

THE BRIGANTIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRACTICE

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Gail Falkingham,  
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3rd October 2005

Dear Gail,

**FORMER VILLAGE HALL SITE, MANFIELD**

This is to confirm that, on instructions from Mr Ian Morgan, I carried out on 22nd September a watching brief during contractor's groundworks involving the redevelopment of the former Village Hall site in Manfield. This was in response to a condition attached to the planning consent, 1/99/55C/FUL.

The site lies at the corner of Bowling Green Lane, between two areas of mediaeval earthworks which form part of the scheduled Ancient Monument. The Village Hall was recently pulled down, and the site could be seen to have been previously levelled and disturbed by construction and demolition.

A few areas remained of thin (c.15cms) topsoil, which were removed to expose a yellow stoney clay typical of the local natural subsoil. Foundation trenches were cut through this, and the whole operation continuously monitored.

No feature or structure of archaeological significance was recovered, and no object of a date earlier than the 20th century. This entire absence of mediaeval material has been noted in several previous watching briefs at Manfield and is slightly surprising: in this case, however, the explanation may lie in the very obvious and thorough previous disturbance of the site.

With best wishes,

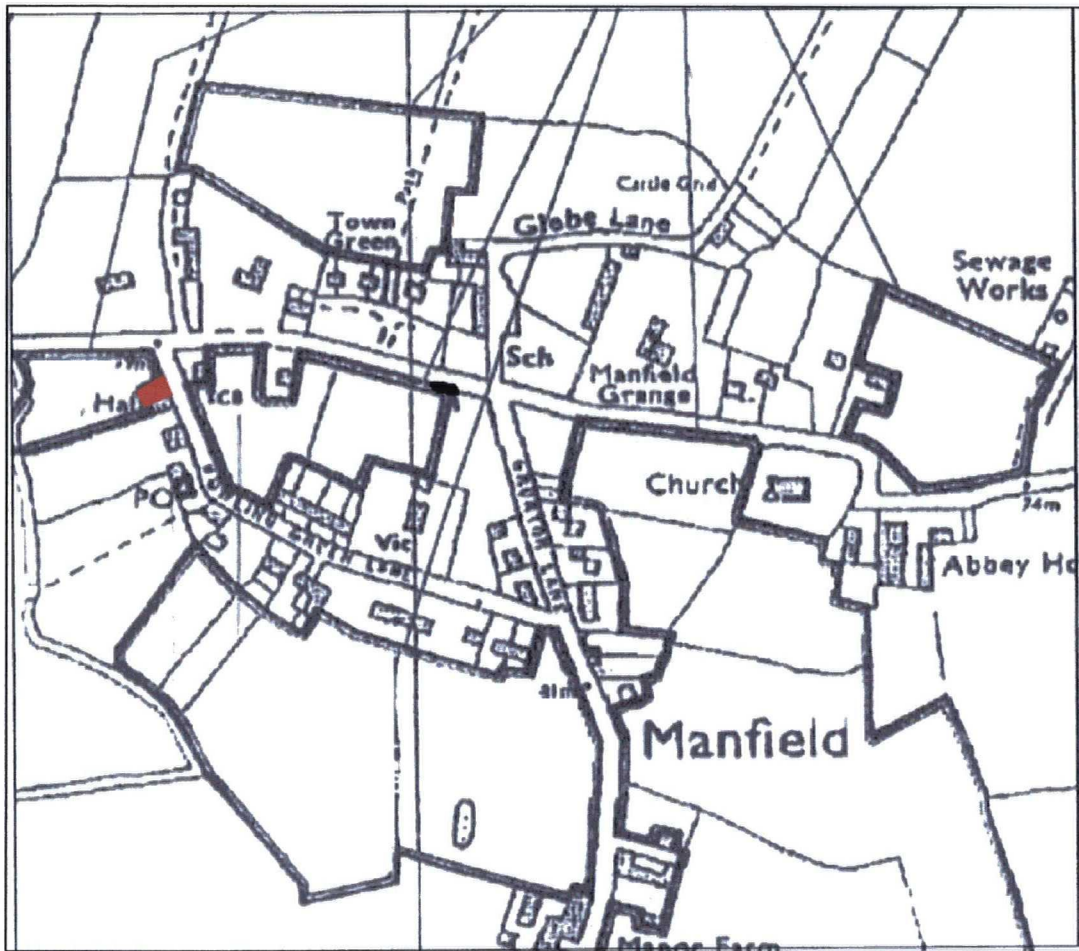
Yours sincerely,

  
Percival Turnbull.

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**Old Village Hall, Manfield**

**Fig. 1**

**Site location (red)**



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**Fig. 2**

**View of site**



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