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**'ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF' AT  
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**A report to Mr and Mrs R Spink**

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1           Instructions were received from Mr and Mrs R Spink to conduct an archaeological watching brief on land to the west (rear) of West View Bungalow, Scotch Corner, Middleton Tyas, North Yorkshire. The work was required in response to a Planning Condition, in advance of the construction of a large extension to the existing bungalow. The watching brief was carried out by Percival Turnbull, of this Practice, on the first of September, 1998.

2           The Scotch Corner area is the site of one of the major road junctions of Roman Britain, the actual junction falling a little to the north and west of the present roundabout. No major Roman settlement developed at Scotch Corner, perhaps because of the early establishment of successful settlements at Catterick and Piercebridge, but several features of archaeological interest are known in the immediate area. There are several barrows, which might be of prehistoric or of Romano-British date, and cropmarks suggestive of settlement features. During the construction of the Scotch Corner Leisure Centre, for Buron Developments in 1995, remains of a late Iron Age and Romano-British settlement were recorded during a watching brief. This site lies 150 metres north-west of West View Bungalow.

3           An area measuring 21 metres north-south by 8 metres was stripped of turf and (in places) asphalt, and then excavated to provide a level base for the construction of the extension. On the eastern side, this excavation was limited to a depth of around 30 cms, at which level it penetrated the top of the orange-brown natural boulder clay. The ground rises sharply to the west, and there is a difference of over two metres in level between the bungalow and the surface of the caravan park immediately to the east. For this reason the western edge of the excavation was reduced by as much as 1.9 metres.

4           Throughout the area, natural boulder clay was encountered immediately beneath the turf and asphalt surface. It appears that much of the site has been landscaped, probably quite recently (and probably in connection with the construction of the former Crown and Anchor petrol station). The effect of this has been to reduce the ground level over most of the site by an amount varying from a few centimetres to 2 metres.

5           The only feature encountered was a modern land drain in the south-west corner of the site. All surfaces and sections were clean and devoid of any possible feature or deposit of archaeological interest.

Percival Turnbull  
22.10.1998

