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1. Introduction

The site stands immediately to the north of the High Street, West Heslerton, North Yorkshire and was formerly located within the grounds of The Old Rectory (SE 9123 7598 : Fig. 1).

The evaluation was carried out on 26th April 1999.

The site was heavily overgrown and had been used as a general dumping ground, various types of rubbish were visible on the surface. The line of the recently removed hedge was clearly visible across the building plot (contexts 1014 and 1015). A tree stump, context 1016, also defined the line of the hedge.

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2. Geology

The site stands at c. 55m AOD on soils of the Newport 1 Association, a deep well drained sandy and coarse loam over glaciofluvial drift (Mackey et al 1993).

3. Archaeological and Historical Background

The site lies to the west of the multi-period settlement and funerary monuments (Neolithic to Middle Saxon) uncovered during work on the Heslerton Settlement

Project. It is also within 2 km of East Heslerton Long Barrow, several Round Barrow sites and the Iron Age sites of Staple Howe and Devils Hill.

To the west of the site an archaeological evaluation in 1990 located walls and a bread oven of Thirteenth to Sixteenth century date (Johnson pers. comm.).

4. Methodology

The area of the footprint was stripped using a JCB mechanical excavator with a 6' toothless ditching bucket, under archaeological supervision, to the horizon where archaeology was clearly visible. Archaeological features were then cleaned and recorded by experienced, professional, archaeologists. All contexts were recorded using *pro forma* sheets, and drawn on a plan at a scale of 1:20. Features were also photographed using colour print, colour slide and monochrome print film using 35mm SLR cameras.

All work was carried out in line with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Code of Conduct (IFA 1998).

5. Results

Initially all vegetation and topsoil was removed from the house footprint using the mechanical excavator (context 1001 : Fig. 1). Two sherds of modern pottery and ceramic building material were noted during the topsoil stripping.

Three linear features (contexts 1002, 1004 and 1014), and four small sub-circular features (contexts 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012) were noted after the overburden was removed (Fig. 2).

Linear 1002 had a very shallow, only 10 cm deep, U-shaped profile and was filled by heavily rooted silty sand with occasional limestone fragments (context 1003), very similar in character to the topsoil. No artefacts were associated with this feature, and is likely to be of modern date from its general appearance.

Context 1004 was a roughly linear feature filled with clean sand (context 1005). The edges and extent of this feature were irregular and petered out half way across the house footprint. Excavation of this feature showed it to be geological in nature.

Pits 1008 and 1012 were filled with silty sand, and modern glass (context 1009) and cinder (context 1013). The two other pits, contexts 1006 and 1010 were filled with silty sand and cinder, coal and modern ceramic building material (contexts 1007 and 1011). All four pits were modern in date.

6. Conclusions

No archaeological deposits or artefacts of a pre-modern date were uncovered during the evaluation of the footprint of the proposed development.

7. Recommendations

The house plot was set back from the High Street frontage, so it is possible that archaeological features/deposits could survive and be damaged by the installation of service trenches and access roads. These areas should be covered by a Watching Brief.

8. Bibliography

IFA 1998 Institute of Field Archaeologists' Year Book and Directory of Members.

Mackney, D. 1983 Soils of England and Wales. Sheet 1: Northern England. Soil Survey of England and Wales.

APPENDIX 1

Context Listing

- 1001 Topsoil: dark grey brown silty sandy loam with occasional limestone fragments
- 1002 Cut of Linear Feature
- 1003 Fill of Linear 1002: dark grey brown silty sand
- 1004 Natural geological fissure
- 1005 Fill of geological feature: red brown sand
- 1006 Cut of modern pit
- 1007 Fill of pit 1006: dark grey brown silty sand with limestone inclusions
- 1008 Cut of modern pit
- 1009 Fill of pit 1008: dark grey brown silty sand with limestone inclusions
- 1010 Cut of modern pit
- 1011 Fill of pit 1010: dark grey brown silty sand with limestone inclusions
- 1012 Cut of modern pit
- 1013 Fill of pit 1012: dark grey brown silty sand with limestone inclusions
- 1014 Cut of modern hedge
- 1015 Fill of hedge cut 1014: dark grey brown silty sand with limestone inclusions & heavily rooted
- 1016 Tree stump

APPENDIX 2

Archive Listing

16 context sheets

3 plans

- 1. Sketch Plan of House Foot Print & Hedge Line
- 2. Plan of Linear Features, scale 1:20
- 3. Plan of Pits, scale 1:20

APPENDIX 3

Photographic Listing

Film 1: Colour Slide

- 1. Linear 1004, Facing north-east
- 2. Linear 1004, Facing north-east
- 3. Line of Hedge 1014, facing north
- 4. Line of Hedge 1014, facing north
- 5. Line of Hedge 1014, facing south
- 6. Line of Hedge 1014, facing south

Film 2: Colour Print

- 1. Linear 1004, Facing north-east
- 2. Linear 1004, Facing north-east
- 3. Line of Hedge 1014, facing north
- 4. Line of Hedge 1014, facing north
- 5. Line of Hedge 1014, facing south
- 6. Line of Hedge 1014, facing south

Film 3: Monochrome Print

1. Linear 1004, Facing north-east
2. Linear 1004, Facing north-east
3. Line of Hedge 1014, facing north
4. Line of Hedge 1014, facing north
5. Line of Hedge 1014, facing south
6. Line of Hedge 1014, facing south

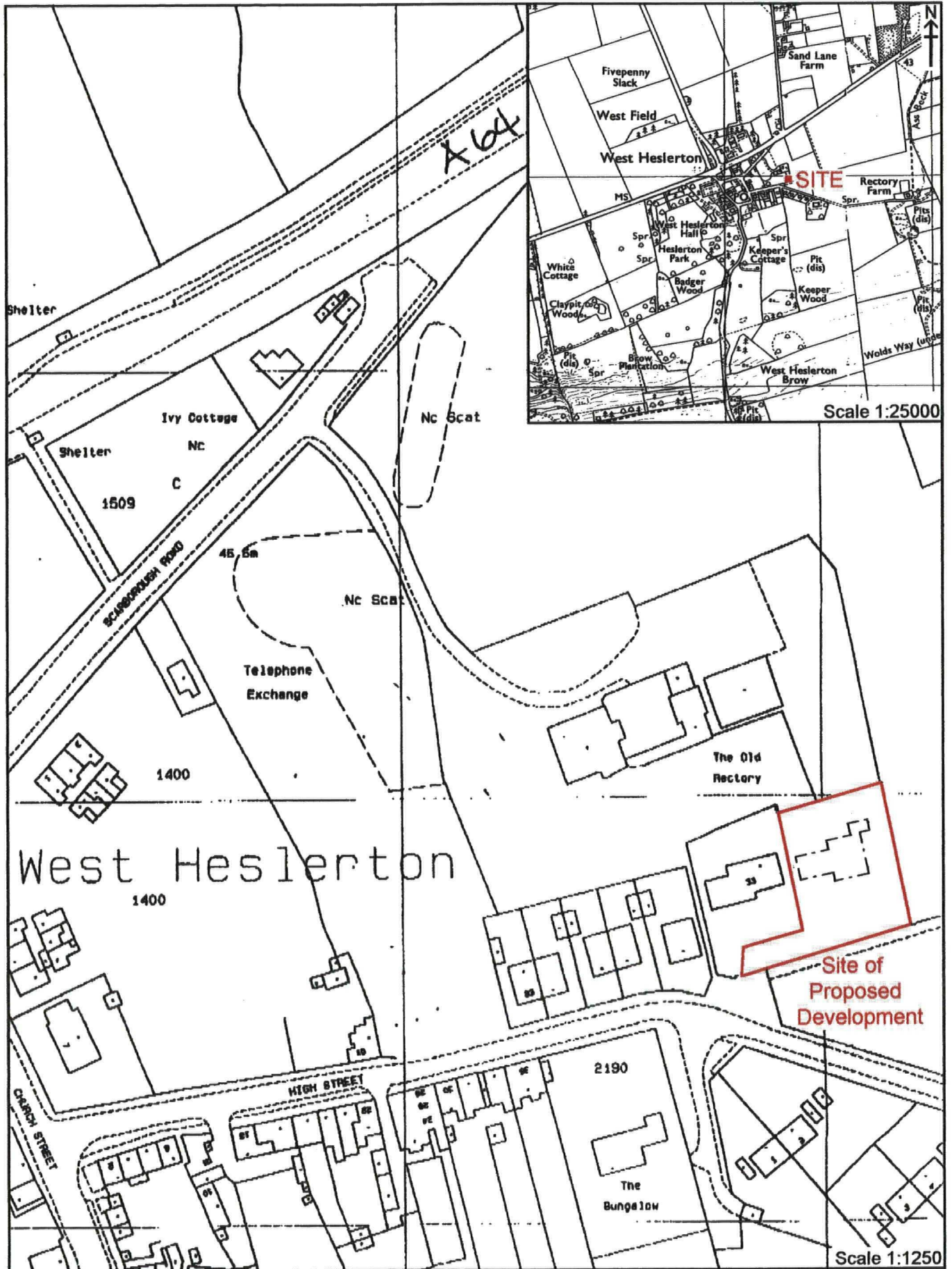


Figure 1. Site Location.

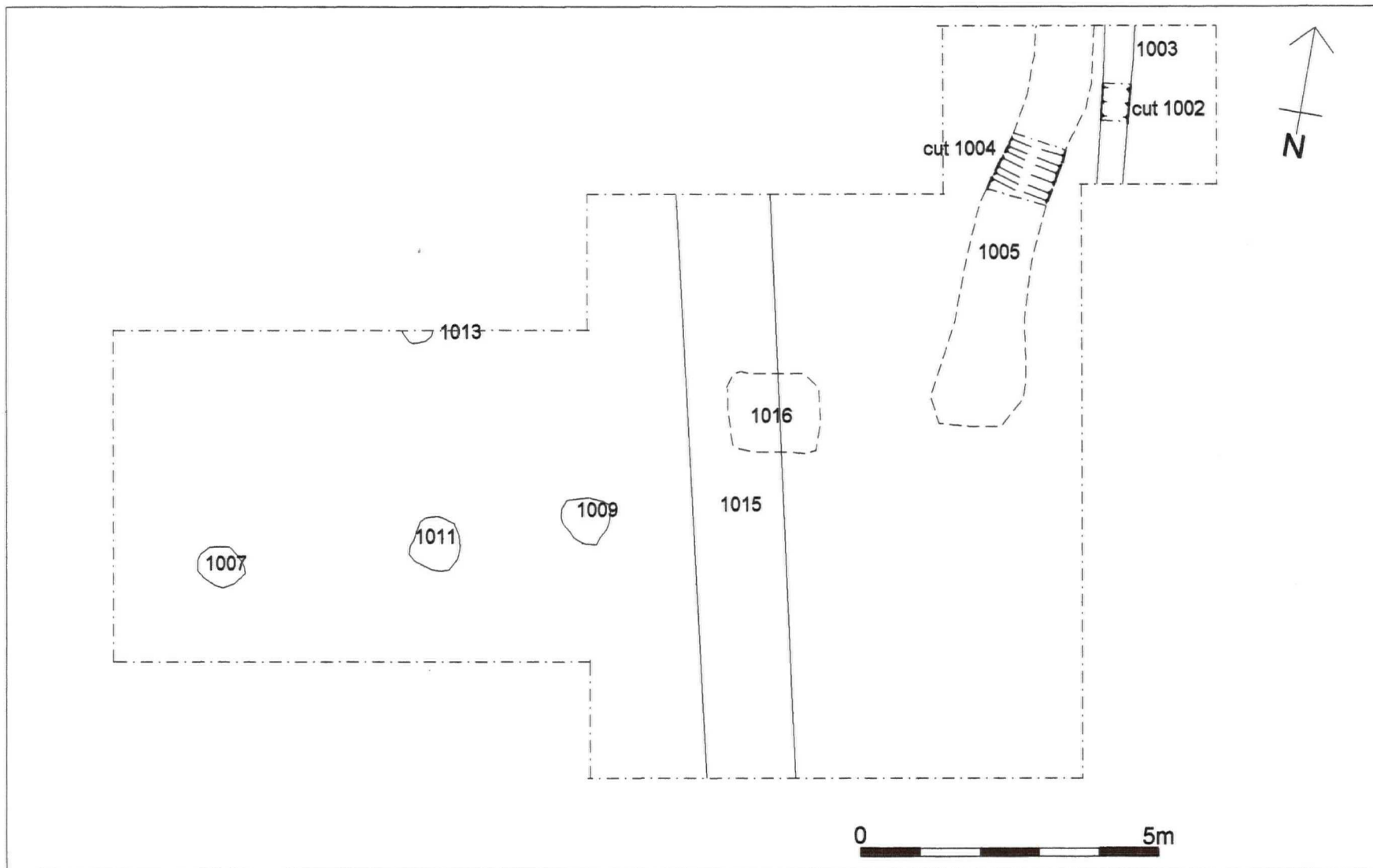


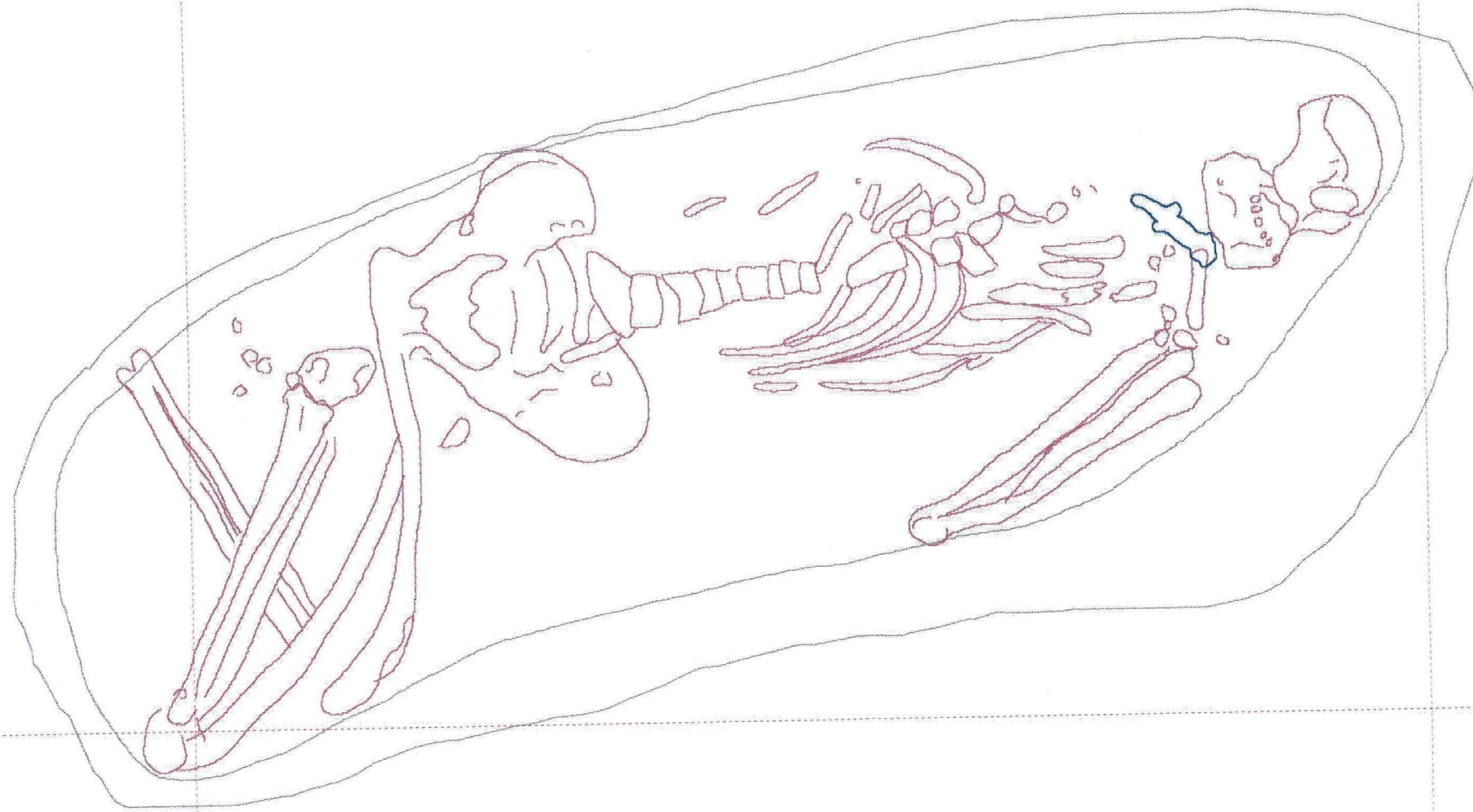
Figure 2. Plan of Features 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015 and 1016.

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Cook's Quarry, West Heslerton, 1998

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