

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In January 2014 work began on the construction of a four bay detached garage with a domestic workshop and a single storey garage and garden store at Sundown, Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire (NGR SO 5101 7498).

1.2 The development site is located within the historic medieval core of Ludlow, within an open space east of Linney. Part of the development lies adjacent to the site of the former medieval Carmelite Friary (Historic Environment Record [HER] No 01772) and a post-medieval graveyard (HER 06133) used by St Laurence's Church. Another part of the development is located above a row of former buildings fronting the Linney which are depicted on early Ordnance Survey mapping. It was considered possible that archaeological remains relating to the medieval and later development and occupation of this part of the town might survive within the development site.

1.3 Because of the potential significance of the archaeological resource, it was considered necessary that the groundworks for the development be accompanied by an archaeological watching brief. The Archaeology Service, Shropshire Council, was commissioned by the owner of the property to undertake the archaeological work.

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

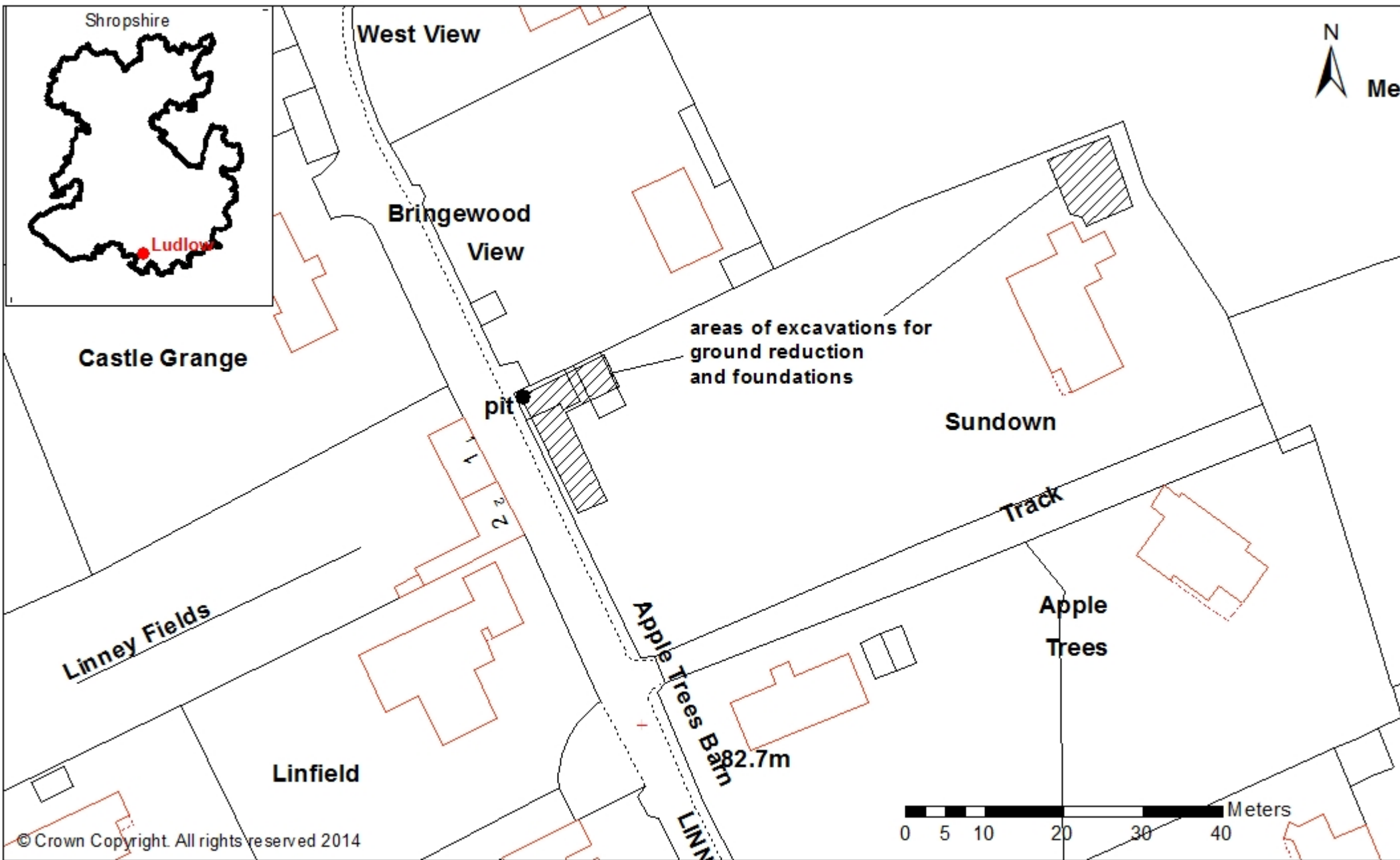
2 THE WATCHING BRIEF.

2.1 The site was visited on three occasions in January 2014 in order to monitor topsoil stripping and the excavation of foundation trenches for the development.

2.2 The topsoil was seen to rest directly on the natural sandy clay subsoil. The only archaeological feature seen during these works was a pit cut into the natural subsoil in the northwest corner of the site. The pit was at least 1.8m in diameter and over 0.9m deep; its fill of dark greyish brown loam was seen to contain some late 18th or early 19th century pottery, which was not retrieved. No other archaeological features or deposits were recorded during the watching brief.

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: Location of the watching brief areas and the late post-medieval pit



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