

**A WATCHING BRIEF AT
CURRIER'S COTTAGE, MILL STREET,
LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE, 2012**

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A report for
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SUMMARY

In November 2012 the Archaeology Service carried out a watching brief on excavations for the removal of a holly tree and the erection of an orangery extension at Currier's cottage, Mill Street, Ludlow, Shropshire. No significant archaeological deposits or features were observed.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In November 2012 work began to construct an orangery following the demolition of an existing study at Currier's Cottage, Mill Street, Ludlow, Shropshire (NGR SO 5098 7446). The work also involved the removal of a holly tree.

1.2 The development site is located within the historic medieval core of Ludlow as defined by the Central Marches Historic Towns Survey (Historic Environment Record [HER] No. 06293), within a group of tenement plots of possible medieval date on the west side of Mill Street (HER 06198). The west side of the property is bounded by Christ Croft (HER 03773), a row of sunken gardens once thought to be part of the town defences or part of the medieval street system.

1.3 It was considered that archaeological remains relating to the medieval and later development and occupation of this part of the town might survive within the proposed development site.

1.4 Because of the potential significance of the archaeological resource it was made a condition of the planning consent for the works that they be accompanied by a programme of archaeological work which should include a watching brief during any ground disturbance. The Archaeology Service, Shropshire Council, was commissioned to undertake the archaeological work.

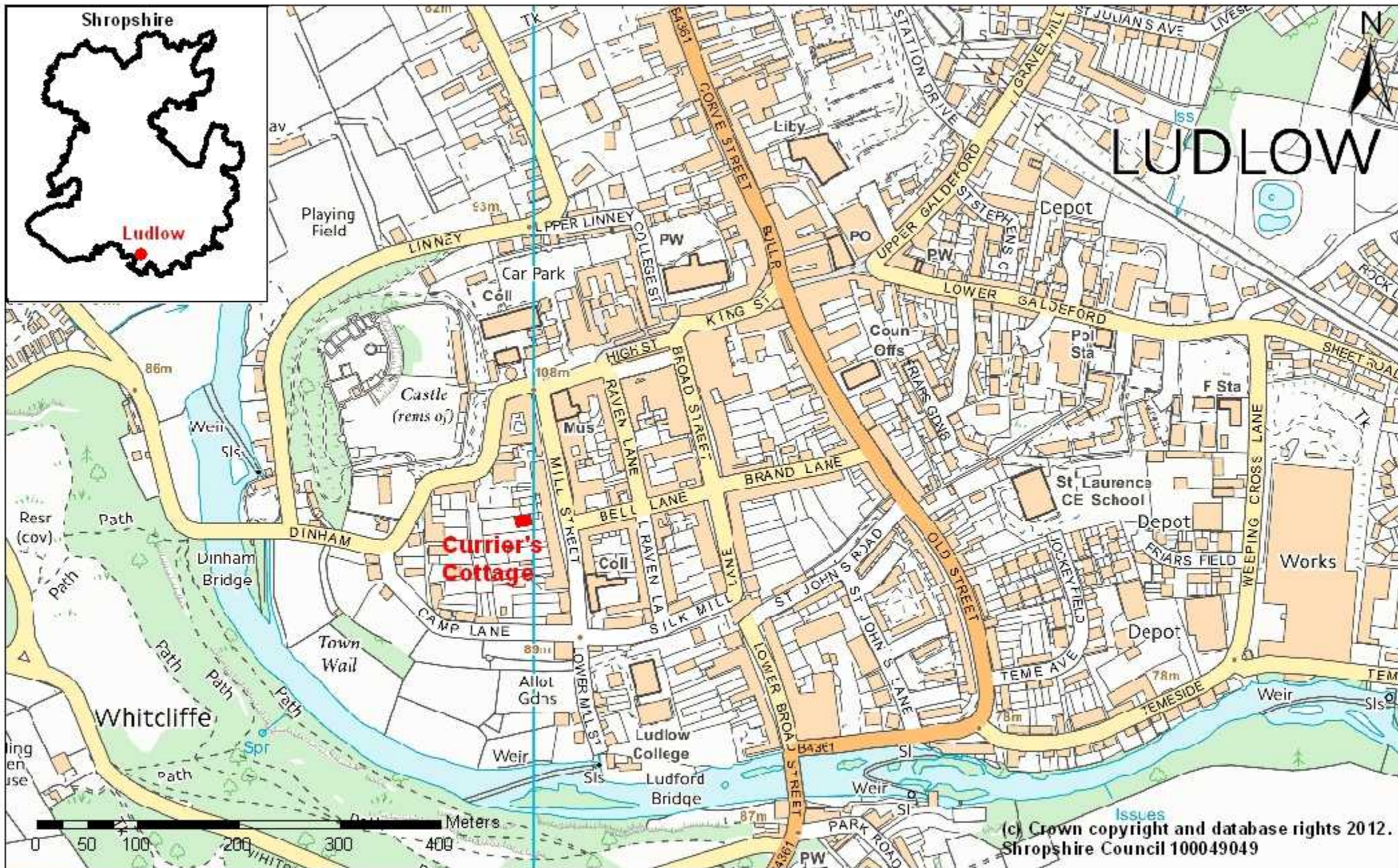
1.5 The aim of the watching brief was to allow for the preservation by record of any archaeological remains that were encountered during the groundworks.

2 THE WATCHING BRIEF.

2.1 A site visit was made after the removal of the tree and the excavation by hand of the western foundation trench for the orangery. The trench had been cut to a depth of 0.5m following the removal of the existing yard surface. The trench had been cut into a very dark grey sandy loam yard soil. No significant archaeological features or deposits were encountered.

3 REFERENCES

Dalwood, H, et al, 1996: *Archaeological Assessment of Ludlow, Shropshire*, Hereford and Worcester County Council Archaeology Service Report No. 327



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Figure 1: The location of the study area



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