



DRIVE AS EXCAVATED, FACING NORTH NORTH EAST.

SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK

Phase I

On Tuesday 27th July 1993, the line of the proposed driveway was cleared of vegetation and the topsoil deposits were mechanically excavated, no archaeology was revealed within this layer of Sandy Loam garden soil.

On the completion of the topsoiling exercise two geological test pits were mechanically excavated. The excavation and recording of these test pits was impeded by the very high quantity of tree root activity and the instability of the exposed sections.

TRIAL HOLE NO.1

Dimensions:	200 x 150cm
Depth:	220cm
Aligned:	east / west
Ground Conditions:	arid with a high level of tree root disturbance throughout all layers.
Light Conditions:	overcast
Visibility:	poor

Trial Hole No.1 was located at the south western extent of the site, adjacent to the retaining wall. No archaeological features or deposits were identified, the stratigraphy within the trial hole was made up of natural accumulation of hill wash deposits, that increased in depth towards the base of the slope, these soils were found to be overlying the surface geology.

Context 1000 Dark Grey Brown Sandy Loam

This consisted of a layer of dark grey brown sandy loam topsoil that was found to contain a moderate quantity of 19th and 20th Century pottery sherds and glass fragments. The layer increased in depth with the fall of the slope.

Context 1001 Pink Brown Loamy Clayey Sand

This consisted of a layer of pink brown loamy clayey sand, no finds were recovered from this layer. This deposit had accumulated as result of hill wash. The layer was identified as sloping at a similar incline to the fall of the present ground level.

Context 1002 Yellow Brown Loamy Sand

This consisted of a layer of yellow brown loamy sand, no finds were recovered from this layer. This deposit had accumulated as result of hill wash. The layer increased in depth with the fall of the slope, and on incline that was slightly more acute to present ground level.

Context 1003**Pink Yellow Sand**

This consisted of a layer of pink yellow sand, no finds were recovered from this layer. This deposit of decayed magnesian limestone and sand was revealed to be the natural interface between the hill wash deposits and the surface geology. The layer increased in depth with the fall of the slope, and on incline that was slightly more acute to present ground level.

TRIAL HOLE NO.2

Dimensions: 240 x 140cm

Depth: 180cm

Aligned: east north east / west south west

Ground Conditions: arid with a high level of tree root disturbance throughout all layers.

Light Conditions: overcast

Visibility: poor

Trial Hole No.2 was located within the central area of the site, and positioned so as to investigate the character, condition, quality and date of the terraced bank feature. It was revealed that the linear earthwork was formed by the dumping and landscaping of limestone fragments and hardcore, unfortunately no datable finds were recovered from the feature. Natural soils levels were not identified within the trial hole as the level of proposed disturbance was reached and excavation terminated at 180cm below the present ground level. No further archaeological features or deposits were identified.

Context 2000**Dark Grey Brown Sandy Loam**

This consisted of a layer of dark grey brown sandy loam topsoil that was found to contain a moderate quantity of 19th and 20th Century pottery sherds and glass fragments. The layer had been badly disturbed by tree root activity. The layer increased slightly in depth with the fall of the slope.

Context 2001**Pink Yellow Brown Loamy Clayey Sand**

This consisted of a layer of pink yellow brown loamy clayey sand, no finds were recovered from this layer. This deposit contained a very high quantity of limestone fragments and the occasional water worn cobble. This layer of rubble was found to be the principal make up of the terraced bank feature, and as such the layer had a relatively steep and well pronounced north north west facing aspect, that mirrored that of the upstanding earthwork. The layer contained a small assemblage of animal bone fragments, a fresh water oyster shell and a number of relatively well preserved garden snail shells, these finds were recovered from the voids between the stone fragments.



**TERRACED BANK AFTER THE TOP SOIL HAS BEEN REMOVED,
FACING NORTH EAST.**



THE PROFILE OF THE TERRACED BANK, AS CUT BY THE EXCAVATIONS FOR THE DRIVE, FACING SOUTH EAST.

This consisted of a layer of pink brown sandy loam, which was revealed in the base of the excavation. The layer was not excavated as this would have exceeded the depth of ground disturbance associated with the proposed works. However it was noted that the layer fell away on a gentle incline, towards the west. No finds were recovered from this layer.

Phase II

On Wednesday 28th July 1993, the turning area and the central and northern extent of the proposed driveway was mechanically reduced and levelled to the required depth. No further archaeological features or deposits were identified during these excavations, and no additional information was retrieved regarding the form and character of the terraced bank.

Phase III

On completion of phase II of the works, the client informed the archaeologist that there would be a hiatus before proceeding with the third and final phase. As it was expected that this interruption in the works could extend over a number of months, it was agreed that the initial observations of this investigation should be reported on and these would be eventually supplemented by an appendix that would cover the final phase of the works.

CONCLUSION

The recent archaeological watching brief conducted by Mr K J Cale on behalf of Mr D Collins at 27 Waterside, Knaresborough, has so far indicated that the curvilinear shaped tract of land chosen as the proposed driveway for the above property is archaeologically sterile.

It would appear that the present ground levels have been largely formed by the natural accumulation of hill wash deposits, and whilst this debris has the potential to contain archaeological material, no evidence of this was found.

The site has been subjected to a degree of landscaping, which is suspected to be horticultural in origin and late 19th Century in date, the single terraced earthwork identified as crossing the site could not be dated accurately, however I have been informed by a long time resident of Knaresborough that the garden and woodland adjacent to 27 Waterside were managed as a small domestic vineyard during the early 20th Century.

Kevin John Cale
August 1993

SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA T H 1 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 1000 COORDS 34750 / 57070 LEVEL — / —
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
 LONG 200 cm WIDE 150 cm DEEP/HIGH 60 cm

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS POOR - MODERATE LIGHT, VERY DRY GROUND
 SOIL SANDY LOAM COLOUR DARK GREY BROWN MUNSELL 5YR 4/1
 INCLUSIONS ROOT, SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS
 DESCRIPTION VEGETATION COVER WAS REMOVED TO EXPOSE
 THIS LAYER OF SANDY LOAM THE LAYER WAS REDUCED
 IN SHALLOW SPITS NOT EXCEEDING 10 cm IN DEPTH THE
 LAYER WAS FOUND TO BE EXTREMELY DRY THE
 LAYER INCREASED IN DEPTH WITH THE FALL OF SLOPE
 THE LAYER CONTAINED A MODERATE QUANTITY OF 19TH
 CENTURY AND MODERN POTTERY SHEERDS AND GLASS FRAGMENTS

CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW SEALED BY
 SAME AS 2000 PART OF
 BUTTS GROUPED WITH
 ABOVE 1001 SEALS
 CUTS CUT BY
 FILL OF FILLED BY

POT ✓ METAL ✓ BONE X STONE X FLINT X ORGANIC X OTHER ✓ SAMPLE X

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A LAYER OF TOPSOIL FOUND TO BE
 UNIFORM ACROSS THE SITE

PLAN NOS — SECTION NOS —
 PHOTOS 1/6-7

DUG BY — SUPERVISOR K J C DATED 27 07 93

SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA T H 1 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 1001 COORDS 34750/57070 LEVEL — / —
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
 LONG 200 cm WIDE 150 cm DEEP/HIGH 42 cm

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS POOR-MODERATE LIGHT, VERY DRY GROUND

SOIL LOAMY CLAYEY SAND COLOUR PINK BROWN MUNSELL 5YR 4/4

INCLUSIONS ROOT, LIMESTONE FLECKING, CHARCOAL FLECKING

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS FOUND TO BE CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM IN ALL FOUR SECTIONS OF THE MACHINE TRENCH. THE LAYER WAS DRY AND NOT WELL COMPACTED. THE LAYER INCREASED IN DEPTH WITH THE FALL OF SLOPE, THE LAYER ALSO FELL ON A SIMILAR INCLINE TO THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL. NO FINDS WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS LAYER

CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW 1000 SEALED BY
 SAME AS PART OF
 BUTTS GROUPED WITH
 ABOVE 1002 SEALS
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POT X METAL X BONE X STONE X FLINT X ORGANIC X OTHER X SAMPLE X

CLASS/INTERPRETATION HILL WASH DEPOSIT.

PLAN NOS

SECTION NOS

PHOTOS

1/6-7

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SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA T H I YEAR 1993
CONTEXT 1002 COORDS 34750/57070 LEVEL — / —
TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
LONG 200 cm WIDE 150 cm DEEP/HIGH 55 cm
METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS POOR-MODERATE LIGHT, VERY DRY GROUND
SOIL LOAMY SAND COLOUR YELLOW BROWN MUNSELL 7.5YR 5/4
INCLUSIONS LIMESTONE FLECKS, ROOT
DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS FOUND TO BE CONSISTENT AND
UNIFORM IN ALL FOUR SECTIONS OF THE MACHINE
TRENCH THE LAYER WAS EXTREMELY DRY AND
NOT WELL COMPACTED. THE LAYER INCREASED IN
DEPTH WITH THE FALL OF SLOPE, THE LAYER FELL
ON A SLIGHTLY STEEPER INCLINE TO THAT OF THE
EXISTING GROUND LEVEL NO FINDS WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS
LAYER

CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW 1001 SEALED BY
SAME AS PART OF
BUTTS GROUPED WITH
ABOVE 1003 SEALS
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CLASS/INTERPRETATION HILL WASH DEPOSIT

PLAN NOS —

SECTION NOS —

PHOTOS 1/6-7

DUG BY —

SUPERVISOR K J C

DATED 27 07 93

SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA T H 1 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 1003 COORDS 34750/57070 LEVEL — / —
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
 LONG 200 cm WIDE 150 cm DEEP/HIGH —

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS Poor-Moderate Light, Very Dry Ground
 SOIL SAND COLOUR Pink Yellow MUNSELL 5YR 6/6

INCLUSIONS Limestone fragments, Purple Sandstone fragments

DESCRIPTION THIS LAYER OF SAND WAS REVEALED IN THE
 BASE OF THE TRENCH EXCAVATIONS THE SAND WAS
 EXTREMELY DRY AND WAS NOT WELL COMPACTED.
 THE LAYER CONTAINED THE OCCASIONAL, NATURALLY
 OCCURRING LIMESTONE FRAGMENT UP TO 80 cm IN SIZE,
 AND MUCH SMALLER FRAGMENTS OF PURPLE SANDSTONE THE LAYER
 FELL ON A SLIGHTLY STEEPER INCLINE TO THAT OF THE EXISTING
 GROUND LEVEL NO FINDS WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS LAM
 CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW 1002 SEALED BY
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CLASS/INTERPRETATION SURFACE GEOLOGY

PLAN NOS — SECTION NOS —

PHOTOS 1/6-7

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SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA TH 2 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 2000 COORDS 34750/57070 LEVEL — / —
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
 LONG 240 cm WIDE 140 cm DEEP/HIGH 38 cm

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS POOR - MODERATE LIGHT, VERY DRY GROUND
 SOIL SANDY LOAM COLOUR DARK GREY BROWN MUNSELL 5YR 4/1

INCLUSIONS ROOT, SANDSTONE FRAGMENTS, LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS

DESCRIPTION VEGETATION COVER WAS REMOVED TO EXPOSE THE SURFACE OF THIS LAYER WHICH WAS COVERED IN A DENSE SCATTER OF LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS UP TO 30 cm IN SIZE AND A SURFACE SCATTER OF 19TH CENTURY AND MODERN DOMESTIC WASTE THE LAYER WAS EXTREMELY DRY THE LAYER INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN DEPTH WITH THE FALL OF THE SLOPE THE LAYER CONTAINED A HIGH QUANTITY OF 19TH CENTURY AND MODERN POTTERY SHERDS AND GLASS FRAGMENTS

CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW SEALED BY
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 BUTTS GROUPED WITH
 ABOVE 2001 SEALS
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 FILL OF FILLED BY

POT ✓ METAL X BONE X STONE X FLINT X ORGANIC X OTHER ✓ SAMPLE X

CLASS/INTERPRETATION A LAYER OF TOPSOIL FOUND TO BE UNIFORM ACROSS THE SITE THE LAYER WAS NOT THE PRINCIPAL MAKE UP OF THE TERRACE BANK

PLAN N^{OS} — SECTION N^{OS} —

PHOTOS 1/8-11

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SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA TH 2 YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 2001 COORDS 34750/57070 LEVEL — / —
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
 LONG 240 cm WIDE 140 cm DEEP/HIGH 110 cm

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS POOR-MODERATE LIGHT, VERY DRY GROUND

SOIL LOAMY CLAYEY SAND COLOUR PINK YELLOW BROWN MUNSELL 10YR 4/4

INCLUSIONS LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS, RUST, CHARCOAL FLECKING, COBBLE

DESCRIPTION THE LAYER WAS FOUND TO BE CONSISTENT AND

UNIFORM IN ALL FOUR SECTIONS OF THE TRENCH. THE

LAYER WAS SIMILAR IN COLOUR AND SOIL TYPE TO CONTEXT

1001 IDENTIFIED WITHIN TRIAL HOLE N°1, BUT DIFFERED IN THAT

THIS LAYER CONTAINED AN 80% INCLUSION OF LIMESTONE FRAGMENTS

UP TO 55 cm IN SIZE, AND THE OCCASIONAL WATER WORN COBBLE,

THE LAYER ALSO CONTAINED ANIMAL BONE FRAGMENTS AND SNAIL AND
 OYSTER SHELLS

CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW 2000

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CLASS/INTERPRETATION THE PRINCIPAL MAKE UP OF THE TERRACED
 BANK FEATURE

PLAN N°S —

SECTION N°S —

PHOTOS 1/8-11

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF - CONTEXT SHEET 1

SITE NAME 27 WATERSIDE, KNB AREA T H 2, YEAR 1993
 CONTEXT 2002 COORDS 34750/57070 LEVEL — / —
 TYPE LAYER SHAPE — PROFILE —
 LONG 240 cm WIDE 140 cm DEEP/HIGH —

METHOD MACHINE CONDITIONS POOR - MODERATE LIGHT, VERY DRY GROUND
 SOIL SANDY LOAM COLOUR PINK BROWN MUNSELL 5 YR 4/3
 INCLUSIONS LIMESTONE FRAGMENT, CHARCOAL FLECK.
 DESCRIPTION THIS LAYER OF SANDY LOAM WAS REVEALED IN THE
 BASE OF TRENCH EXCAVATIONS, THE LAYER WAS NOT
 REDUCED AS THIS WOULD HAVE EXCEEDED THE REQUIRED
 DEPTH OF GROUND DISTURBANCE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED
 DRIVEWAY THE LAYER FELL ON A GENTLE INCLINE, LESS
 SEVERE THAN THAT OF THE TERRACED BANK. NO FINDS
 WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS LAYER.

CONTEXT 2 X

BELOW 2001 SEALED BY
 SAME AS PART OF
 BUTTS GROUPED WITH
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POT X METAL X BONE X STONE X FLINT X ORGANIC X OTHER X SAMPLE X

CLASS/INTERPRETATION

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SECTION N^{OS}

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