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**Archaeological Observation
Investigation and Recording
at
Land Adjoining The Bungalow
Ganton Road
Foxholes**

Site Code: WB2010.048
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for

Mr P. Westwick

**Watching Brief Report Number: 1256
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D. P. Rawson and D. Atkinson, June 2011

Summary

A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Humber Field Archaeology during groundwork associated with the construction of two new dwellings with separate garages on land adjoining The Bungalow, Ganton Road, Foxholes, North Yorkshire.

No archaeological features were observed during the programme of works and no finds were collected.

1. Introduction

This report presents the results of a programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording undertaken by Humber Field Archaeology, on behalf of Mr P. Westwick, during groundwork associated with the construction of two new dwellings with separate garages on land adjoining The Bungalow, Ganton Road, Foxholes, North Yorkshire (*Figure 1, Plate 1*).

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The development site is located on the east side of Ganton Road with Manor Farm to the south and Rectory cottages to the north.

2. Archaeological Background

The site of the proposed development lies within the core of the medieval village of Foxholes between Manor Farm and the Church. Recent archaeological work has revealed evidence of medieval occupation in the form of structures dating from the 12th/13th centuries. The surrounding landscape contains evidence of remains dating from the prehistoric and later periods. Crop marks identified on aerial photographs indicate the presence of early field systems, track ways, enclosures and burial grounds covering large areas particularly to the south and west of the village.

3. Methodology

The work associated with this project was carried out by staff from Humber Field Archaeology (HFA), in accordance with the procedures set out in a site specific written scheme of investigation (WSI), produced in response to a condition placed upon the planning application. Condition 6 stated:

‘No development shall take place within the application site until the developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.’

‘Reason:- The site is of archaeological interest and investigation/protection and observation of the site is required by PPG16 – ‘Archaeology and Planning’ 1990.’

The scheme of works comprised the monitoring of the site strip and the excavation of foundations for the dwellings and garages. A series of six visits were made to the site between the 19th April and the 23rd May 2011.

Any exposed areas of subsoil and lower stratigraphic units were examined for archaeological deposits. The excavated dimensions of the foundation trenches were recorded, as were the depth sequences of any exposed stratigraphy. Where archaeological deposits/features were identified, context numbers were assigned and

detailed descriptions were made, plans and sections were drawn and a photographic record was maintained.

4. Results

The initial works comprised the removal of turf and topsoil (1001) from the whole site, an area of 1015m² with maximum dimensions of 41m east to west and 27m north to south, up to a depth of 0.20m. This revealed (1002), a subsoil consisting of a grey-brown to reddish-brown clay silt with chalk fragments (*Plate 2*).

An area covering 540m² in the western half of the site was further reduced by up to 0.40m in places (*Plate 3*). This work did not penetrate below (1002).

Plot 1

The first set of foundations to be excavated was for the garage, located in the south-east corner of the site. The trenches measured 5.60m by 5.60m (31.7m²), and were 0.60m wide and 0.80m deep (*Figure 2, Plate 4*). Here, the (1002) was evident throughout, being at least 0.60m thick, grey-brown in its upper part and becoming progressively more red-brown lower down (*Plate 5*). No archaeological features were observed.

Prior to the excavation of the foundations for the dwelling, an area measuring 23m east to west and 13m north to south (276m²) was further reduced by around 0.30m in and around the intended location of the plot 1 trenches (*Figure 2, Plate 6*). The foundation trenches measured 9.50m east to west and 8.40m north to south (79.8m²), and were 0.60m wide and 0.80m deep. Throughout the base of the trenches there was at least 0.50m of chalk brash (1003), which in turn was covered by 0.30m of (1002) (*Plate 7*). Again, no features were observed, the full sequence of deposits in this part of the site was at least 0.50m of (1003), below 0.60-0.80m of (1002), below 0.20m of (1001).

Plot 2

The garage was located in the northeast corner of the site. The trench dimensions were the same as for plot 1, with 0.20m of (1003) being visible in the base. Overlying this was 0.40m of (1002) and 0.20m of (1001). No features were observed.

The foundation trenches of the dwelling were of the same dimensions as plot 1, with the exception of the depth, which was up to 0.90m. Throughout the base of the trenches there was a layer of (1003) at least 0.60m thick, with 0.30m of (1002) above (*Plate 8*). No features were observed.

With the completion of the above excavations the programme of observation, investigation and recording was concluded.

5. Discussion

The following is solely the opinion of Humber Field Archaeology, and may not reflect that of Humber Sites and Monuments Record Office, archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA).

The programme of observation, investigation and recording undertaken during the stripping of the site and the excavation of foundation trenches failed to reveal any archaeological features. Whilst disappointing in view of the position of the site it must be remembered that certain types of medieval or even later buildings, such as those utilising post-pads, or constructed of earth, may leave little or no trace in the landscape.

7. Acknowledgements

Thanks are accorded to Mr P. Westwick and Phil Grey for help and co-operation during the course of this project.

The work was carried out in accordance with a WSI prepared by HFA. The report was edited by

8. References

Atkinson, D. 2010. Ganton Road Foxholes: Written Scheme of investigation for archaeological observation, investigation and recording. Humber Field Archaeology

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9. Appendices

Appendix 1

Context list

- (1001) Toposil - grey brown clay silt and turf, 0.20m thick
- (1002) Subsoil – grey-brown to reddish brown clay silt with chalk fragments, up to 0.80m thick
- (1003) Natural – chalk brash, at least 0.60m thick

Appendix 2

Archive

Project Details:

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There were no finds
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Archaeological Observation, Investigation and Recording at Land Adjoining The Bungalow, Ganton Road, Foxholes, Humber Field Archaeology Watching Brief Report Number 1256, June 2011

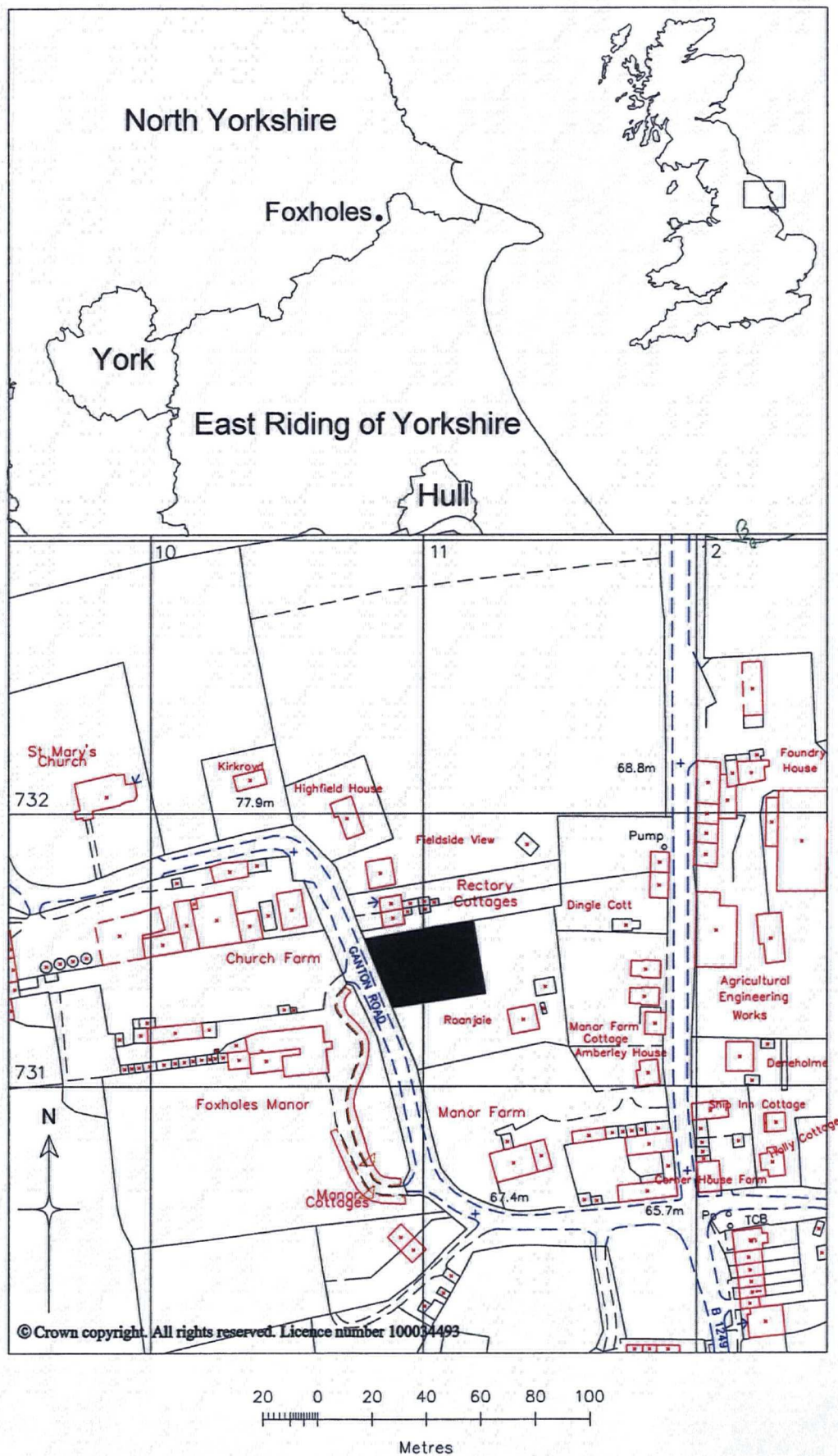


Figure 1 Site location

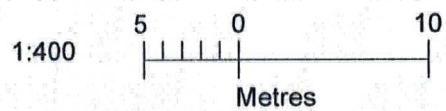
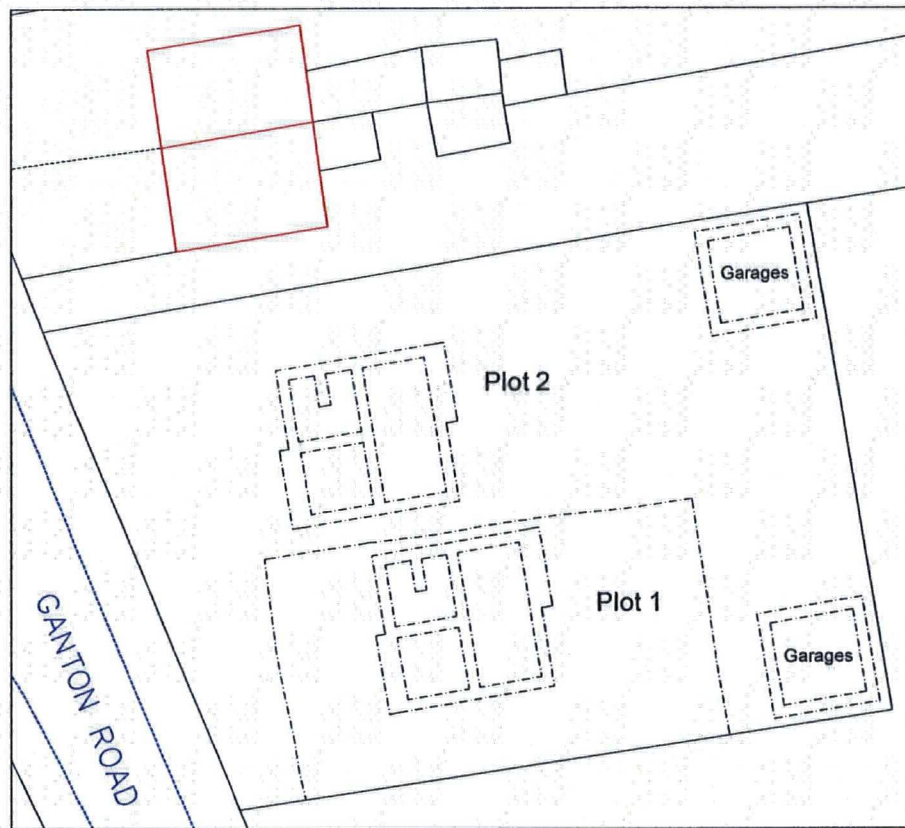


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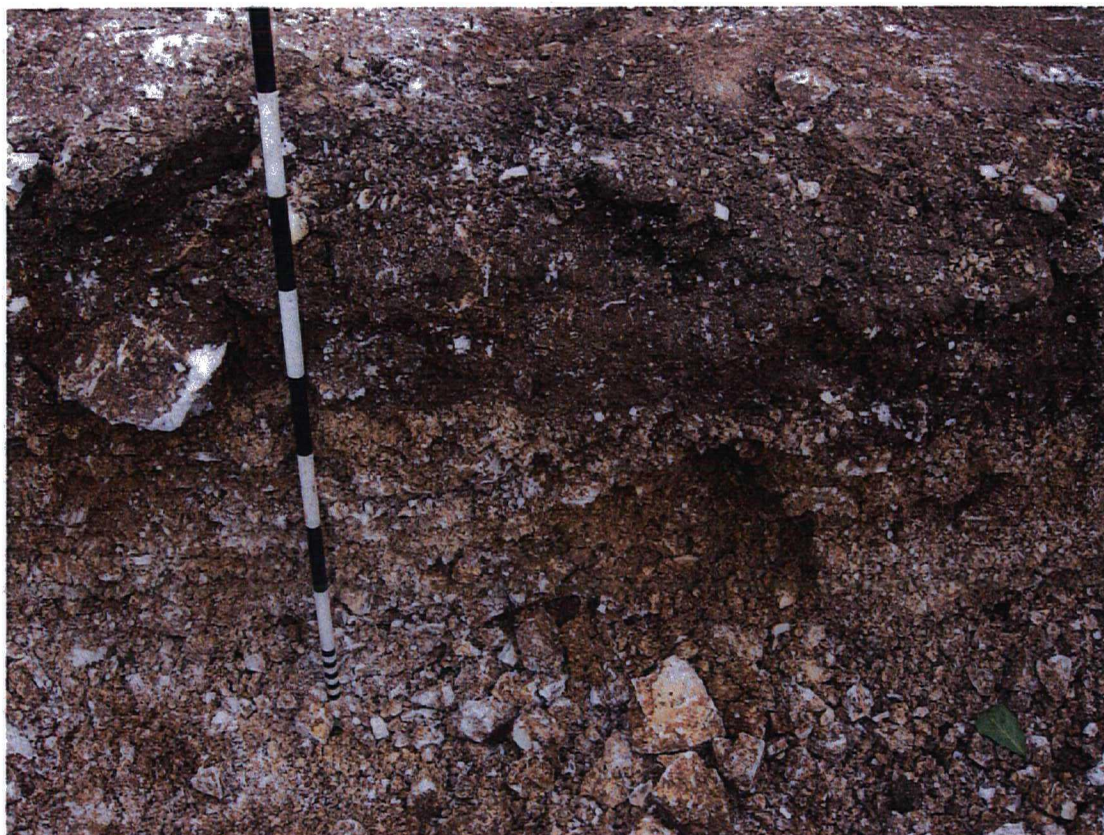


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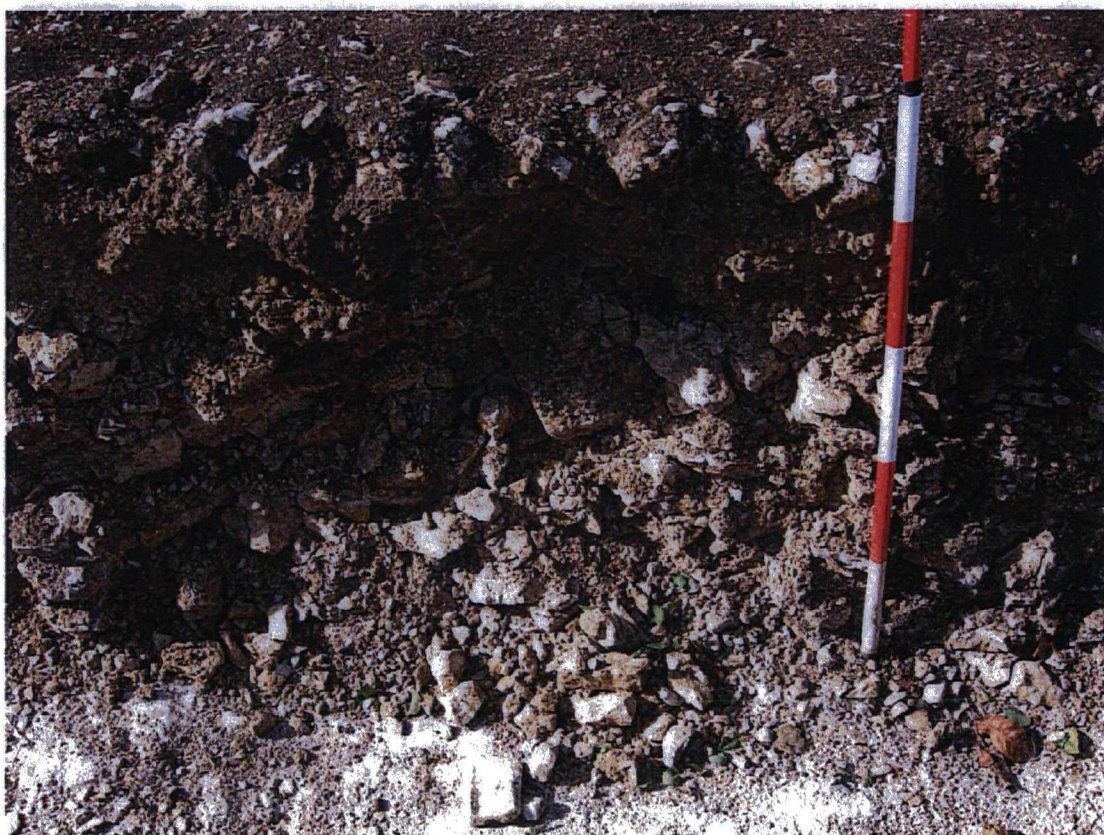


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