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## Kirkbymoorside, N. Yorkshire Archaeological Evaluation: Statement of Results

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| Site name   | Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire  |                    |            |
| Site address  | Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire  |                    |            |
| Client  | CgMs Consulting  | Consultant         |            |
| Curator   | North Yorkshire County Council   |                    |            |
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| Site code   | 87021  | Grid ref (centred) | ...        |
| Dates(s) of attendance  | 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2013   |                    |            |
| Description of works  | Excavation of five evaluation trenches over geophysical anomalies  |                    |            |
| Summary of site stratigraphy  |  |                    |            |
| <p>The natural geology consisted of degraded orange sandstone covered in undulations by a matrix of fine sandy orange clay at a depth of between 0.25 – 0.35m below ground level.</p> <p>The overlying subsoil was fairly thin (c. 0.05 – 0.10m) in depth, containing more greyish silt in composition.</p> <p>The overlying yellowish grey fine sandy silt clay (loam) topsoil was on average 0.3m thick with the upper 0.2m containing rootlets of the overlying pasture.</p> |  |                    |            |
| Archaeological features   | Trench 1: Undated ditch;<br>Trench 3: Probable Iron Age ditch with recut.<br>Trenches 1-5: Ridge and furrow throughout   |                    |            |
| Finds observed  | <p>Probable Iron Age pottery from the earlier large enclosure ditch (deposit 306) and animal bone from the later re-cut (deposit 308) in Trench 3.</p> <p>Post-medieval/ modern pottery, clay pipe stems and glass from the furrows.</p> |                    |            |



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## Interpretation

Trench 1: One small ditch (104; **Plate 1**) which appeared to align with the location of the geophysical anomaly interpreted as an enclosure. The excavation revealed a small ditch with no dateable artefacts recovered from the fills. The feature appeared to cut into the bank of a ridge from medieval ridge and furrow agriculture but this relationship could not be conclusively determined from the section.

Trench 3: One large ditch 305 was uncovered which appeared to match the location of a geophysical anomaly interpreted a possible enclosure ditch. The fill of the ditch contained pottery of probable Iron Age date. An obvious re-cut truncated the westerly portion of the ditch fill (**Plate 2**). The initial filling of the recut contained tightly packed stones, slumping in to the west, implying a possible up-cast stone bank to the east (internal) side of the enclosure.

Trenches 1 – 5: Furrows from medieval/ post-medieval ridge and furrow was evident in all the trenches. The alignment of the furrows matched that indicated by the geophysical survey but was not evident on the surface of the fields. Only later post-medieval material was found in the furrows.

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## Plates



**Plate 1:** Trench 1; Ditch 104 possibly cutting into ridge of western (left) side



**Plate 2:** Trench 3; Ditch 305 with ditch 307 truncating ridge and furrow