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Dear Gail

**GARAGE EXTENSION AT WHITE ROSE COTTAGE, FOSTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE: ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

Further to the completion of an archaeological watching brief I have the following information. As no archaeological features were identified this letter, together with the attached location maps, constitutes the reporting of the work. The archive, which has been compiled and is awaiting deposition, resides with ourselves at present at our offices in Leeds.

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken at White Rose Cottage, Foston, to observe the excavation of foundation footings for the construction of a double garage and extension to the west of the house. The work, undertaken on behalf of the owner and developer, Mr John Preston, was carried out on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2002 and completed on the same day. The work was undertaken in accordance with the 'Standard Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for Limited Archaeological Recording (Watching Brief)' produced by the North Yorkshire Heritage Unit. The purpose of the watching brief was to monitor the mechanical excavation of foundations, in order that if archaeological remains were exposed these could be rapidly recorded prior to the trenches being infilled. The site had the potential to reveal archaeological remains dating to the medieval and Roman periods, given the site's position within the village (most of which is Scheduled) and it's close proximity to the Scheduled Ancient Monument site of a moated monastic grange (excavated but unpublished). The excavated footings were at a maximum depth of 0.6m with a maximum width of 0.8m. Two modern features were identified in plan within the area of the footings and a total of five deposits were identified within one recorded west facing section.

In stratigraphical order (latest) deposit 100 the topsoil, 101 recent modern levelling deposit, 102 fill of modern pit (103), 104 levelling deposit and 105 the natural degraded clay deposit. Finds were recovered from and retained from deposits 100 (3 pot sherds), 102 (1 pot sherd and 3 fragments of glass), 104 (6 pot sherds, 1 bone fragment and a metal object

and from (embedded) the surface of 105 (1 pot sherd, 2 tile fragments and 1 bone fragment). All finds appear to be modern 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century pottery/glass with the exception of the pottery sherd from 105, which is a reduced Humber ware body sherd from a jar of probable 15<sup>th</sup> century date. No archaeological features were identified during the watching brief.

The primary archive consists of the following:

***Primary Archive Inventory***

<b>File no</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No. sheets</b>
File 1	1:50 permatrace plan of foundation footing	1
	1:10 prematrace west facing section	1
	Site Risk Assessment (photocopy)	1
	Finds and Sample Record (photocopy)	1
	Site notes	1
	Site location maps	3

If you require any further information with regard to the work please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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cc Mr John Preston, Rose Cottage, Foston



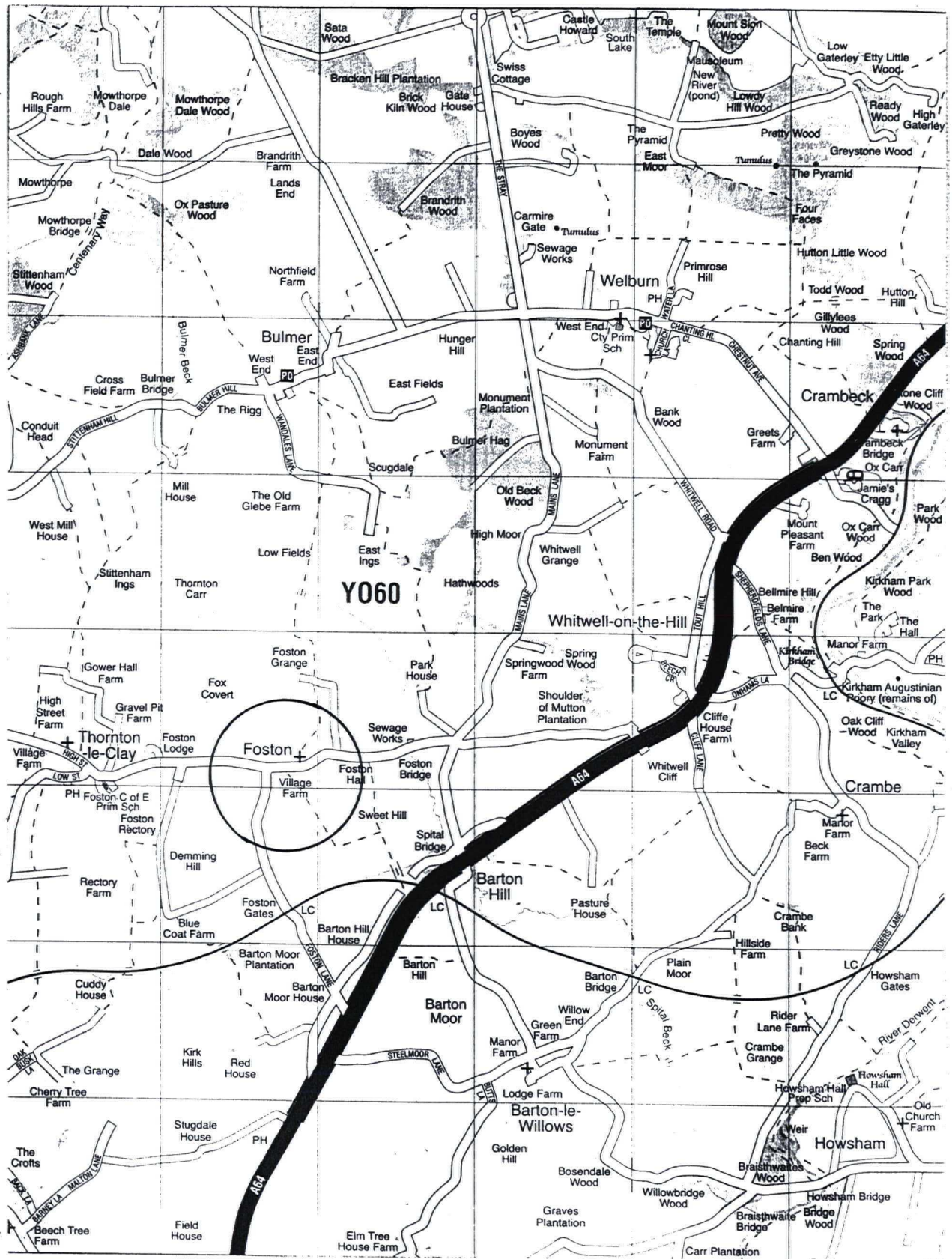


Fig. 1. Site location

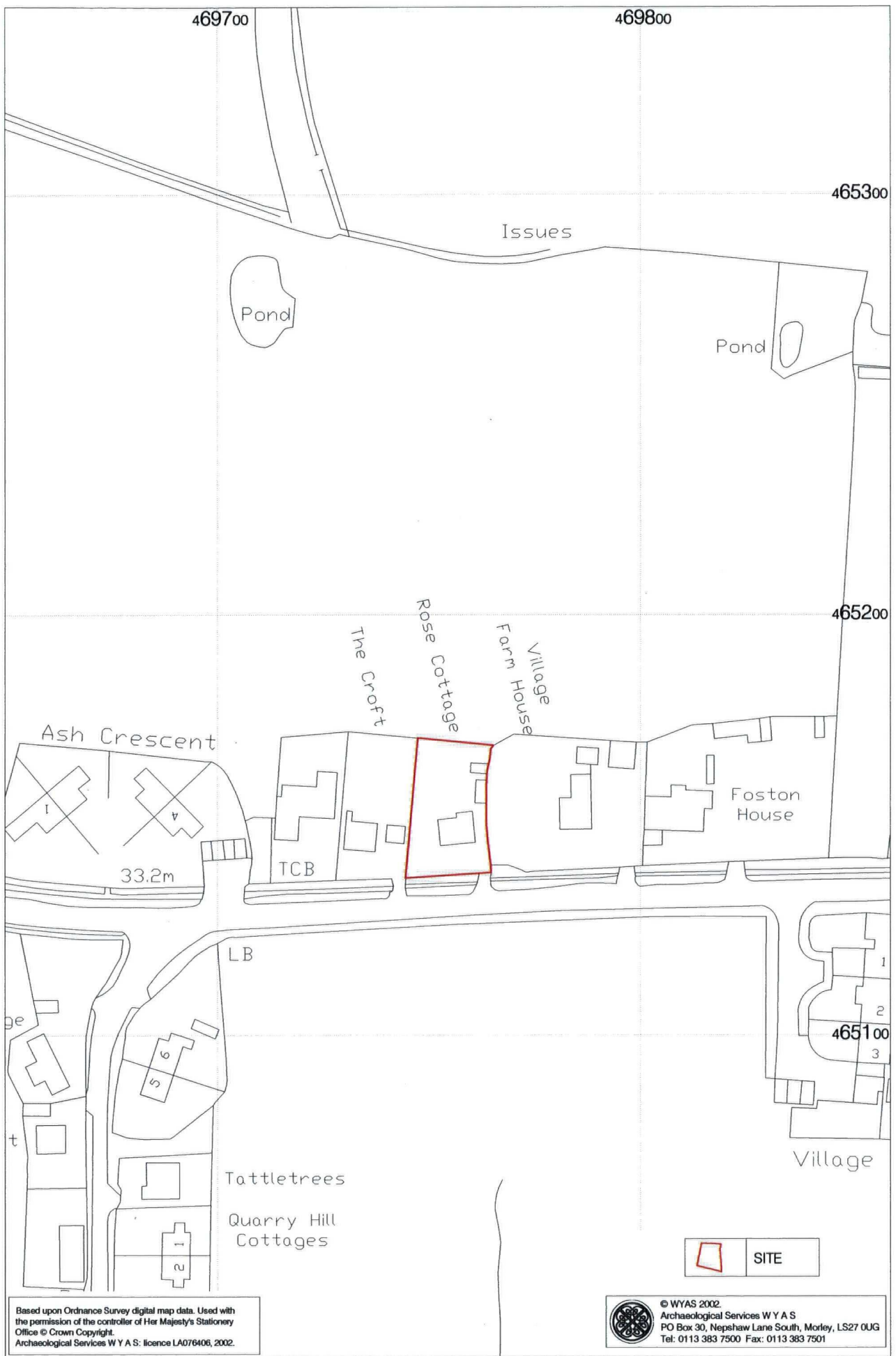


Fig. 2. Detailed site location

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Village  
Farm House

Rose Cottage

The Craft

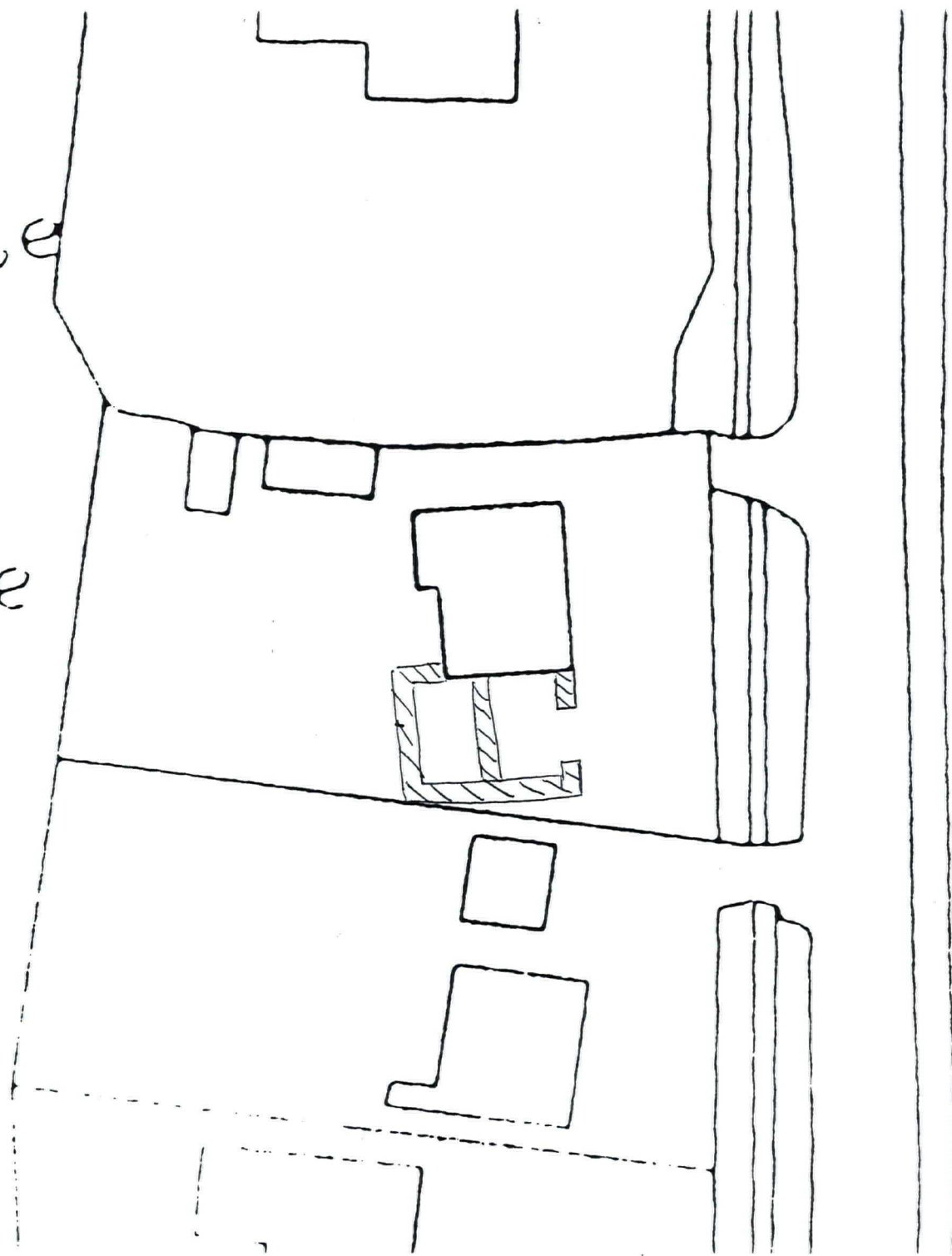


Fig. 3. Location of foundations (approx.)

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Hi Alistair,

I've just asked Neil, and Paul phoned yesterday to let us know about the watching brief whilst I was out of the office!

I have photocopied some info from our Foston file to put in the post to you. I've also scanned some Anthony Crawshaw APs (see attached) and the SAM map. Do you have a copy of the SAM documentation, or should I send you a copy of that too?

All the best,

Gail

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