

Discovery and Excavation in Scotland

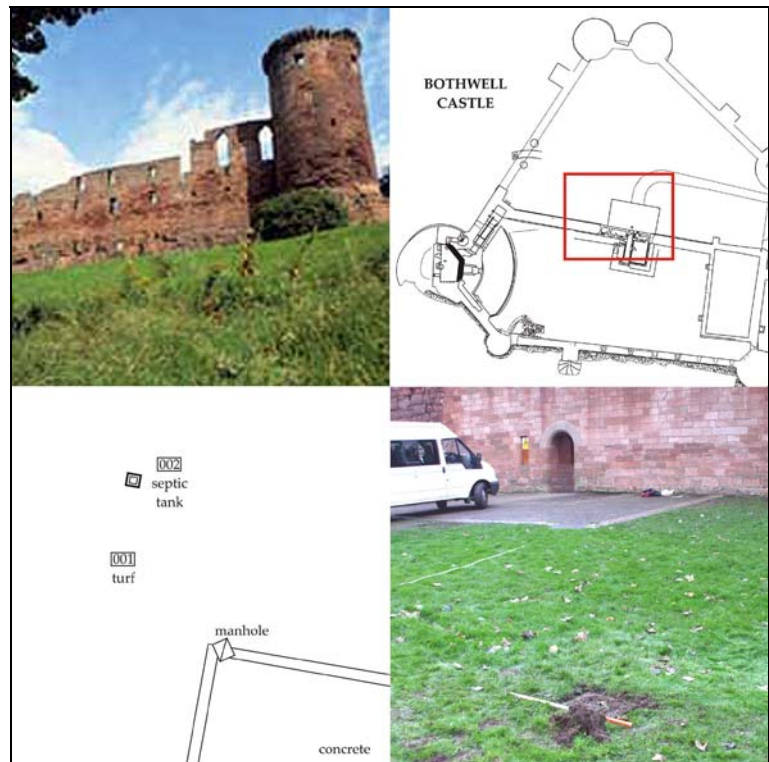
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SUMMARY: A watching brief was maintained during the location and exposure of a blocked septic tank outside the main visitor's entrance of Bothwell Castle. There were no features or finds of archaeological significance encountered.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Under the terms of its call-off contract with Historic Scotland, Kirkdale Archaeology was asked to undertake a short period of archaeological monitoring at Bothwell Castle while a septic tank was located and unblocked.

The toilet within the castle was flooding, so it was necessary to determine the condition of the septic tank. Its exact location was not known, but was believed to be a short distance NW of the main entrance and its line was indicated by an angled manhole cover at the NW corner of the cobble-edged concrete surface outside the castle entrance.

2.0 DESCRIPTION

A small area (c 1.0 m x 0.5 m) had its turf, **001**, removed and the septic tank, **002**, was uncovered at a depth of 50 mm. The septic tank had a square, cemented top with an iron grille. It measured 460 mm N-S x 460 mm E-W. Its centre lay 16 m NW of the castle entrance on the line suggested by the orientation of the angled manhole in the NW angle of the rectangular hard-standing at the castle entrance. The tank appeared to be of late 20th-century construction.

The tank was exposed and it was observed that the tank was full and would require cleaning out to remove the blockage.

3.0 INTERPRETATION AND OBSERVATIONS

Nothing of archaeological interest was noted during the excavation. It was only necessary to expose its top and check its contents. A plan was created showing its location relative to the hardstand at the castle entrance.

A1.0 APPENDIX 1: LIST OF CONTEXTS

#	Description
001	Turf
002	Septic tank

A2.0 APPENDIX 2: LIST OF DRAWINGS

#	Type	Description	Scale
1	Plan	Location plan	1:100

A3.0 APPENDIX 3: LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

#	Description	From	Date
1	Pre-ex shot of hardstand & angled manhole cover	SE	13/10/08
2	Shot of exposed septic tank 002 looking W	E	13/10/08
3	Shot of exposed septic tank from concrete hardstand	SE	13/10/08
4	Looking SW at septic tank relative to castle entrance	NW	13/10/08
5	Looking SW at septic tank relative to castle entrance	NW	13/10/08

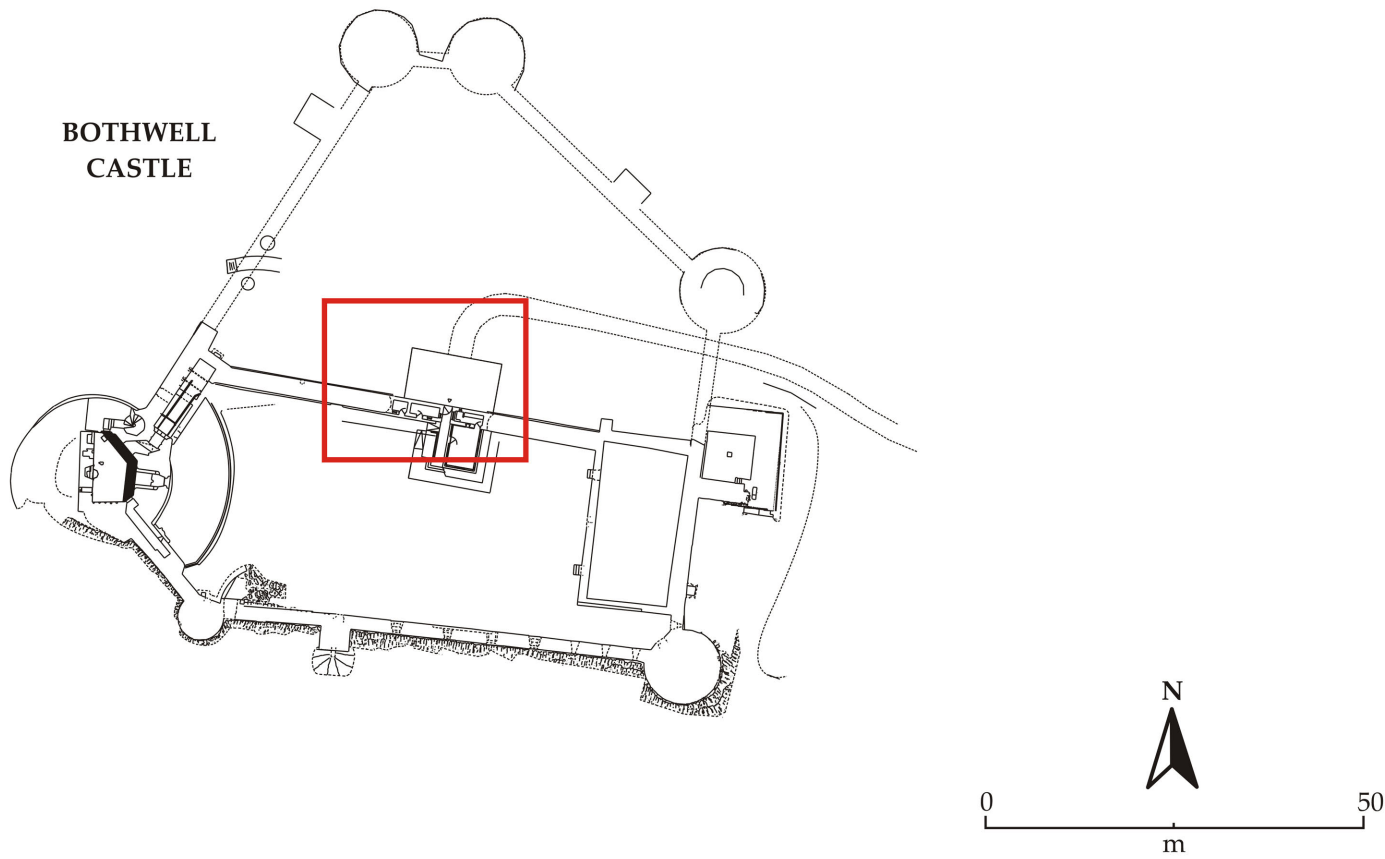


Fig. 1 : Plan (1:1000) showing location of works

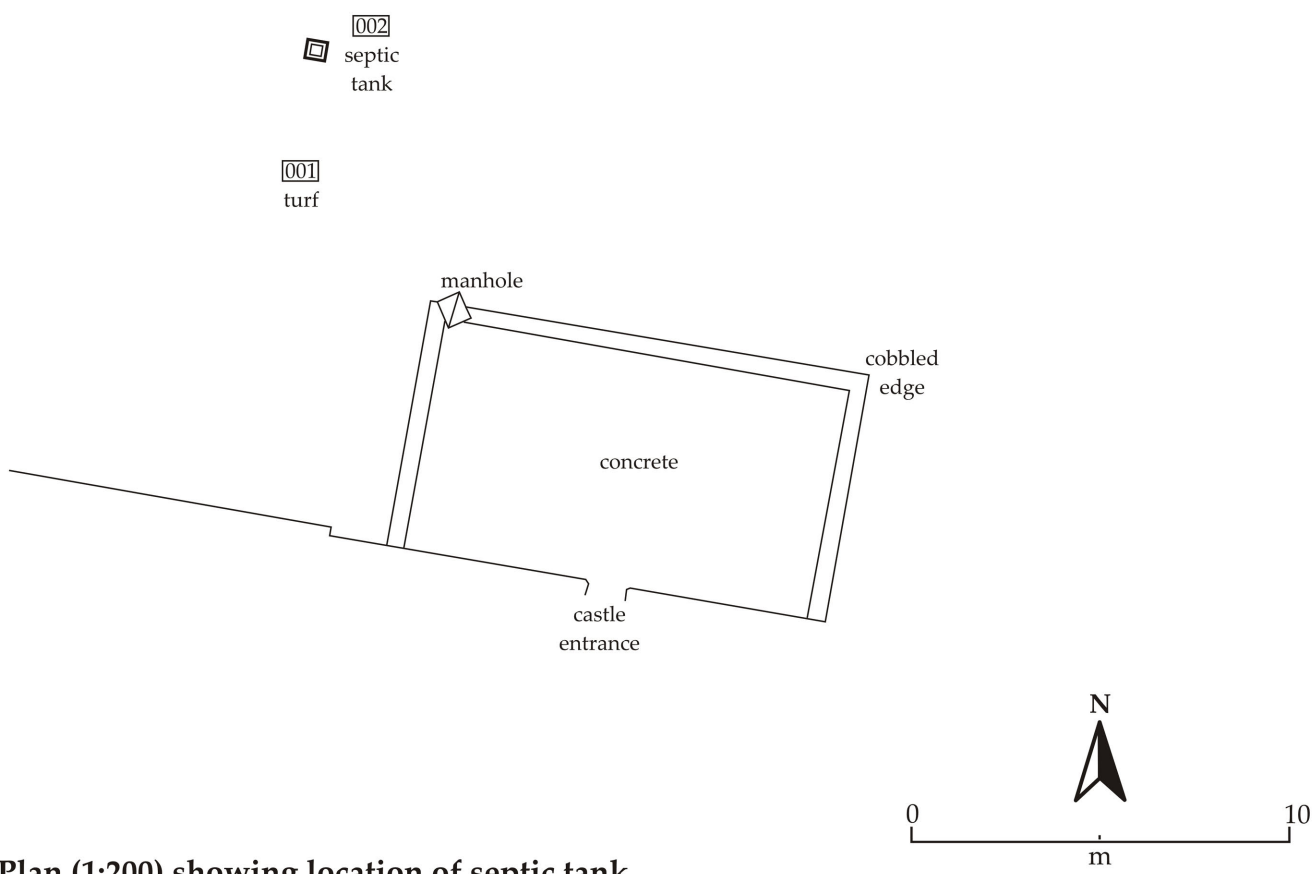


Fig. 2 : Plan (1:200) showing location of septic tank