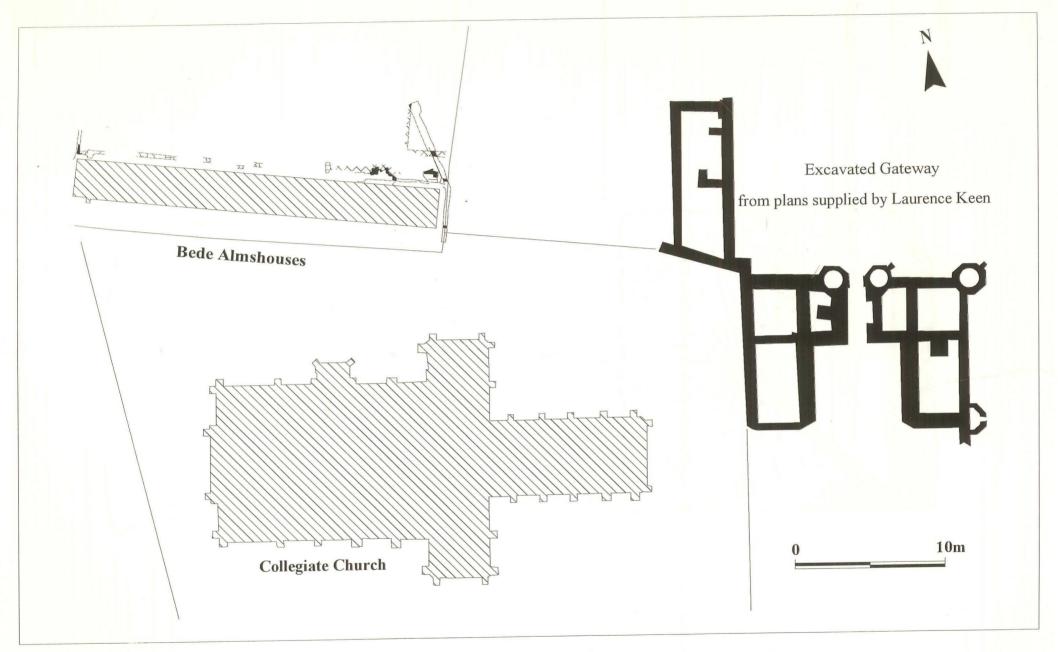


Figure 12 - Vicinity of Collegiate Church, showing excavated remains

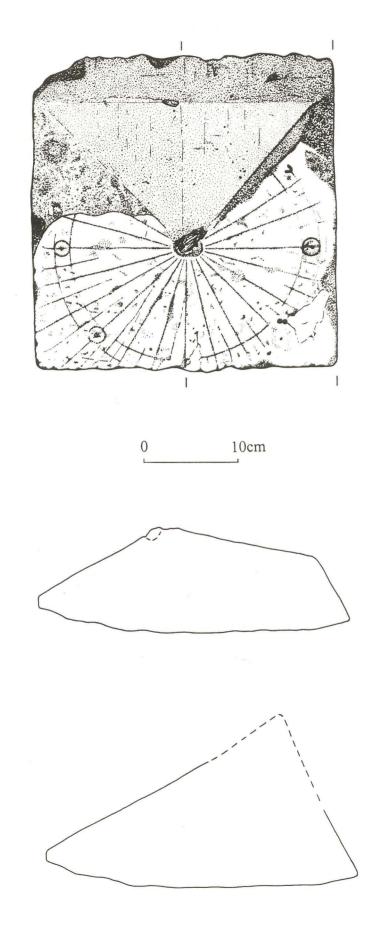


Figure 13 - Stone Sundial (001)

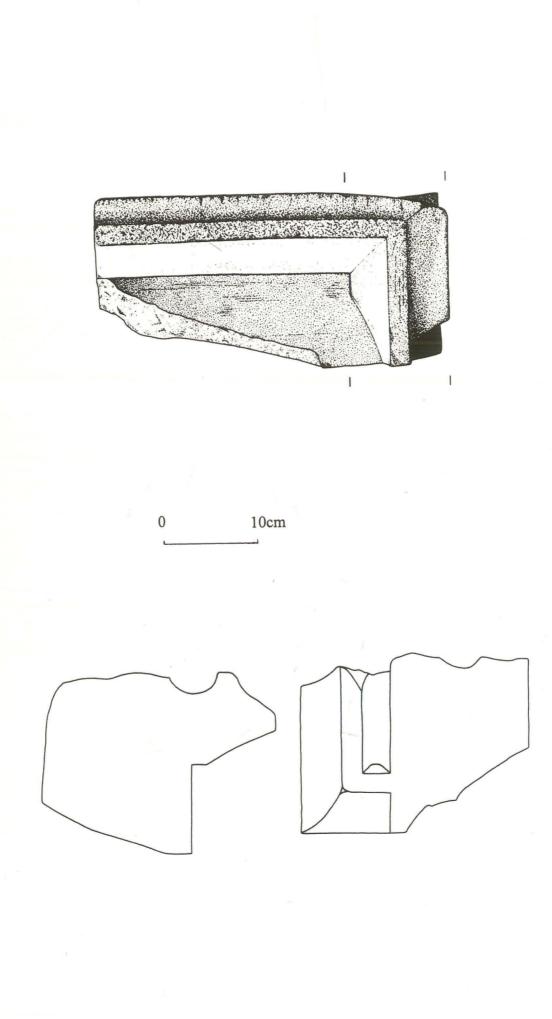


Figure 14 - Decorative Fire Surround

Plate 1 - Aerial View of the Investigation Area

The Bede Almshouses are located to the left (north) of the Collegiate Church. Above this is the modern bowling green where excavations revealed the site of the gatehouse to Tattershall College. This is overlooked by the Keep of Tattershall Castle, set within a double moat. (Photo D.Start)





Plate 2 - Brick Arch of the Central Passageway, located in the centre of cottage No. 3.



Plate 3 - Limestone Wall with Brick Upper Course (032, 033 and 034), looking North.

Appendix 1

BRIEF FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF AND A BUILDING RECORDING EVENT

SITE:

Tattershall Bede Almshouses

COMPANY:

Meldrum Lee and Gillatt

LOCATION:

The Bedehouse 1-5, adjacent to Tattershall Church, Sleaford Road, Tattershall

PLANNING APP. NO.:

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1. Summary

- This document is the brief for archaeological work to be undertaken on a scheme of building alteration at Tattershall Bede Almshouses by Meldrum Lee and Gillatt. It sets out the requirements for a watching brief to be carried out on all groundworks and a recording event of aspects of the historic building. Such a scheme should facilitate the preservation by record of any archaeological deposits.
- 1.2 This brief should be used by archaeological contractors as the basis for the preparation of a detailed archaeological project design. In response to this brief contractors will be expected to provide details of the proposed scheme of work, to include the anticipated working methods, timescales and staffing levels.
- 1.3 The detailed specification will be submitted to the company above subject to approval of the Archaeological Officer of Lincolnshire County Council. If more than one, the client will be free to choose between those specifications which are considered to adequately satisfy this brief.

2. Site location and description

2.1 The location of the site is at National Grid Reference TF 21196 57619. Tattershall is situated in the valley of the River Bain in eastern Lincolnshire approximately 25km south-east of the city of Lincoln. The underlying geology consists of fluvial gravels and the soil is typical of such parent material. The site is approximately 6m above sea level.

3. Planning background

3.1 Approval was given by East Lindsey District Council on 14th February 1995 for the planning permission and listed building consent for alterations and improvements to the existing dwellings. A condition of these approvals was that an archaeological recording be undertaken and was worded as below:

"The developer shall commission an archaeologist to undertake a watching brief when the works are undertaken (including the external operations) and shall allow him/her to record items of interests and finds."

3.2 Government guidance on these matters is given in two documents. These are *Planning Policy Guidance Note 15: Planning and the historic environment* and *Planning Policy Guidance Note 16: Archaeology and Planning.* Of the former documents paragraphs 3.22 to 3.24 are of particular relevance and of the latter paragraphs 29 and 30 are relevant.

4. Archaeological background

4.1 Tattershall is a parish of considerable archaeological and historical value. Ralph Cromwell, Treasurer of England in 1433 built its castle, one of the finest buildings in Lincolnshire and one of the earliest brick buildings in the country. Cromwell also built the church and the college attached to it. New

buildings for the college were built after Cromwell's death by his executor Bishop Waynflete.

4.2 The almshouses were also founded by Cromwell in 1440 although what remains largely dates to the 17th century.

5. Objectives of an archaeological watching brief and building recording

- 5.1 According to the definition by the Institute of Field Archaeologists 'an archaeological watching brief will record the archaeological resource during development within a specified area'. To be carried out during fieldworks, the objective of the watching brief should be to ensure that any archaeological features exposed by the groundworks are recorded and interpreted.
- 5.2 The Institute of Field Archaeologists defines building recording as a 'programme of work intended to establish the character, history, dating, form and archaeological development of a specified building'. The building recording will be undertaken to prepare a record of the parts of the building to be altered so that any phasing or dating of the building can be determined.

6. Requirements for work

- 6.1 On the development outlined in 3.1 it is required that a watching brief be undertaken, to include:
 - 6.1.1 archaeological supervision of topsoil stripping;
 - 6.1.2 inspection of subsoil for archaeological features;
 - 6.1.3 recording of archaeological features in plan;
 - 6.1.4 limited excavations of features where appropriate;
 - 6.1.5 archaeological supervision of subsoil stripping;
 - 6.1.6 inspection of natural deposits for archaeological features and their recording if extant.
- 6.2 The building recording must consist of a number of actions.
 - 6.2.1 a recording by rectified photography of the northern exterior elevation (photographs tp be in black and white and should be scaled);
 - 6.2.2 the recording by appropriate media of any elevation affected by the works;
 - 6.2.3 internal alterations are to be recorded by photography (not rectified) and measuring where brickwork and/or features are revealed.

7. Post-fieldwork programme

- 7.1 After completion of the fieldwork phase of the project the following procedures should be undertaken:
 - 7.1.1 that, after agreement with the landowner, arrangements are made for long term storage of all artefacts in City and County Museum, Lincoln;
 - 7.1.2 that a site archive is produced and should be deposited with the artefacts as detailed in 7.1.1;
 - 7.1.3 a full report is produced and deposited with the appropriate bodies within two months.

8. Reporting requirements

- A report of the fieldwork should be produced and supplied to the client and the planning authority. A further copy must be deposited with the county Sites and Monuments Record within two months of completion of fieldwork. The report should contain:
 - 8.1.1 a location plan of trenches;
 - 8.1.2 section and plan drawings, with ground level, Ordnance Datum, vertical and horizontal scales as appropriate;

- 8.1.3 specialist descriptions of artefacts and/or ecofacts;
- 8.1.4 any indication of potential archaeological deposits not disturbed by the present development;
- 8.1.5 a summary of the archaeology discovered and a consideration of its local, regional and national significance
- 8.1.6 elevation drawings and photographs
- 8.1.7 interpretation of structural development of the building
- 8.2 A short note should be prepared for publication in the Archaeological Notes of the county journal Lincolnshire History and Archaeology.

9. Monitoring arrangements

9.1 Curatorial responsibility for this project lies with the Archaeological Officer of Lincolnshire County Council. He should be given at least seven days notice, in writing, of the proposed date of commencement of site work and may exercise his prerogative of monitoring fieldwork.

10. Additional information

10.1 This document attempts to define the best practice expected of an archaeological evaluation but cannot fully anticipate the conditions that will be encountered as work progresses. If requirements of the brief cannot be met they should only be excluded after attainment of the written approval of the Archaeological Officer of Lincolnshire County Council.

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For the attention of Mr J Merrett

Yr ref:

JAM/TAS/12621

My ref:

IKG/DEL/ELD175

4 October 1995

Dear Sir

RE: TATTERSHALL BEDE ALMSHOUSES

This letter is in response to the meeting held on 3rd October at the above site at which yourself, Ian George, Steve Haynes and Paul Barker were present. It attempts to address some of the issues which arose at that meeting and proposes a possible way forward.

Clearly what has transpired is that initially there was some confusion over the requirements of the planning authority. Despite some delays the building recording element of the work is now underway and the rectified photography of the north elevation will take place in the near future.

Of greater concern are the interpreted discoveries made during the watching brief on external groundworks. It is clear that not only are there extensive remains but these remains survive extremely well and at relatively shallow depths. The group of buildings at Tattershall which consists of a collegiate church, a castle and the almshouses is one of the most important in the county. Indeed, in terms of the history of building techniques and the early use of brick these buildings are of national importance. In this context the findings are of great significance.

Three issues are of concern and were discussed at the site meeting. These are:

the trench at the east end for drainage to a soakaway has been found to contain a substantial wall and demolition debris.

- 2 exploratory work along the line of the French drains and pavements along the north elevation has located the remains of a wall running east-west.
- 3 the trench at the west end for drainage to a soakaway has been found to contain a floor, with possible occupation layers and demolition debris.

The following approach is proposed.

Drainage trench at east end.

- an exploratory excavation is made under archaeological supervision and with manual excavation if appropriate at the location for the proposed soakaway pit. This will determine whether archaeological features, in particular floors, are present.
 - If archaeological features are present a site meeting must be convened to discuss this matter.
 - If no archaeological features are present then move to step two.
- the depth of the surviving wall is determined and a method of "moling" underneath it investigated.
- if 1 and 2 above are successful a watching brief be undertaken of the excavation of the remainder of the trench.

Pavement and French drains.

- 1 a watching brief of all ground disturbance take place.
- any stonework that has to be removed must be drawn and photographed *in situ*. Removal must be seen as a last resort and should be discussed with Paul Barker and Ian George if *in situ* wall material is to be disturbed.

Drainage trench at west end.

- 1 archaeological supervision of all groundworks is crucial.
- a contingency must be allowed for a sample excavation by hand by an archaeologist of the floor level.

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The importance of the archaeological remains is such that considerable expert input is required. It is suggested that Mr Haynes attempt to cost the requirements out-lined above. When he has submitted his details to you it may be useful to have a meeting to discuss in detail their implications. No-one wishes to see any unnecessary delay or cost being incurred but planning guidance clearly puts the responsibility upon developers to act in a way which is sympathetic with the need to preserve *in situ* or by record archaeological remains.

Yours faithfully

8. Carrey

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Please quote:

D/PW/CW/S175/

1586/94

Please ask for: Mr. Wallis

Date:

1st November 1995

Dear Sirs,

Re: Application S175/1586/94

I refer to your discussions with Mr.P. Barker and I am writing to confirm that in view of the importance of ensuring the ground archaeology is fully recorded and because of limited funds the requirement to carry out a rectified photographic survey of the exterior elevations of the cottages will in this case be waived. This is on the understanding that funds originally allocated for work will be redirected to be used in studying the new excavations.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Planning & Economic Development

CONTEXT LIST

No.	AREA	DESCRIPTION	INTERPRETATION			
001	All	Dark brown sandy silt, 0.2m thick	Topsoil			
002	F	Mid brown mortar, brick and silty sand, 0.45m thick	Demolition deposit			
003	D,E,F	Concrete surface	Modern path			
004	C,F	Brick surface, 0.52m wide by 6m long	Brick floor			
005	F	Limestone structure, roughly dressed, aligned east-west	Wall			
006	C,F	Yellow brown sand, 0.15m thick	Bedding layer for 004 and 005			
007	С	Limestone structure, 0.65m length exposed, aligned east-west	Wall			
008	C	Limestone structure, beneath 007	Foundation course for wall 007			
009	С	Mid grey sandy silt with brick and tile frags.	Demolition deposit			
010	С	Greyish brown sandy silt, 0.29m thick	Miscellaneous deposit			
011		Brick structure	Blocking wall in almshouse			
012		Brick and limestone structure	Almshouse wall			
013		Brick and limestone structure	Almshouse wall			
014		Brick and limestone wall	Almshouse wall			
015	A	Yellow limestone frags 0.28m thick	Demolition deposit			
016	A	Feature, in section only, 0.29m wide by 0.4m deep	Posthole			
017	A	Mid brown sandy silt	Fill of 016			
018	A	Yellow limestone frags, 0.3m thick	Demolition deposit, same as 015			
019		Brick and limestone structure	Almshouse wall			
020		Brick and limestone structure	Almshouse wall			
021		Brick structure	Blocking wall in almshouse			
022		Brick and limestone structure	Almshouse wall			
023	C	Dark blackish brown sandy silt, 0.22m thick	Topsoil			
024	С	Brown silt with frags of brick and tile, 0.42m thick	Demolition deposit			
025	С	Limestone structure, ashlar aligned east-west	Wall			
026	С	Limestone structure beneath 025	Foundation for 025			
027	С	Red tile and brick deposit	Bedding for 026 and 027			

No.	AREA	DESCRIPTION	INTERPRETATION			
028	С	Limestone structure	Same as 026			
029	С	Off white mortar	Plaster floor?			
030	С	Linear cut, 0.8m wide by 0.8m deep	Cut for drainage pipe			
031	С	Dark blackish brown silt	Fill of 030			
032	С	Dressed limestone structure, 0.26m high by 0.25m wide, aligned east-west	Wall			
033	С	Limestone structure beneath 032	Foundation for 032			
034	С	Brick structure, built upon 032	Brick wall			
035	A	Brown sandy silt, 0.47m thick	Topsoil			
036	A	Greyish brown sandy silt, 0.29m thick	Subsoil or buried topsoil			
037	A	Limestone structure, north-south aligned, roughly dressed with a sandy mortar matrix	Wall			
038	A	Grey sandy silt with brick frags	Demolition deposit			
039	A	Light grey sandy silt with mortar frags	Demolition deposit			
040	A	Greyish brown sandy silt	Same as 036			
041	В	Limestone and brick surface, 1m extent	Floor			
042	В	Limestone and brick surface, 0.85m extent	Floor			
043	В	Limestone structure, north-south aligned, roughly dressed	Wall			
044	В	Limestone structure, part of 043	Wall			
045	C	Limestone structure, east-west aligned,	Wall			
046	С	Yellow gravel	Bedding for wall 045			
047	С	Limestone and brick structure, east-west aligned, 2.8m length exposed	Wall			
048	С	Brick structure, beneath 047	Foundation for 047			
049	С	Limestone flag surface, 1.2m extent	Floor			
050	С	Mid grey clay	Miscellaneous deposit			
051	С	Brick and Limestone surface, 4.2m length exposed	Floor			
052	С	Grey silty sand with clay with brick and tile frags	Demolition deposit			
053	С	Dark brown silt	Possible construction deposit			
054	С	Brick and limestone surface, 3.1m exposed	Floor			
055	A	Brick structure, east-west aligned, 1m length	Wall			
056	A	Limestone structure, roughly dressed, beneath 055	Foundation course for wall 055			

No.	AREA	DESCRIPTION	INTERPRETATION		
057	A	Tile course, partially visible	Part of wall 055		
058	С	Dark grey silty sand, frequent mortar and brick fragments, 0.32m thick	Demolition deposit		
059	С	Brick surface, 1.32m long by 0.6m wide	Floor of fireplace		
060	С	Dressed sandstone structure, L-shaped, 0.42m high	Outer wall of fireplace		
061		Unused Context			
062	С	Yellow burnt brick and mortar, 0.1m maximum thickness	Fireplace deposit		
063	С	Limestone structure, 0.5m exposed, north-south aligned	Wall		
064	A	Limestone structure, aligned east-west	Wall, continuation of 056		
065	A	Brick surface, 0.87m extent	Floor		
066	С	Mid brown sandy silt	Fill of 067		
067	С	Linear cut, 2m exposed by 0.44m wide	Water pipe trench		
068	С	Ceramic pipe	Within 067		
069	С	Brick structure	Lining for fireplace 071		
070	С	Brick structure, 0.2m high, within 071	Fireback?		
071	С	Sandstone structure, 0.2m high, U- shaped	Fireplace		
072	С	Brick structure	Lining for fireplace 071		
073	С	Light brown and red mortar and brick frags.	Demolition deposit		
074	С	Mid brown sandy silt	Fill of 076		
075	С	Ceramic drain	Within 076		
076	С	Linear cut, 2m exposed	Drainage pipe trench		
077	С	Mid brown sandy silt	Fill of 078		
078	С	Linear cut, east-west aligned, 1m exposed by 0.3m width	Possible robber trench		
079	С	Dark blackish brown silt, 0.5m thick	Build-up deposit?		
080	С	Off white mortar	Bedding for wall 081		
081	С	Limestone structure, east-west aligned	Wall remnant		
082	C	Off white mortar	Same as 080		
083	С	Ceramic pipe	Within 085		
084	С	Dark brown silt	Fill of 085		
085	С	Linear cut, 0.5m wide by 0.9m deep	Drainage pipe trench		
086	С	Concrete surface	Stand for coal bunker		

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No.	AREA	DESCRIPTION	INTERPRETATION		
087	С	Dark brown silt, 0.2m thick	Former topsoil		
088	С	Off white mortar surface	Floor		
089	С	Brown silt, 0.18m thick	Former topsoil?		
090	С	Concrete Structure	Stop-cock housing		
091	С	Mid to dark brown silt	Fill of 094		
092	С	Brick structure assoc. with 090	Stop-cock housing		
093	С	Concrete surface	Base to 090 and 092		
094	С	Rectangular cut, 0.55m deep	Trench for 090 and 092		
095	С	Mid to dark brown silt	Fill of 097		
096	С	Ceramic drainage pipe	Within 097		
097	С	Linear cut, 0.5m wide by 0.55m deep	Drainage pipe trench		
098	С	Brick and plaster surface	Floor		
099	С	Mortar, 30mm thick	Bedding for wall 103		
100	С	Mid to dark brown silt	Fill of 102		
101	С	Ceramic pipe	Within 102		
102	С	Linear cut, 0.7m wide by 0.5m deep	Drainage pipe trench		
103	С	Brick structure, east-west aligned	Wall		
104	С	Off white mortar	Bonding for wall 103		
105	С	Dressed limestone structure, 0.8m long by 0.15m high, east-west aligned	Wall		
106	C	Brick structure, east-west aligned	Wall		
107	С	Dark brown silt, 0.2m thick	Former topsoil		
108	С	Brick and limestone surface	Floor		
109	С	Brown silt and mortar with brick fragments, 0.18m thick	Demolition deposit		
110	С	Brick structure, same as 059	Floor of fireplace		
111	С	Mid to dark brown silt	Fill of 113		
112	С	Ceramic pipe	Within 113		
113	С	Linear cut, 1.28m wide by 0.5m deep	Drainage pipe trench		
114	С	Brick structure, east-west aligned, 0.22m high	Wall		
115	С	Off white mortar	Bedding for wall 114		
116	С	Brick structure, assoc. with 070	Fireback?		
117	С	Off white mortar	Bonding for 116		

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No.	AREA	DESCRIPTION	INTERPRETATION
118	С	Ceramic pipe	Within 030
119	Α	Concrete slab	Base for garden shed
120	С	Greyish white silt with brick, tile and mortar frags	Demolition deposit
121	С	Mid brown silty sand	Former topsoil
122	С	Light brownish yellow sand and gravel	Natural deposit
123	С	Limestone and brick structure, Ashlar limestone with brick courses upon it, aligned north-south	Wall
124		Limestone and brick structure	Almshouse wall
125		Limestone and brick structure	Almshouse wall
126		Limestone and brick structure	Almshouse wall
127	F	Mixed mortar, brick, tile and sand, 0.45m thick	Demolition deposit
128	F	Brick surface	Same as 004
129	F	Yellowish brown sand, 0.15m thick	Same as 006
130	A	Limestone and brick surface, 2.5m extent	Floor

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POTTERY AND FINDS Hilary Healey

The material from this site is largely post-medieval, but includes a number of residual medieval sherds and one late Saxon shelly rim (context 052). There is a predominance of pottery of Boston type, from the seventeenth century kiln (which had earlier phases) found in the 1970s (White 1976), there are pieces in contexts 024 and 058 which more closely resemble material from a site at Great Beats 4.5km south-east of Tattershall (Whitwell 1966) and from post-Dissolution deposits on the site of Kirkstead Abbey. The latter, known both from waste material and from documentary evidence, lies 4.5 km to the north. All these sites were close to the River Witham.

The earlier material is evidently residual, since most contexts include at least one relatively modern sherd and have, therefore, been disturbed in recent times. The apparent earliest contexts are 009 and 024 (demolition deposits), in which the latest material is of seventeenth century date. These two contexts represent the earliest demolition phases and may indicate the date of destruction of structures revealed during the investigation.

A full catalogue of pottery and other finds are appended.

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Table 1: Pottery Catalogue

Context	Type	Date
U/S	1 medieval type, unknown	?
U/S	17 Boston ware	17th century
U/S	1 slipware	17th century
U/S	1 Kirkstead ware	16th/17th
U/S	1 Dutch import	17th century
U/S	1 Chinese porcelain, import	18th +
U/S	4 White earthenware	18th +
U/S	1 Bellarmine ware	17th century
U/S	1 porcelain	modern
U/S	1 fine green ware	?
C001	1 Potter Hanworth shelly ware	13th/14th
C001	3 unidentified post-medieval	16th century
C001	3 Staffordshire type	18th century
C001	1 Tudor Green type	16th century
C001	1 Blackglaze ware	17th century
C001	1 Cistercian ware	16th century
C001	19 Toynton All Saints ware	13th/14th
C001	5 Boston ware	17th century
C001	1 Raeren import	16th century
C001	1 Midlands purple	17th+
C001	1 White earthenware	18th+
C001	1 unknown stoneware	modern
C002	1 Kirkstead ware	16th/17th
C002	1 Staffordshire type	18th century
C002	3 Blackglaze ware	17th century
C002	10 Toynton All Saints ware	13th/14th
C002	6 Boston ware	17th century
C002	2 Nottingham stoneware	18th century
C002	1 Bellarmine ware	17th century
C009	5 Kirkstead ware	16th/17th
C009	1 Potter Hanworth shelly ware	13th/14th
C009	1 Boston ware (? urinal)	17th century
C024	3 Toynton All Saints ware	13th/14th
C024	2 Boston ware	17th century
C052	1 Saxon shelly type	10th/11th
C052	2 Kirkstead ware	16th/17th
C052	3 Toynton All Saints ware	13th/14th
C052	1 Boston ware	17th century
C052	4 White earthenware	18th+
C058		16th century
C058		13th/14th
C058		17th century
C058		16th century
C065	1	18th century

Table 2: Other Finds

Context	Description
U/S	1 modern bottle
C001	2 flat roof tiles, 1 ridge/hip tile, 1 silver plated brass sugar tongs
C002	2 flat roof tiles, 1 with lugs attached
C009	5 flat roof tiles, 1 yellow and 4 red
C024	2 flat roof tiles
C052	2 flat roof tiles, 2 ridge/hip tiles

THE ANIMAL BONES James Rackham The Environmental Archaeology Consultancy

The collection is small and most of the cattle and sheep bones indicate large animals consistent with post-medieval material, a period during which much improvement of stock took place. There is little material that may be derived, as with the pottery, from earlier medieval deposits.

Bones of human, cattle, sheep, pig, horse, cat, rabbit, red deer and goose are represented, with cattle being the most abundant. Human, pig, horse, cat, rabbit and goose are indicated from single bones only. Fragments of worked and unworked shed red deer antler were recovered from (058), a 17th/18th century deposit, and a single fragment of shed antler was also found in context (001). These were very small antlers that must have deerived from relatively young animals or those feeding on heathland, rather than a full forest environment, and would have been poor material by comparison with that used by traditional medieval antler workers. At least three antlers are indicated by the remains.

A single human jaw fragment was recovered from context (046). This showed some ante-mortem loss of teeth and derived from an adult, possibly old, individual.

An archive catalogue of the recovered bones has been produced and is appended to this report.

Key to codes used in the cataloguing of animal bones

SPEC	IES	BONE	SIDE	FUSION
			W - whole	Records the fused/unfused condition of the epiphyses
BOS	cattle	SKL skull	L - left side	P - proximal; D - distal; E - acetabulum;
CSZ	cattle size	TEMP temporal	R - right side	N - unfused; F - fused; C - cranial; A - posterior
SUS	pig	FRNT frontal	F - fragment	
OVCA	sheep or goat	PET petrous	TOOTH WEAR - Code	es are those used in Grant, A. 1982 The use of tooth
OVI	sheep	PAR parietal	wear as a qui	de to the age of domestic animals, in B.Wilson,
SSZ	sheep size	OCIP occipital	C.Grigson and	S. Payne (eds) Ageing and sexing animal bones from
EQU	horse	ZYG zygomatic	Archaeologica	l sites, 91-108.
CER	red deer	MAND mandible	Teeth are labelled as	follows in the tooth wear column:
CAN	dog	MAX maxilla	h ldpm4/dupm4	f ldpm2/dupm2
MAN	human	ATL atlas	H lpm4/upm4	g ldpm3/dupm3
UNI	unknown	AXI axis	I lm1/um1	
CHIK	chicken	CEV cervical vertebra	J lm2/um2	
GOOS	goose, dom	TRV thoracic vertebra	K lm3/um3	
LEP	hare	LMV lumbar vertebra		
UNB	indet bird	SAC sacrum		
MALL	duck, dom.	CDV caudal vertebra	ZONES - zones record	d the part of the bone present.
GULL	gull sp.	SCP scapula	The key to each	ch zone on each bone is on page 2
FISH	fish	HUM humerus		
UNIB	bird indet	RAD radius		
UNIF	fish indet	MTC metacarpus	MEASUREMENTS - Any me	asurements are those listed in A.Von den Driesch (1976)
GSZE	goose size	MC1-4 metacarpus 1-4	A Guid	le to the Measurement of Animal Bones from Archaeological
BEAV	beaver	INN innominate	Sites,	Peabody Museum Bulletin 1, Peabody Museum, Harvard, USA
		ILM ilium		
		PUB pubis		
		ISH ischium		
		FEM femur		
		TIB tibia		
		AST astragalus		
		CAL calcaneum		
		MTT metatarsus		
		MT1-4 metatarsus 1-4		
		PH1 1st phalanx		
		PH2 2nd phalanx		
		PH3 3rd phalanx	2	
		LM1-LM3 Lower molar 1 - mol		
		UM1-UM3 upper molar 1 - mol		
		LPM1-LPM4 lower premol		
		UPM1-UPM4 upper premol DLPM1-4 deciduous lower pre		
		DUPM1-4 deciduous upper pre		
		MNT mandibular tooth	HOTAL 1-4	
		MXT maxillary tooth		
		LBF long bone		
		UNI unidentified		
		STN sternum		
		INC incisor		
		TTH indet. tooth		
		CMP carpo-metacarpus		

ZONES - codes used to define zones on each bone

SKULL - 1. p	paraoccipital process	METACARPUS -	1. medial facet of proximal artciulation, MC3	3
	2. occipal condyle		2. lateral facet of proximal articulation, MC	24
	3. intercornual protuberance		3. medial distal condyle, MC3	
	4. external acoustic meatus		4. lateral distal condyle, MC4	
	5. frontal sinus		5. anterior distal groove and foramen	
	6. ectorbitale		6. medial or lateral distal condyle	
	7. entorbitale			
	8. temporal articular facet	FIRST PHALANX	l. proximal epiphysis	
	9. facial tuber		2. distal articular facet	
	 infraorbital foramen 			
		INNOMINATE	L. tuber coxae	
MANDIBLE	1. Symphyseal surface		2. tuber sacrale + scar	
	2. diastema		B. body of illium with dorso-medial foramen	
	3. lateral diastemal foramen		1. iliopubic eminence	
	4. coronoid process		acetabular fossa	
	5. condylar process		5. symphyseal branch of pubis	
	6. angle		. body of ischium	
	 anterior dorsal acsending ramus posterior 	M3	3. ischial tuberosity	
	8. mandibular foramen		depression for medial tendon of rectus fem	oris
VERTEBRA	1. spine	FEMUR	. head	
	2. anterior epiphysis		. trochanter major	
	posterior epiphysis		. trochanter minor	
	4. centrum		. supracondyloid fossa	
	5. neural arch		. distal medial condyle	
	3. Hedrar arch		. lateral distal condyle	
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SCAPULA	1. supraglenoid tubercle		. distal trochlea	
	2. glenoid cavity		. trochanter tertius	
	3. origin of the distal spine		/	
	4. tuber of spine	TIBIA	. proximal medial condyle	
	5. posterior of neck with foramen		. proximal lateral condyle	
	6. cranial angle of blade		. intercondylar eminence	
	7. caudal angle of blade		. proximal posterior nutrient foramen	
	The state of the s		. medial malleolus	
HUMERUS	1. head		. lateral aspect of distal articulation	
HOHEROS	2. greater tubercle			
			. distal pre-epiphyseal portion of the diaph	YSIS
	3. lesser tubercle			
	4. intertuberal groove	CALCANEUM	. calcaneal tuber	
	5. deltoid tuberosity		. sustentaculum tali	
	6. dorsal angle of olecranon fossa		. processus anterior	
	7. capitulum			
	8. trochlea	METATARSUS	. medial facet of proximal artciulation, MT3	
			. lateral facet of proximal articulation, MT	
RADIUS	1. medial half of proximal epiphysis		. medial distal condyle, MT3	
1 4 10 11 0 10	2. lateral half of proximal epiphysis		. lateral distal condyle, MT4	
	3. posterior proximal ulna scar and foramen		. anterior distal groove and foramen	
	 medial half of distal epiphysis 		. medial or lateral distal condyle	
	5. lateral half of distal epiphysis			
	distal shaft immediately above distal epip	hysis		
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ULNA	1. olecranon tuberosity			
	trochlear notch- semilunaris			
	lateral coronoid process			
	 distal epiphysis 			

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TBA95	999 B	os	MTT	1	L	DF	12345		GL-259 Bp-56.2 Bd-62.2 SD-32.8 Dp-53	COMPLETE-LARGE-KNIFE CUTS ON DIST PROX FACE-PERIOSTOSIS ON ANT SHAFT	
TBA95	998 B	os	HUM	1	R	DF	690			DISTAL HALF-ARTIC CHOPPED? OFF	
TBA95	998 B0	os	LMV	1	R	CNAN				CHOPPED DOWN MIDDLE-AXIALLY	
TBA95	998 BC	os	HUM	1 1		PNDN	5690			SHAFT ONLY-BOTH ENDS UNFUSED-CALF-BUT VERY ROBUST-POSTMED?	
TBA95	998 BC	os	SCP	1	L					FRAG DISTAL CAUDAL MARGIN-SL WORN	
TBA95	998 BC	os	MAN	1 1			8			POST FRAG HORI RAMUS-2 PIECES	
TBA95	998 SS	SZ	LMV	1	R					LAT FRAG WITH ANT ZYGA AND TP	
TBA95	998 G	oos	PH2	1 \		PF	12			COMPLETE	
TBA95	998 0\			1 F	3	PF	123		GL-61.4	COMPLETE-ROBUST	
TBA95	998 01	VI I	RAD	1 [PFDF	123456		GL-141 Bp-29.2 Bd-27.6 SD-16.6	COMPLETE-NOT SPECIALLY LARGE	
TBA95	998 BC	os i	TIB	1 1		DF	567		Bd-53.9 Dd-39	DISTAL END-SHAFT CHOPPED	
TBA95	998 BC		МТС	1 L			12		Bp-67 Dp-40.2	PROX END-LARGE-ADULT	
TBA95	998 BC		MTT	1 L		DF	345		Bd-60.6 Dd-36.4	DISTAL HALF-NARROW ARTIC-SHAFT CHOPPED REP.	
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TBA95	998 BC		ИТС	1 L		DF	345		Bd-52.6 Dd-29.2	DISTAL HALF	
TBA95	1 CS		RIB	4 F						SHAFT FRAG	
TBA95	1 CS		RIB	1 L						PROX SHAFT-POROUS-DISTAL CHOPPED	
TBA95	1 88		RIB	1 L	_					PROX HALF-DISTAL END CUT	
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TBA95	1 BO		PH1	1 F		PF	1			PROX END AND SHAFT-DISTAL END CHEWED	
TBA95	1 BO	S	MTT	1 L			12		_	PROX END-DAMAGED-CHEWED-SL POROUS SHAFT	
TBA95	1 BO	s s	SCP	1 F	3		235			DISTAL END-CUT AND CHOPPED	
TBA95	1 BO		JLN	1 F	3	PN	23			PROX HALF-CALF-POROUS	
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TBA95	1 BO		RAD	1 L		PF	123			PROX END-SHAFT CHOPPED	
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TBA95	1 CS		BF	1 F						SHAFT FRAG-FEM OR HUM	
TBA95	1 CE		TNA	1 F					CORMAX-44.6 PEDMAX-27.9	SHED BASE WITH BROW TINE AND BIT BEAM-SMALL	
TBA95	2 CS	Z F	RIB	1 R						POST RIB-PROX SHAFT-DISTAL END CHOPPED	
TBA95	2 BO		MAN	1 F			4			CORONOID	
TBA95		CA F		1 L			6			DISTAL TWO THIRDS SHAFT-DISTAL END CHEWED	
TBA95	2 OV		TTN	1 L		DF	345		Bd-25 Dd-17.1	DISTAL HALF-ROBUST-MALE?	
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TBA95	2 OV		итс	1 R			12		Bp-27.3 Dp-17	PROXIMAL HALF-VERY ROBUST-RAM	
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TBA95	2 BO		TTN	1 L			12			PROXIMAL HALF-DISTAL SHAFT CHOPPED	
TBA95	2 BO		MUH	1 L						MIDSHAFT FRAG-SL POROUS-LARGE	
TBA95	2 CS	-	TRV	1 F						LATERAL FRAG-TP	
TBA95	2 BO	S	XAN	1 R				J9		FRAG WITH MOLAR AND MAX FRAGS-3 PIECES	
TBA95	2 BO		JM	1 R						PROBABLY M1-WEAR 12- CUSPS BROKEN	

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TBA95	2	OVCA	CEV	1	F	CNAN	345			COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR EPIS-LARGE-CEV6?	
TBA95	46	MAN	MAN	1	R					MANDIBLE-TOOTH LOST-ADULT-AGED	
TBA95	50	BOS	INN	1	R		2			ANT ILIUM-HEAVILY CHOPPED-VERY LARGE	
TBA95	52	CSZ	RIB	1	F					PROX SHAFT FRAG	
TBA95	52	CER	ANT	5	F					FRAGMENTS OF BEAM CORTEX	
TBA95	52	CER	ANT	1	F					TINE	
TBA95	52	CER	ANT	2	F					CUT AND WORKED FRAGMENTS OF BEAM CORTEX	
TBA95	52	CER	ANT	1	F					BEAM FRAGMENT-IN ROUND	
TBA95	52	CER	ANT	1	F					CHOPPED FRAG BASE-ANTLER SHED-PART BROW TINE	
TBA95	52	CER	ANT	1	F					PROBABLE CROWN FRAG-NO WORKING	
TBA95	58	CSZ	RIB	1	F					SHAFT FRAGMENT	
TBA95	58	SSZ	RIB	1	F					SHAFT FRAGMENT	
TBA95	58	OVCA	SCP	1	L	DF	1235			DAMAGED DISTAL END WITH GLENOID	
TBA95	58	BOS	SKL	1	F					ORBITAL FRAG ZYGOMATIC ARCH	
TBA95	58	ORC	TIB	1	=		4			MIDSHAFT	
TBA95	58	BOS	TIB	1 1	3	DF	567			DISTAL END-ARTIC CHOPPED OBLIQUELY THRU EPI	

THE WORKED STONE Rebecka Blenntoft and Gary Taylor

1. Introduction

A total of six pieces of worked stone were recovered from archaeological investigation of the Bede Houses, Tattershall. Three of these pieces came from stratified contexts, either topsoil (001) or demolition material (002). The remainder of the pieces came from unstratified layers.

The stonework is all structural, except for the sundial, and includes internal and external features. None of the material is particularly diagnostic in terms of architectural style or dating. However, all the pieces would not be out of place in a 17th century or earlier building. The ashlar block, No. 5, could be of any date.

Most of the fragments are from external fittings and bear the appropriate evidence of weathering. The one internal feature is probably part of a fireplace surround. This lacks the weathered appearance of the external fittings, as might be expected. Reddening of the fractured end of the piece bears witness to the effects of heat and supports the interpretation as a fragment of decorative fire surround.

The window moulding, No. 3, is probably part of a mullion, though this is uncertain as one side is heavily damaged. The deeper rectangular recess falls on the groove and probably marks the position of an iron glazing bar. The grooves on both pieces (3 and 4) are the recesses for the glazed panel.

2. The Catalogue

No.	Description	Form	From	Dimensions
1	Rectangular block, with sloping upper surface. Central iron remnant with 21 striations radiating outwards.	Sundial	001	310mm x 340mm x 130mm
2	Corner piece, with projected triangular moulding. Broken	Fireplace Surround	001	360mm x 260mm x 190mm
3	Roughly rectangular piece with curving upper surface. Central slot 15mm wide with a single deeper recess, 50mm deep.	Window moulding	002	250mm x 190mm x 70mm
4	Corner piece, with curving inner portion. Central V-shaped slot. Triangular recesses moulding.	Window moulding	+	300mm x 250mm x 270mm
5	Rectangular slab, worked on three sides only	Ashlar block	+	420mm x 370mm x 110mm
6	Rectangular block with flat upper face and triangular section cut off 1 corner. Small rebate below slope with rectangular recess.	Door jamb	+	280mm x 270mm x 120mm

THE ARCHIVE

The archive consists of:

130	Context records
5	Photographic record sheets
23	Scale drawings
2	Boxes of finds
1	Stratigraphic matrix

All primary records and finds are currently kept at:

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GLOSSARY

Context

An archaeological context represents a distinct archaeological event or process. For example, the action of digging a pit creates a context (the cut) as does the process of its subsequent backfill (the fill). Each context encountered during an archaeological investigation is allocated a unique number by the archaeologist and a record sheet detailing the description and interpretation of the context (the context sheet) is created and placed in the site archive. Context numbers are identified within the report text by brackets, *e.g.* (4).

Cut

A cut refers to the physical action of digging a posthole, pit, ditch, foundation trench, *etc*. Once the fills of these features are removed during an archaeological investigation the original 'cut' is therefore exposed and subsequently recorded.

Dumped deposits

These are deposits, often laid down intentionally, that raise a land surface. They may be the result of casual waste disposal or may be deliberate attempts to raise the ground surface.

Fill

Once a feature has been dug it begins to silt up (either slowly or rapidly) or it can be backfilled manually. The soil(s) which become contained by the 'cut' are referred to as its fill(s).

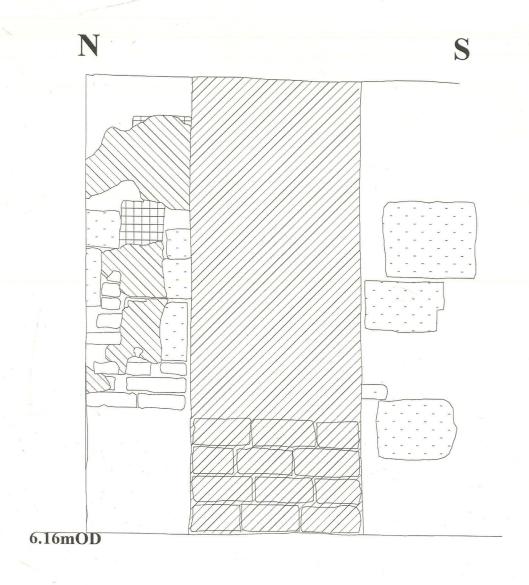
Layer

A layer is a term used to describe an accumulation of soil or other material that is not contained within a cut.

Natural

Deposit(s) of soil or rock which have accumulated without the influence of human activity.

Elevation 3, showing blocked doorway between No. 4 and No. 5.



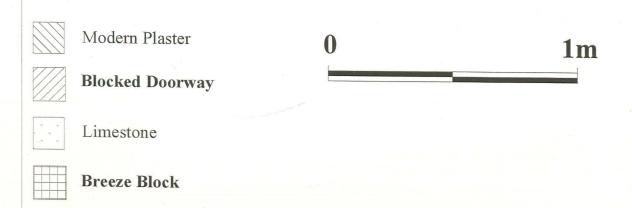


Figure 8 - Elevation 3

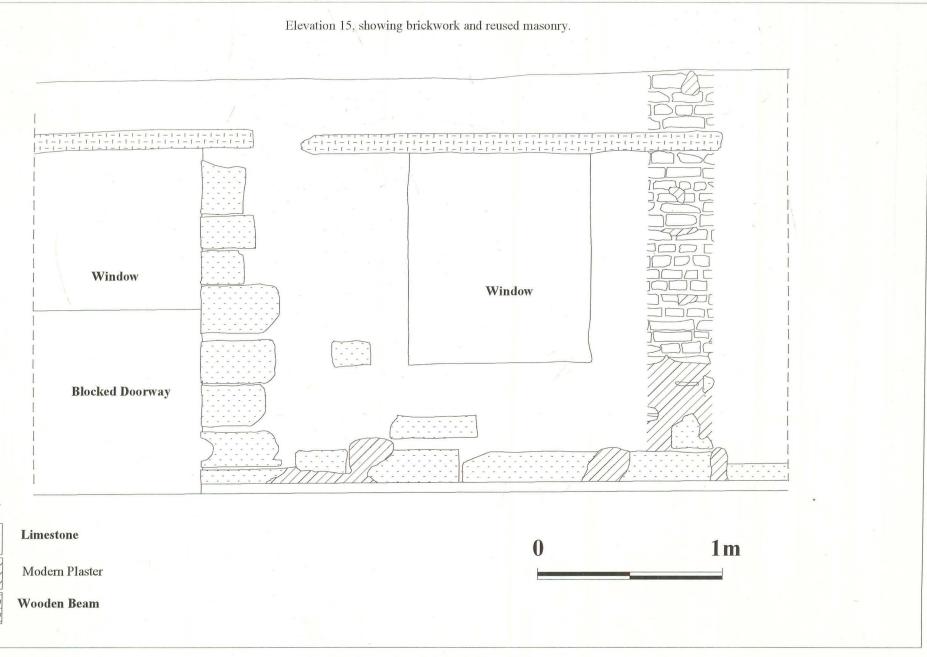


Figure 9 - Elevation 15

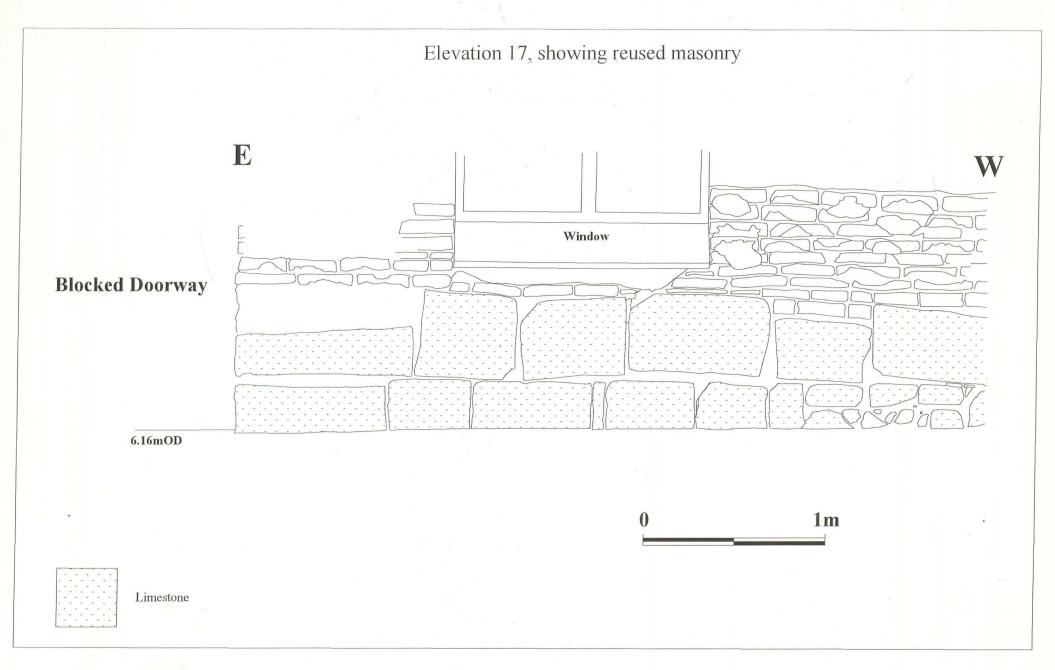


Figure 10 - Elevation 17

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