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SUMMARY

In February 2012 the Archaeology Service carried out a Level 1 photographic record of and watching brief at Forest View, Llysty, nr. Bishop's Castle in southwest Shropshire, in advance of its demolition and rebuilding. Forest View was thought to date from between 1500 and 1750 and was partly timber-framed in its earliest known phase.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Llysty is situated in southwest Shropshire about 3.75km southwest of the small market town of Bishop's Castle, Shropshire. In 2012 work began on the demolition of the existing cottage, Forest View, Llysty (NGR: SO 3070 8539) prior to the construction of a replacement dwelling (Application No. 11/05240/FUL).

1.2 The development site included a building recorded on the Shropshire Historic Environment Record (HER) as dating between 1500 and 1750 and being partly timber-framed in its earliest known phase (HER 14728). Buildings of this type, although not listed, are of significant local historic interest. The development site had been deemed to have a level of archaeological and architectural merit.

1.3 Because of the potential significance of the archaeological resource it was made a condition of the planning consent that the demolition of the existing structure on site be accompanied by a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation approved by the Historic Environment Team, Shropshire Council. The archaeological work was to include a Level 1 photographic survey and a watching brief.

1.4 The aim of the programme of archaeological work was to allow for the preservation by record of any archaeological remains that were encountered during the works.

1.5 The Archaeology Service, Shropshire Council, was commissioned by the site owners to carry out the programme of archaeological work.

2 THE RECORDING

2.1 The floors and ceilings, internal partitions and internal render had been removed, allowing open internal views of the structure to the roof. A Level 1 photographic record was made of the exterior and interior of the structure. It was possible to make an adequate record for the purpose of the archaeological watching brief, and after consultation with the Historic Environment Team it was considered no further archaeological work was required for the development.

2.2 The cottage was of un-coursed rubble stone construction, with the exception of the west end of the north wall, which was timber framed. The cottage was divided into two cells, either side of a substantial central stone chimney with a fireplace in each cell. There was an outshut on the west end of the north wall, also of stone, but as the exterior of the west wall was rendered it was not possible to see whether this was integral to the structure or a later addition. The roof was a catslide roof of Welsh slate, supported on a queen post truss in the west cell and a king post truss in the east cell.

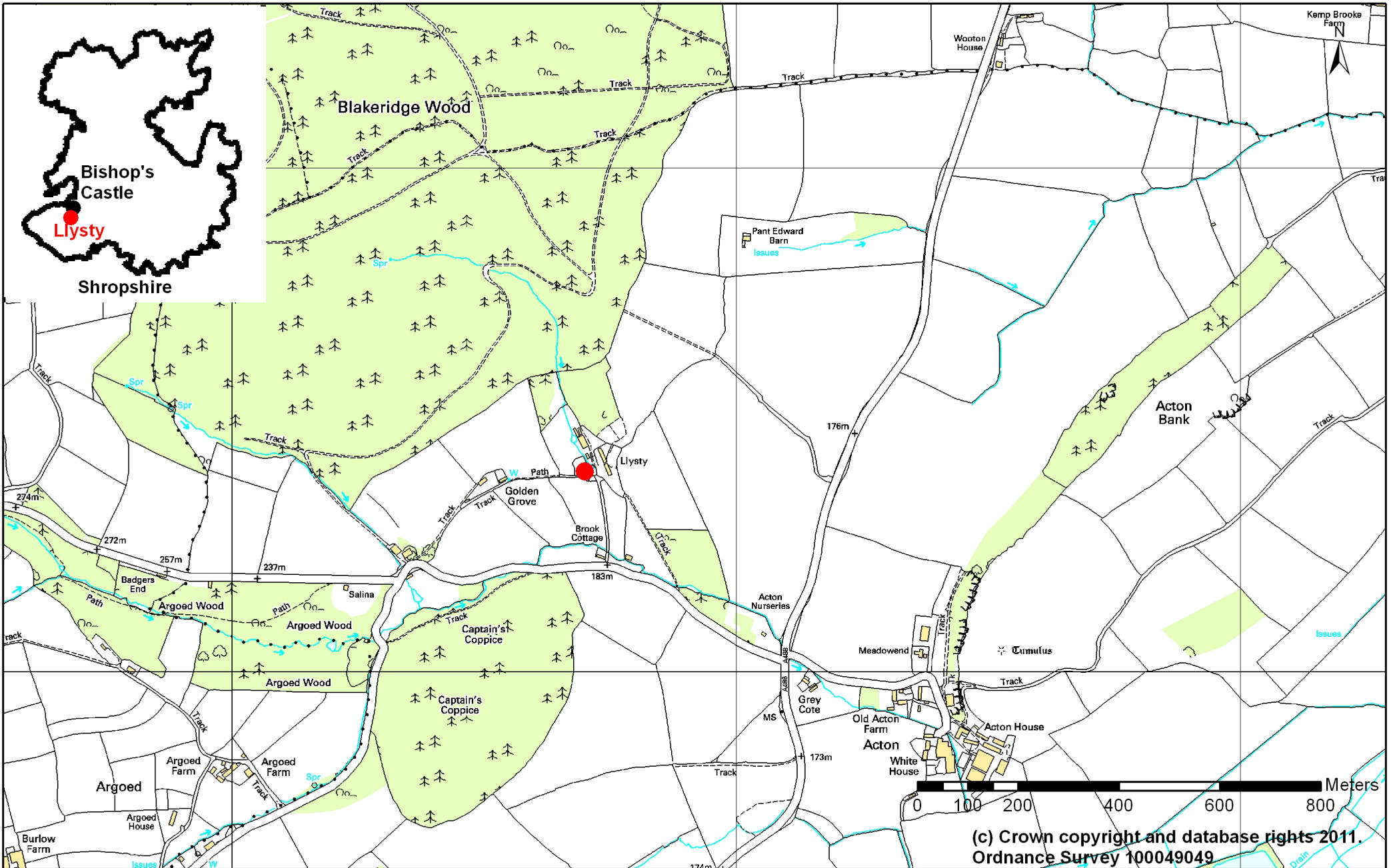
2.3 A sketch drawing (Fig. 2) was made of the timber framing in the west end of the north wall which separated the outshut from the west cell. There were two styles evident in the timber framing. The ground floor frame was of simple box-frame construction with timber beams c. 20cms wide, and was of probable 16th or 17th century date. The upper floor was again box frame but with lighter timbers c. 7.5cms wide.

3 REFERENCES

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ABBREVIATIONS

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| HER | Historic Environment Record, Shropshire Council |
| NGR | National Grid Reference |
| OS | Ordnance Survey |
| CBA | Council for British Archaeology |

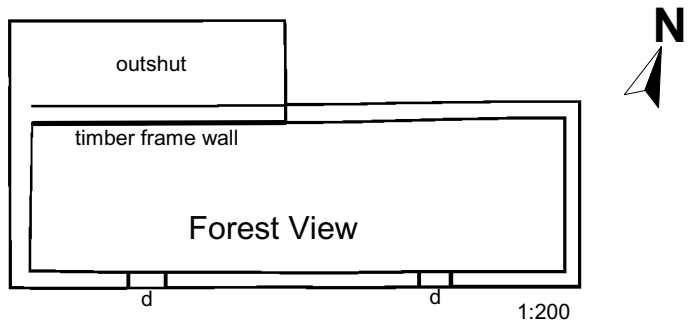
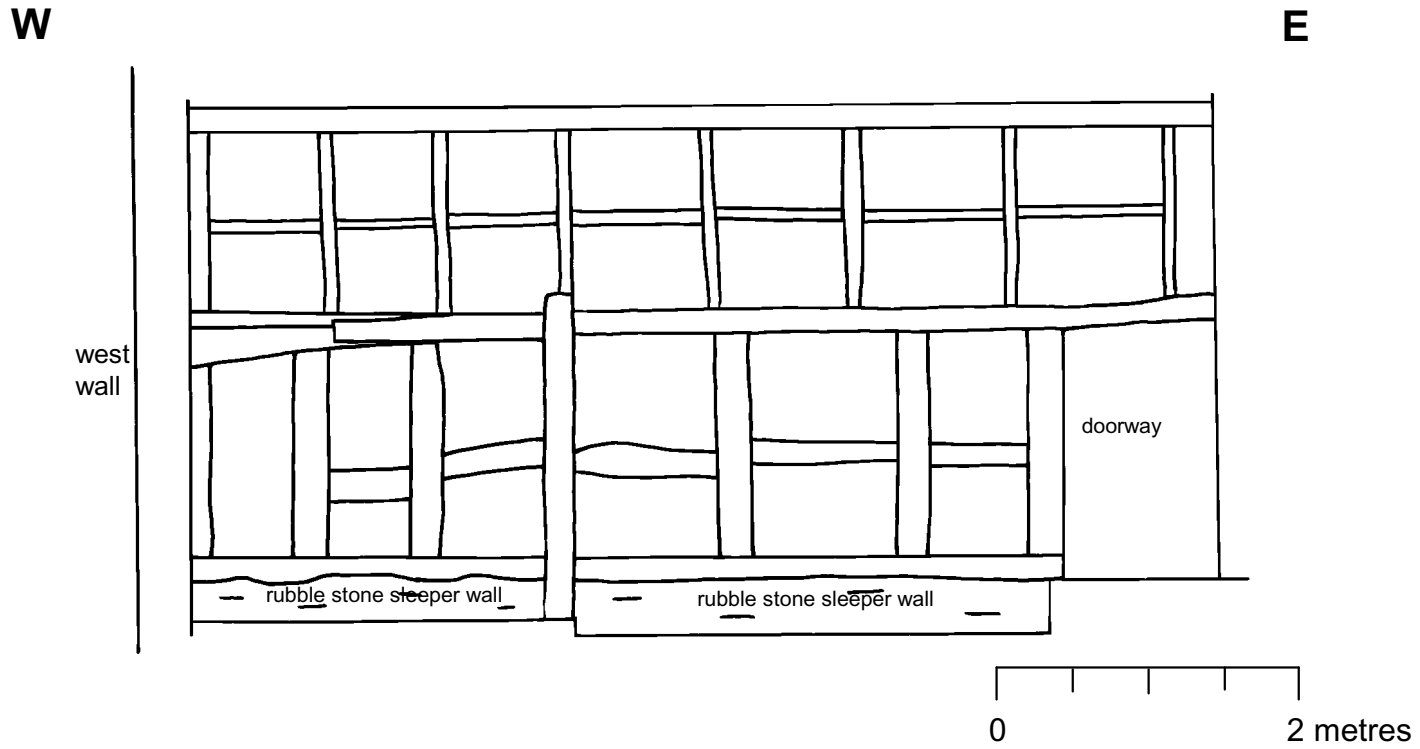


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Figure 2: Internal elevation of the timber-frame wall at 1:50 scale, with location plan at 1:200 scale



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