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1. Introduction

On the 30th July 2001, and 31st July 2001 an Archaeological Watching Brief was undertaken within a plot of land immediately to the rear of Stonegrave House, Stonegrave, North Yorkshire (SE 7781 6561 : Fig. 1). The northern half of the plot was to be cleared of topsoil, prior to the machine excavation of foundation trenches for a stable block.

The work was required to fulfil a condition of planning permission placed due to the archaeological interest and potential of the site due to its proximity to Stonegrave Minster.

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2. Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the work was to observe, record and recover archaeological remains.

3. Methodology

All groundworks were monitored by an archaeologist as part of the Archaeological Watching Brief. Modern overburden was removed by mechanical excavator, which

was followed by the machine excavation of foundation trenches under constant archaeological supervision.

4. Results

The trenches were excavated to a depth of 0.70m, and were 0.50m in width. The sandy subsoil was located at depths of between 0.35m and 0.40m from the present ground surface.

No archaeological features were observed, and finds consisted of Nineteenth and Twentieth century pottery, bottle-glass and clay pipe. A small quantity of animal bone was also recovered.

5. Conclusion

The recovery of this quantity of modern material suggests that the site has been used intensively during the recent past, and that this activity has removed all trace of earlier land use.



Figure 1. Site Location.