

PLATE 8

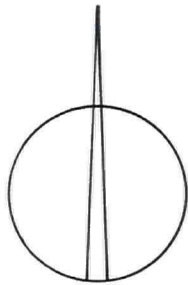


Trial Hole No.3, a late medieval cobbled yard surface.

FIGURE 19

TRIAL HOLE NO.3: PLAN

4 FISHERGATE
RIPON
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Scale 1:20



Metres

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 4, FISHERSTATE, RIPON AREA 3 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 3014 COORDS 3.190 7.1320 LEVEL 38. / 258
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE TRIANGULAR PROFILE _____
 LONG 160 cm WIDE 100 cm DEEP/HIGH 6 cm

METHOD HAND/TROWEL CONDITIONS DRY/GOOD LIGHT
 SOIL DRY SAND COLOUR ORANGE PINK MUNSELL 2.5YR 5/4

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN PEBBLES

DESCRIPTION A THIN LAYER OF SAND WITH A LOW QUANTITY OF
INCLUSIONS. THE LAYER SLOPES GENTLY FROM THE SSE TO
THE NORTH, BENEATH THE ROUGH COBBLE YARD SURFACE
3013.

CONTEXT 2 N

BELOW 3012, 3013 SEALED BY _____
 SAME AS _____ PART OF _____
 BUTTS _____ GROUPED WITH _____
 ABOVE 3015 SEALS _____
 CUTS _____ CUT BY _____
 FILL OF _____ FILLED BY _____

POT N METAL N BONE N STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A LAYER OF ORANGE PINK BEDDING SAND FOR
THE ROUGH COBBLE FLOOR 3013.

PLAN NOS 13 / FIG N° 19 SECTION NOS 18 / FIG N° 21
 PHOTOS 1/33, 34

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 4, FISHERGATE, RIPON. AREA 3 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 3015 COORDS 31190, 71320 LEVEL 38. 300
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE SQUARE PROFILE —
 LONG 100cm WIDE 100cm DEEP/HIGH 10cm

METHOD HAND/TROWEL CONDITIONS DRY/GOOD LIGHT

SOIL CLAYEY SAND COLOUR DARK GREY BROWN MUNSELL 5YR 4/2

INCLUSIONS WATER WORN PROBES, SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, CHARCOAL, LIME

DESCRIPTION A LAYER OF CLAYEY SAND IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE 1M SQUARE SUBSET WITHIN THE TRIAL HOLE. THE LAYER WAS LEVEL IN PLANFORM.

CONTEXT 2 N

BELOW 3014 SEALED BY

SAME AS PART OF

BUTTS GROUPED WITH

ABOVE 3016 SEALS

CUTS CUT BY

FILL OF FILLED BY

POT Y METAL N BONE Y STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION

PLAN NOS SECTION NOS 18 / FIG NO 21

PHOTOS

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 4 FISHERGATE, RIPON. AREA 3 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 3016 COORDS 31190, 71320 LEVEL 38.696
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE SQUARE PROFILE ---
 LONG 100cm WIDE 100cm DEEP/HIGH ---

METHOD HAND/TROWEL CONDITIONS DRY / GOOD LIGHT
 SOIL SAND COLOUR RED BROWN MUNSELL 2.5YR 4/4

INCLUSIONS CHARCOAL FLECKING, LIME FLECKING, WATER WORN COBBLES

DESCRIPTION A SUBSTANTIAL LAYER OF WELL COMPACTED, FINE SAND WITH A LOW QUANTITY OF INCLUSIONS. THE LAYER WAS REDUCED TO 100cm BENEATH THE PRESENT GROUND LEVEL WITHIN A 1m SQUARE SURFACE WITHIN THE TRIAL HOLE. NO VARIATIONS WERE NOTED WITHIN THE LAYER. NO FINDS WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS LAYER.

POSSIBLY THE SAME AS 2009 WITH TRIAL HOLE N°2, AND 1032 WITHIN TRIAL HOLE N°1

CONTEXT 2 N

BELOW 3015 SEALED BY ---
 SAME AS 2009, 1032 PART OF ---
 BUTTS --- GROUPED WITH ---
 ABOVE --- SEALS ---

CUTS --- CUT BY ---
 FILL OF --- FILLED BY ---

POT N METAL N BONE N STONE N FLINT N ORGANIC N OTHER N SAMPLE N

CLASS/INTERPRETATION POSSIBLE NATURAL SURFACE GEOLOGY

PLAN N°S --- SECTION N°S 18 / FIG N° 21
 PHOTOS 1 / 35-36

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PLATE 9



Trial Hole No.3, as excavated, revealing the depth of the natural sand deposits.

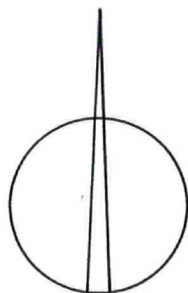
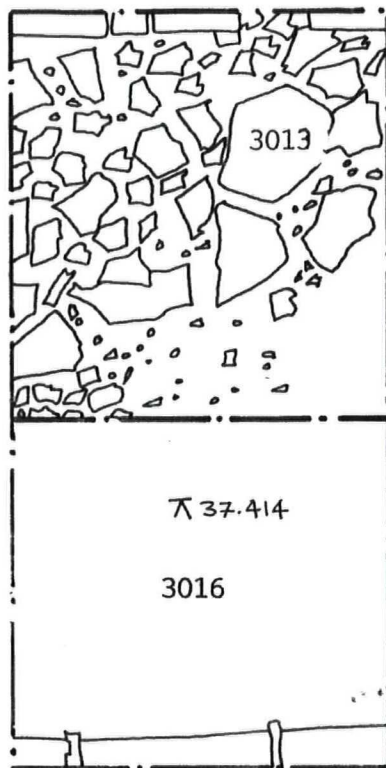
FIGURE 20

TRIAL HOLE NO.3: PLAN

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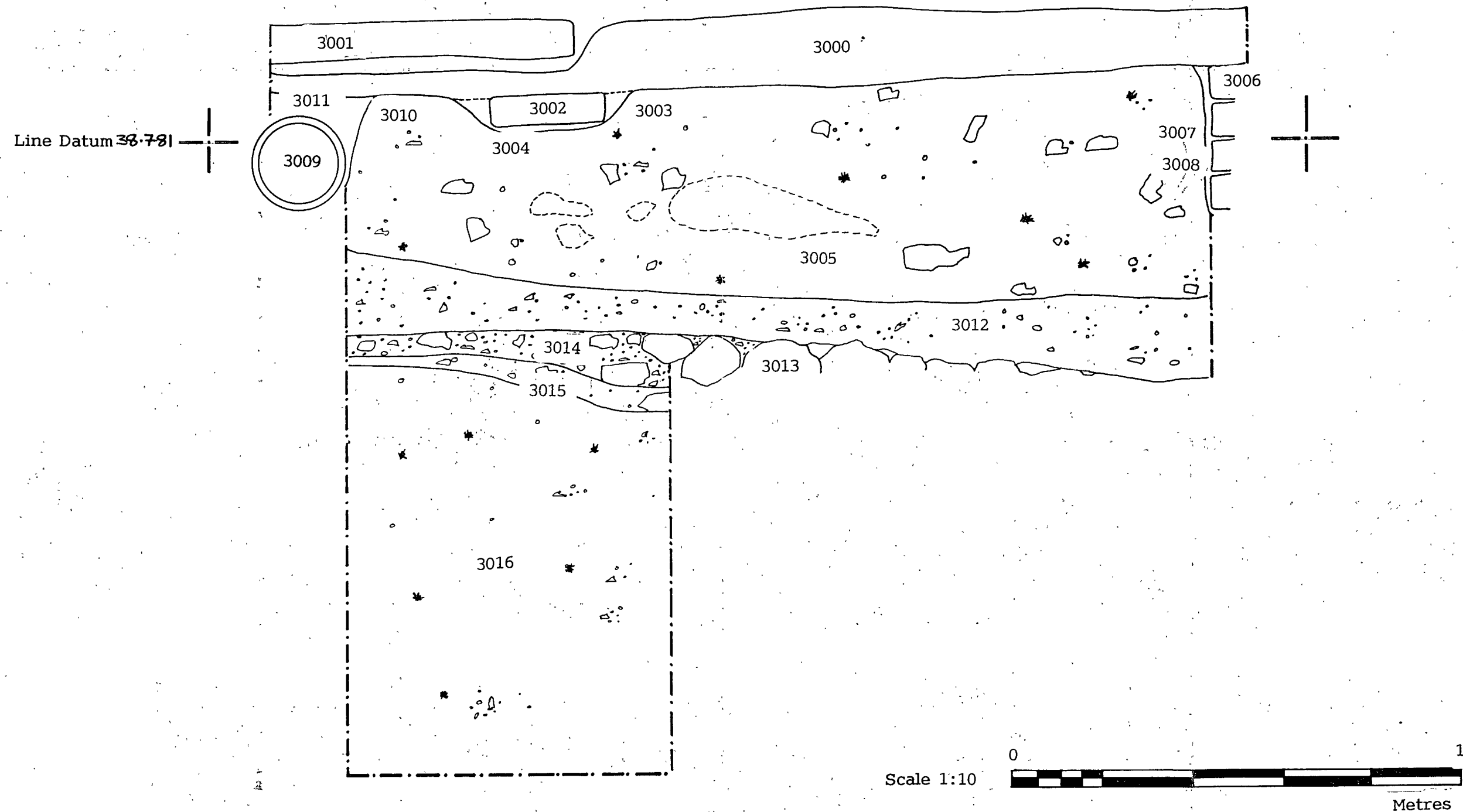


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CONCLUSION

The recent archaeological investigation of 4, Fishergate, Ripon, confirmed the presence of pre 18th Century activity on the site.

The trial trenches provided a useful overall view of the buried soil horizons within the area of development.

The evaluation identified four main phases of activity on the site.

The earliest involved the excavation of at least one ditch like feature into the drift geology. This linear feature was identified within trial holes 1 and 2, and whilst this feature was not excavated it became apparent that the ditch was aligned north south, no satisfactory dating evidence was recovered from this feature. However it's stratigraphic sequence in relation to later, datable, activity on the site would indicate that it is almost certainly medieval in origin and as such it may represent the phase associated with the setting out of the burgage plots adjacent to the market place.

The second phase of activity relates to the landscaping of the site during the later medieval period, during which time a substantial quantity of clay soils were deposited across the site, this resulted in the backfilling all open ditches and depressions across the area. It would appear that this programme of earth movement was done in conjunction with the construction of a substantial magnesian limestone wall, and the laying of a cobble yard surfaces.

The third phase of activity relates to the landscaping of the site during the late 18th Century, during this period a large quantity of sand was dumped within the northern half of the site, so as to make up ground levels within this area, it is suspected that the late medieval limestone structure had by this time been demolished and the stone removed from the site.

The fourth phase of activity relates to the construction of brick out buildings and the installation of drains and services during the 19th Century. It would appear that these brick out buildings were demolished during the early part of this Century, thereafter the site was partially paved and functioned as a yard to the rear of 4 Fishergate.

In the light of the results obtained from the recent archaeological investigation of this site, it is considered that the proposed development of the site would have a direct impact on the medieval archaeology of Ripon. It is felt that whilst the archaeology can not be justifiably used as a means to constrain the proposed development of the site, further archaeological input, in the form of a watching brief, will be required during the building works, to monitor all ground disturbance and the demolition of the existing extension.

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