

**A WATCHING BRIEF AT QUATT CRICKET CLUB,
QUATT, SHROPSHIRE 2014**

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A report for
QUATT CRICKET CLUB

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In October 2014 work began on the creation of a new 6 pitch cricket square and outfield at Quatt Cricket Club, Quatt, nr. Bridgnorth.

1.2 The development site is located immediately adjacent to a Scheduled Ancient Monument, a medieval cross in Quatt churchyard (National Ref: 1015710), and a Grade II* Listed Building, the Church of St Andrew, Quatt (National Ref: 1367569). A non-designated archaeological site, comprising a cropmark enclosure of probable Iron Age to Roman date with adjacent medieval ridge and furrow ploughing (Shropshire County Historic Environment Record [HER] No. 04677), lies 50m to the northeast of the proposed new cricket field.

1.3 The proposed development site was considered to have some archaeological potential. There was a possibility that archaeological remains might be encountered and impacted on during the groundworks for the new pitches.

1.4 Because of the potential significance of the archaeological resource, it was considered necessary that the groundworks be accompanied by an archaeological watching brief. Following consultation with the Senior Archaeological Advisor, Shropshire Council, it was agreed that the programme of archaeological work should comprise an archaeological watching brief on the initial topsoil strip for the development. The Archaeology Service, Shropshire Council, was commissioned by Quatt Cricket Club to undertake the archaeological work.

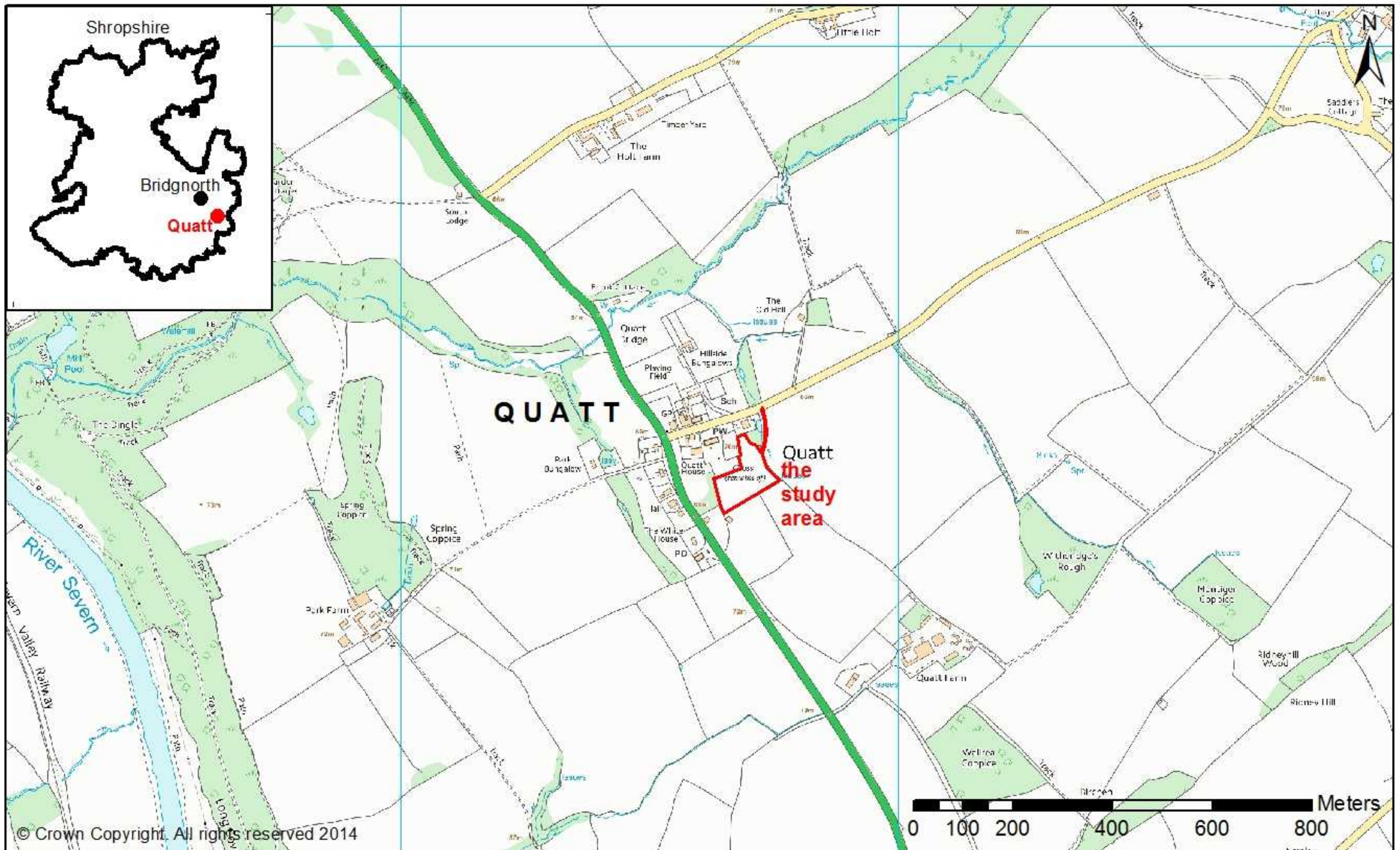
1.5 The aim of the watching brief was to allow for the preservation by record of any archaeological remains that might be encountered during the groundworks.

2 THE WATCHING BRIEF.

2.1 The site was visited on two occasions in October following the initial tilling and during the topsoil strip of the site.

2.2 The topsoil comprised a dark brown loam about 0.35m in depth. The topsoil overlay a reddish brown sandy clay subsoil, which was only partially exposed by the topsoil strip.

2.3 No significant archaeological features or deposits were recorded during the watching brief on the topsoil strip.



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Figure 1: The location of the development site

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Scale: 1:10,000



Photo 1: The development site, looking NW



Photo 2: The development site during the topsoil strip, looking NW



Photo 3: The development site during the topsoil strip, looking SW