

## Somerset County Council Historic Environment Record

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| <b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b><br>Glastonbury, Mendip   | <b>National Grid Reference:</b><br>ST 5002 3853  | <b>Number:</b>              |
| <b>Subject:</b><br>Archaeological monitoring and recording at Glastonbury Abbey, Glastonbury, Somerset.  |  | <b>Photo attached:</b><br>Y |
| <b>Scheduled Monument Consent:</b><br>S00243314  | <b>Recipient museum:</b><br>n/a                  |                             |
| <b>OASIS ID:</b><br>oakforda1- 514285  | <b>Museum Accession no:</b><br>n/a               |                             |
| <b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b><br>OA2014   | <b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b><br>11-01-2023 |                             |
| <p><b>Description of works:</b><br/>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in January 2023 during works associated with the extension of the existing basketball pitch on land at Glastonbury Abbey, Glastonbury, Somerset (ST 5003 3855). The site (Fig. 1) lies within the within the medieval precinct of the abbey. The archaeological significance of the site – a scheduled monument – is acknowledged by all parties and will not be described here. The works were located in the southwestern part of the former precinct, leased since 1974 by Glastonbury Council, in an area that has been arable land in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Despite the low potential the work was nonetheless required by Historic England (HE), advised by the Consultant Archaeologist to Glastonbury Abbey (CAGA).</p> <p><b>Description of the works:</b><br/>The work (Fig. 2, Pls. 1-2) comprised the excavation of an area 22m long, 12.5m wide and to a depth of 0.3m to the north and east of the existing basketball court.</p> <p>The works consisted of cut and fill, with the existing basketball court excavated to a maximum depth of 0.3m below current ground level, while the excavations along the northern edge consisted of the removal of the turves. The excavations revealed a mid yellowish brown loamy clay (102) natural subsoil at a depth of 0.3m. Within the footprint of the former basketball court the overlying materials consisted of a hardcore sub-base and tarmac. To the north and east natural subsoil was encountered at a depth of 0.25m below ground level. This was overlain by a 0.15m thick mid yellowish grey clayey silt (101) with rare white lime mortar flecks, and was in turn sealed underneath a homogeneous 0.1m thick dark brown clayey silt (100) topsoil.</p> <p><b>Conclusion:</b><br/>No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and other artefacts from the site, despite examination of spoilheaps, further indicates that the site is archaeologically sterile. This is the only report on the works.</p> <p><b>Project archive and OASIS entry:</b><br/>Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online Access to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p> |  |                             |
| <b>Recorder:</b><br><br>M Steinmetzer and H Wootton (Oakford Archaeology)  |  | <b>Date sent to HER:</b>    |



Fig. 1 Location of site.

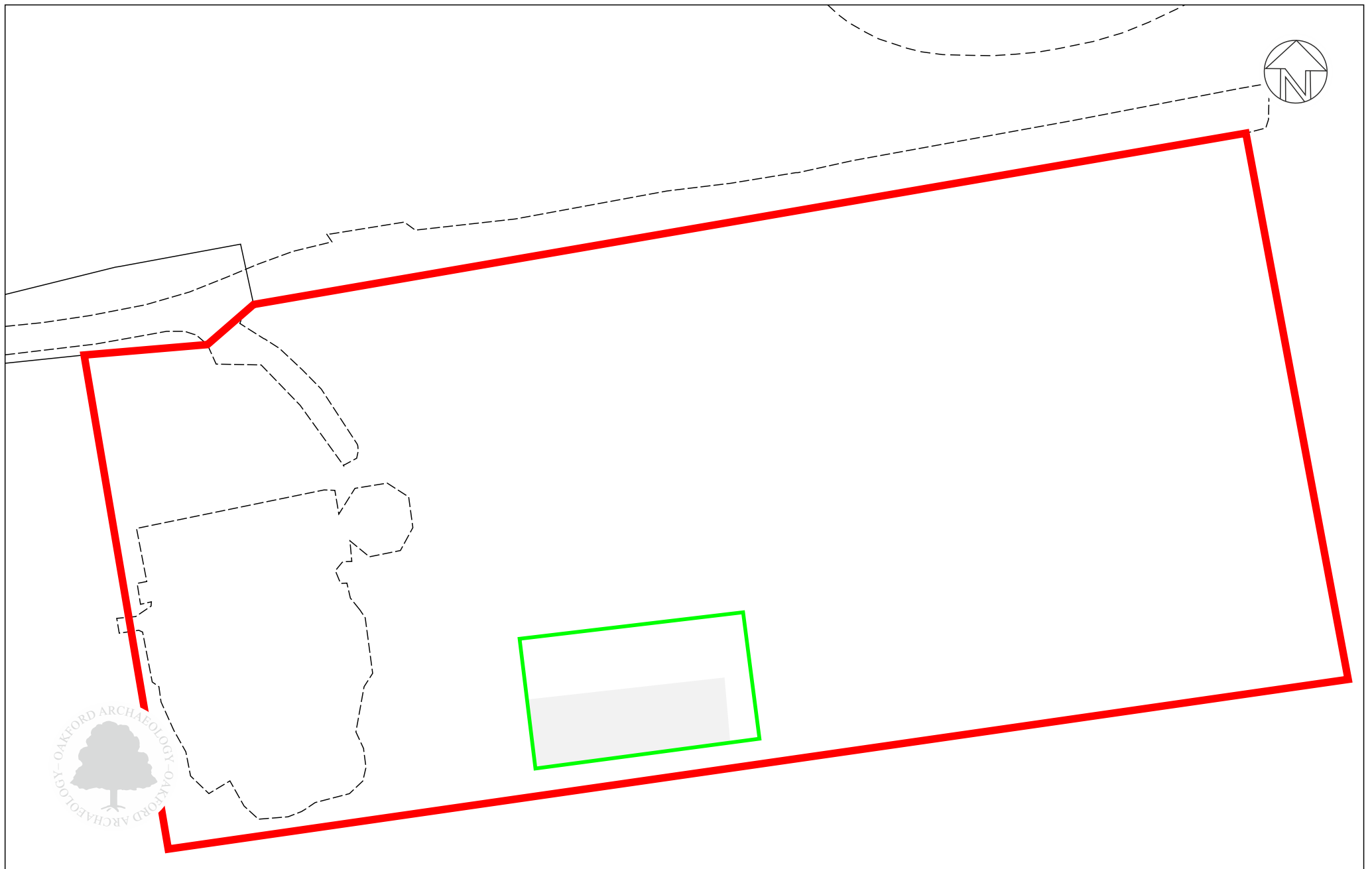


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations (green) and existing basketball court (grey).





Pl. 1 General view of the excavation area showing depth of topsoil (100) above natural subsoil (102). 2m scales. Looking east.



Pl. 2 General view of the excavation area showing depth of topsoil (100) above natural subsoil (102). 2m scales. Looking northwest.