

Land at Dungman's Tack, Montrose,  
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Evaluation of an area of proposed  
redevelopment



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### **SUMMARY**

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken pre-application of a site earmarked for redevelopment. Eighteen features were encountered, the majority of which relate to 20<sup>th</sup> century services in the area. In addition, probable 19<sup>th</sup> century waste pits and sub-surface remains of boundary structures were noted. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required at this site; this is subject to advice from Aberdeenshire Archaeology Service.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The site is part of a wider area designated for redevelopment to provide affordable accommodation at Dungman's Tack, Montrose, Angus, DD10 8SJ. The site (Ill 1, 2) is located at NO 71770, 59005 to the north of the town centre of Montrose. The site lies to the west of Wishart Gardens; to the south of Broomfield Road; and to the north of Gindera Road.

The work was carried out pre-application, on behalf of Angus Council. It was commissioned by Jim Anderson, Senior Architectural Technician, Angus Council.

The evaluation took place on Tuesday 31st May 2011 and was carried out in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note 42 (PAN 42) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP). The archaeological method statement (Cameron 2011), approved by the Aberdeenshire Archaeology, was adhered to in full.



Ill 1 : Location of Evaluation Site at Dungman's Tack, Montrose

### Ill 1 Location plan

## 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The site lies within an area of archaeological potential. To the west lies the site of Lochside Distillery (NO75NW49) and to the north, Montrose Airfield (NO75NW31). A railway line once ran in the vicinity, and in addition, the site lies close to the presumed location of the medieval hospital of St Mary the Virgin (Cameron 2011).

The site immediately adjacent to the west, was subjected to an archaeological evaluation in 1999 (NO75NW174). This located sub-surface archaeological remains surviving in the area, in the form of Victorian domestic waste pits and a 17<sup>th</sup> century boundary ditch, which was found beneath an extant 19<sup>th</sup> century earth bank.

## 3 THE EVALUATION

The evaluation took place on 31st May 2011. It consisted of a minimum excavation area of 5% using a JCB with toothless ditching bucket. Due to the nature of recent developments in the northern part of the site which will have impacted on the survival of archaeological features in that area, and the existence of services, the trenches were located towards the south area of the site (III 2). Although not ideal, it was important not to damage existing services.

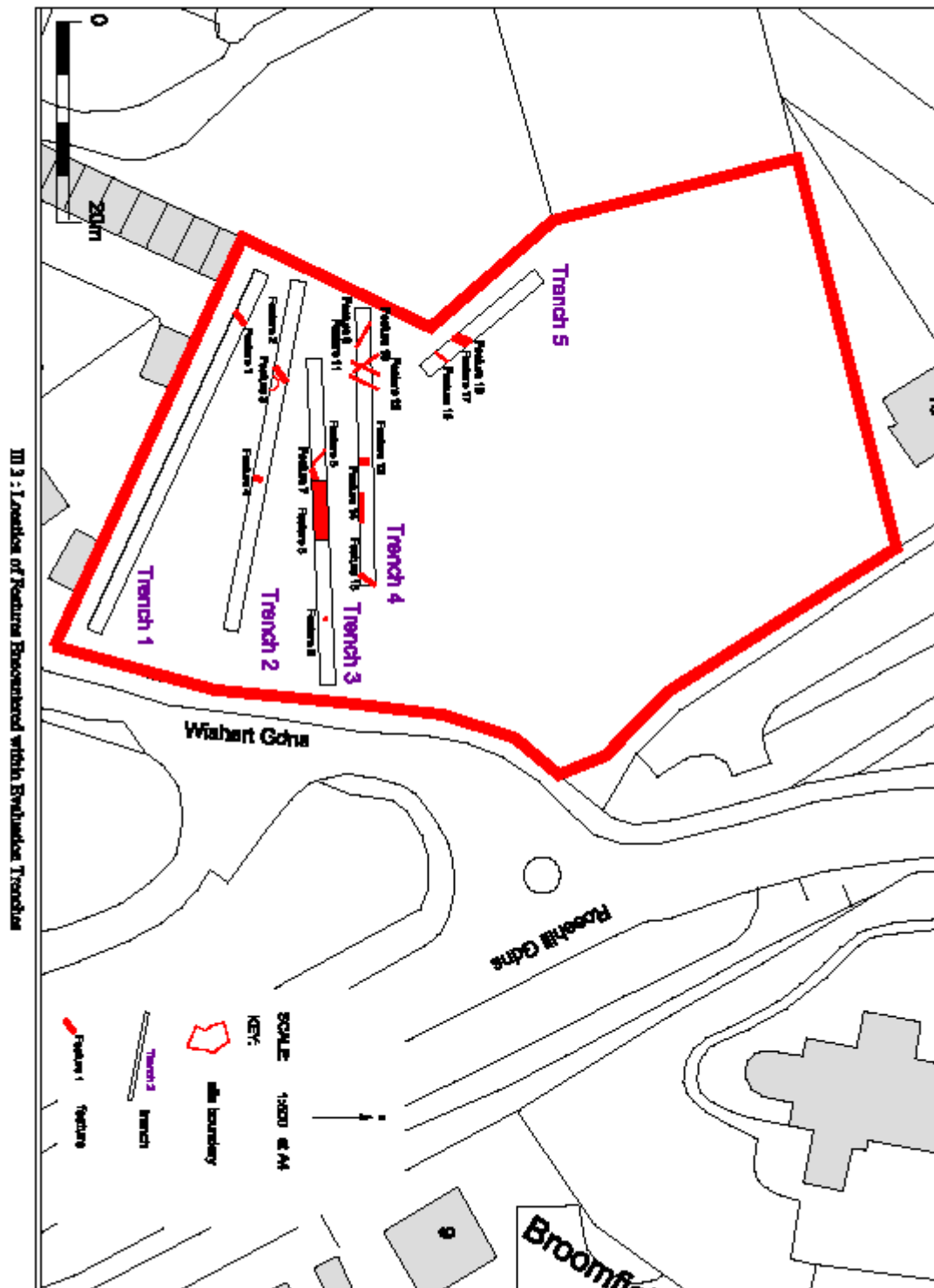


III 2 : Location of Evaluation Trenches in Relation to Known Disturbances in the Area

### III 2 Location of evaluation trenches



The trenches are discussed individually in the text below III 3, which summarises the key features found within each trench.



### III 3 Location of features encountered within evaluation trenches

### **Trench 1**

The trench was 1.5 by 42m in size with an average of 0.32m of mid-brown loose sandy topsoil, which lay above a loose orange sandy natural subsoil. The maximum depth reached was 0.85m. A narrow linear feature was located 5m from the western edge of the site (Feature 1). Further investigation revealed a lead pipe, 0.05m in diameter, residing at its base (Ill 4).



Ill 4 Photograph showing Feature 1

### **Trench 2**

Trench 2 was 1.5m by 36m and located to the north of Trench 1. Feature 2 was a lead pipe located within a mixed backfill of 0.05 diameter, and located at a depth of 0.5m. It is likely to have been the same lead pipe encountered within Trench 1 (Feature 1). Feature 3 was located 11m from the western edge of Trench 2, and consisted of a hard white deposit with stone inclusions of 0.21m thickness beneath a mixed backfill mid brown sandy deposit of 0.75m thickness. This was interpreted to be a modern dump of possible hazardous material which was immediately recovered with soil. The material had the appearance of corroded batteries (Gary Brown, A&S Brown pers comm).



III 5 Photograph showing Feature 3

Feature 4, also located within Trench 2, was a dump of glass bottles and clay jars, typical of a 19<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> century waste dump. None of these were retained.

### **Trench 3**

Trench 3 was 1.5m by 33m located on an approximate east to west alignment. A pit full of glass bottles and a few tins was located at a depth of 0.6mm 6.5m from the eastern extent of the trench (Feature 5; III 6). One of the tins contained Red Cardinal Polish, a polish commonly used for outside steps, even in the 1970s.



III 6 Photograph showing Feature 5



Towards the centre of the trench, remnants of bricks and stone within a grey sand deposit was located. This could relate to the demolition of the earlier house, the digging out of the foundations and the backfill of this area of the site with the crushed remains. No further evidence of the building was located during the evaluation, although a neighbour kindly provided a photograph of it in existence in the 1980s (Ill 7).



Ill 7 Photograph of the building once located within southern part of site

Also located within Trench 3 was the end of a lead pipe (Feature 7) likely to be a continuation of Features 1 and 2, which carried the water supply to the pre-existing dwelling, and a copper coiled electricity cable (Feature 8), which was likely also to have serviced the cottage.

#### **Trench 4**

Trench 4 was 1.5m by 28m and orientated east to west. Features 9, 10, 11 and 12, located within the western half of the trench were all linear features consisting of a mixed backfill visible in the sandy subsoil, and are all likely to have related to services in the area linking pre-existing buildings in the vicinity (Ill 8). Feature 13 was a square hole, encountered beneath and concrete plinth, and is likely to have represented a washing pole, associated with the pre-existing decanted dwellings located within this northern half of the site from around the 1990s. A sewer pipe (Feature 15), located at the far eastern edge of the trench is also likely to have related to earlier buildings. A small deposit of grey sandy mixed deposit with some building material was noted close to the eastern edge of the trench, at the southern extent (Feature 14) and this is likely to be a continuation of the demolition debris encountered in Trench 3 (Feature 6).





III 8 Photograph showing Features 10, 11 and 12

### **Trench 5**

Trench 5 was 1.5m wide and 15m long. Feature 16, located close to the southern extent of the trench was a further narrow linear feature, likely to relate to services. Feature 17, only surviving to a depth of 0.12m consisted of poorly preserved stone, which may be a trace of an extension of the extant wall, surviving along the south western extent of the site (III 9).



### III 9 Photograph showing Feature 17

Adjacent to Feature 17, on the northern side was an ashy deposit seen in section on both sides of the trench at a depth of 0.3m (Feature 18). This may relate to an old pathway which ran alongside the wall (III 10).



### III 10 Photograph showing Feature 18

## 4 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required at this site; this is subject to advice from Aberdeenshire Archaeology Service.

## 5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph Number	Title
01	General Site Shot
1	General Site Shot
2	General Site Shot
3	General Site Shot
4	General Site Shot
5	Trench 1; Feature 1
6	Trench 1; Feature 1
7	Trench 1; Feature 1
8	Trench 1; Feature 1
9	Trench 1; Feature 1
10	Trench 1; General Shot
11	Trench 1; General Shot
12	Trench 1; General Shot
13	Trench 1; General Shot
14	Trench 1; General Shot
15	Trench 1; General Shot
16	Extant Boundary Wall
17	Extant Boundary Wall
18	Extant Boundary Wall
19	General Site Shot
20	General Site Shot
21	General Site Shot
22	General Site Shot
23	General Site Shot
24	General Site Shot
25	General Site Shot
26	Trench 1; Backfilling
27	Trench 1; Backfilling
28	Trench 1; Backfilling
29	Trench 1; Backfilling
30	Trench 2
31	Trench 2; Feature 3
32	Trench 2; Feature 3
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49	Trench 2; Feature 3

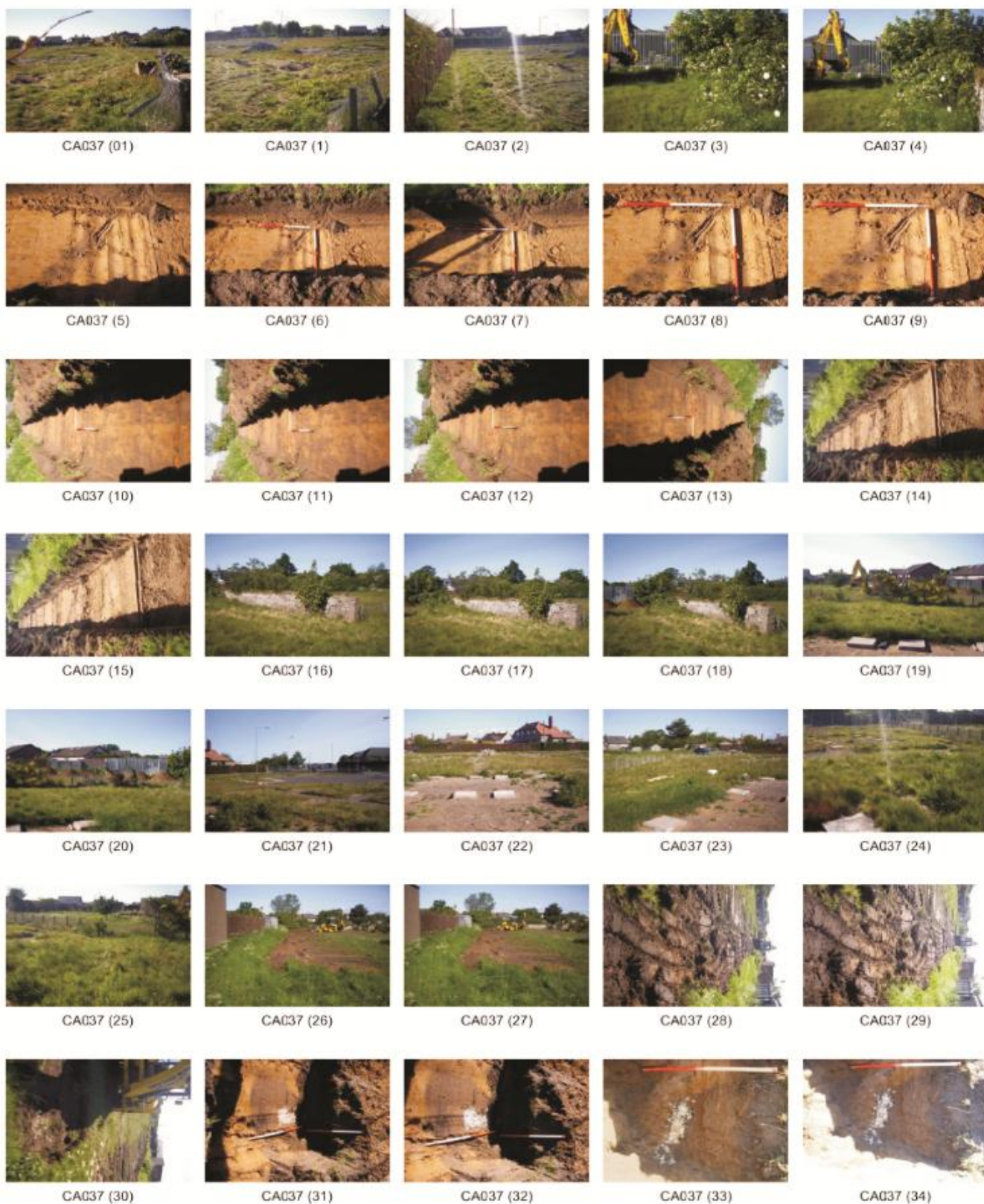
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55	Neighbour's Photograph
56	Trench 3; Feature 5
57	Trench 3; Feature 5
58	Trench 3; Feature 5
59	Trench 3
60	Trench 3
61	Trench 3; Tin from Feature 5
62	Trench 3; Tin from Feature 5
63	Trench 3; Feature 6
64	Trench 3; Feature 5
65	Trench 3; Feature 5
66	Trench 3; Feature 5
67	Trench 3
68	Trench 3
69	Trench 3; Backfilling
70	Trench 3; Backfilling
71	Trench 3; Backfilling
72	Trench 3; Backfilling
73	General Site Shot
74	General Site Shot
75	General Site Shot
76	Trench 4; Feature 9
77	Trench 4; Feature 9
78	Trench 4; Features 10, 11 and 12
79	Trench 4; Features 10, 11 and 12
80	Trench 4; Feature 15
81	Trench 4; Feature 15
82	Trench 4
83	Trench 4
84	General Site Shot
85	General Site Shot
86	General Site Shot
87	Trench 5
88	Trench 5
89	Trench 5; Feature 16
90	Trench 5; Feature 16
91	Trench 5; Feature 17
92	Trench 5; Feature 17
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96	Trench 5; Feature 18
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101	Trench 5

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102	Trench 1; Backfilled
103	Trench 1; Backfilled
104	Trenches 2 and 3; Backfilled
105	Trenches 2 and 3; Backfilled
106	Trench 4; Backfilled
107	Trench 5; Backfilling
108	Trench 5; Backfilling
109	General Site Shot
110	General Site Shot
111	General Site Shot
112	General Site Shot
113	General Site Shot
114	General Site Shot
115	Trench 5; Backfilled
116	Trench 5; Backfilled

## APPENDIX 2 FEATURES

Feature No.	Location	Description	Interpretation	Date
1	Trench 1	Linear feature found to contain lead pipe	Water supply to cottage	20 <sup>th</sup> century
2	Trench 2	Linear feature found to contain lead pipe	Water supply to cottage. Continuation of Feature 1	20 <sup>th</sup> century
3	Trench 2	Hard white deposit- possibly hazardous	Modern waste	Modern
4	Trench 2	Glass Bottles and Clay jars	Domestic waste pit	19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> century
5	Trench 3	Glass Bottles and tins	Domestic waste pit	19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> century
6	Trench 3	Brick and stone debris deposit	Crushed backfill	Modern
7	Trench 3	Linear feature found to contain end of a lead pipe	Water supply to cottage. Continuation of Features 1 and 2	20 <sup>th</sup> century
8	Trench 3	Linear feature found to contain coiled copper cable	Electricity supply to cottage	20 <sup>th</sup> century
9	Trench 4	Linear feature	Pre-existing services	20 <sup>th</sup> century
10	Trench 4	Linear feature	Pre-existing services	20 <sup>th</sup> century
11	Trench 4	Linear feature	Pre-existing services	20 <sup>th</sup> century
12	Trench 4	Linear feature	Pre-existing services	20 <sup>th</sup> century
13	Trench 4	Square feature	Pit for washing pole	Late 20 <sup>th</sup> century
14	Trench 4	Brick and stone debris deposit	Crushed backfill	Modern
15	Trench 4	Linear feature found to contain sewerage pipe	Pre-existing services	20 <sup>th</sup> century
16	Trench 5	Linear feature	Pre-existing services	20 <sup>th</sup> century
17	Trench 5	Stones	Extension of extant wall	19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> century
18	Trench 5	Ashy deposit	Possible path	19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> century









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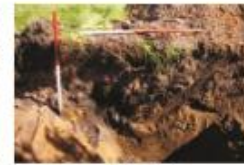
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