

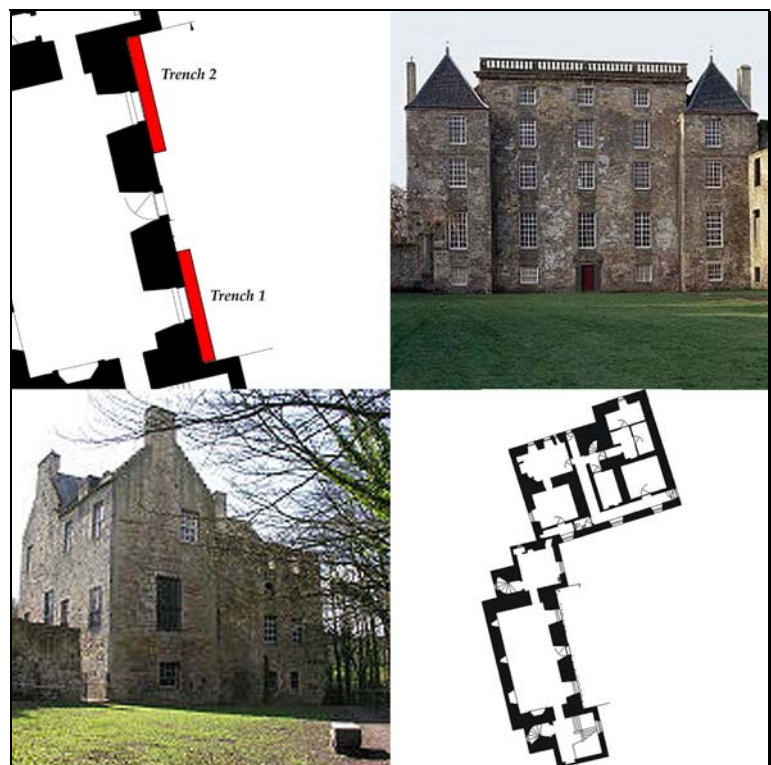
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# Kinneil House: Archaeological monitoring, February 2009

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1.0 *SUMMARY: February 2009 - A watching brief was carried out during the excavation of two small trenches along the east wall of Kinneil House, near Bo'ness, in advance of the installation of two new surface drains. There were no finds or features of archaeological significance revealed by these trenches.*

## 2.0 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 Kinneil House, Bo'ness. This involved the monitoring of the excavation of two trenches along the base of the main E facing façade of the house in advance of the installation of drains intended to reduce water damage to the structure.

The work was undertaken on 16 February 2009.

## 3.0 DESCRIPTION

Work commenced with the removal of the turf, **F001**. Trench 1 measured 0.6 m E-W by 5.3 m N-S, between 40 and 400 mm deep. Trench 2 was 0.6 m E-W and 5.5 m N-S and reached a uniform depth of 500 mm.

The stripping of the turf of Trench 1 revealed a loose, medium brown, loam topsoil **F002**. A large outcrop of bedrock, **F003**, was uncovered and took up a large area of the trench. It could be seen that part of the foundations of the house had been built and mortared directly onto this outcrop of bedrock.

The stripping of the turf from Trench 2 again revealed a medium brown loosely compacted loam topsoil.

After excavation, both trenches were lined with Terram and filled with gravel.

## 4.0 INTERPRETATION AND OBSERVATIONS

There were no artefacts or features of archaeological significance found or disturbed in these trenches. The area has most likely been much disturbed during the construction of the house and subsequent landscaping.

**A1.0 APPENDIX 1: LIST OF CONTEXTS**

#	Description
001	Turf
002	Loose, medium brown, loam topsoil
003	Bedrock

**A2.0 APPENDIX 2: LIST OF DRAWINGS**

#	Type	Description	Scale
1	Plan	Location plan	1:200

**A3.0 APPENDIX 3: LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

#	Description	From	Date
1	Location shot looking towards Kinneil House	N	16/02/09
2	Working shot of Trench 1 being excavated	N	16/02/09
3	Bedrock in Trench 1	E	16/02/09
4	Bedrock in Trench 1	N	16/02/09
5	Bedrock in Trench 1	W	16/02/09
6	Working shot of Trench 2 being excavated	E	16/02/09
7	Shot of Trench 2	E	16/02/09
8	Shot of the foundations on top of bedrock in Trench 1	N	16/02/09
9	Shot of Trench 2	W	16/02/09
10	The filling in of Trench 2	E	16/02/09

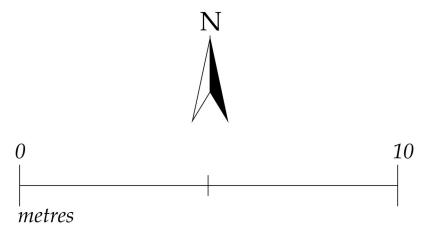
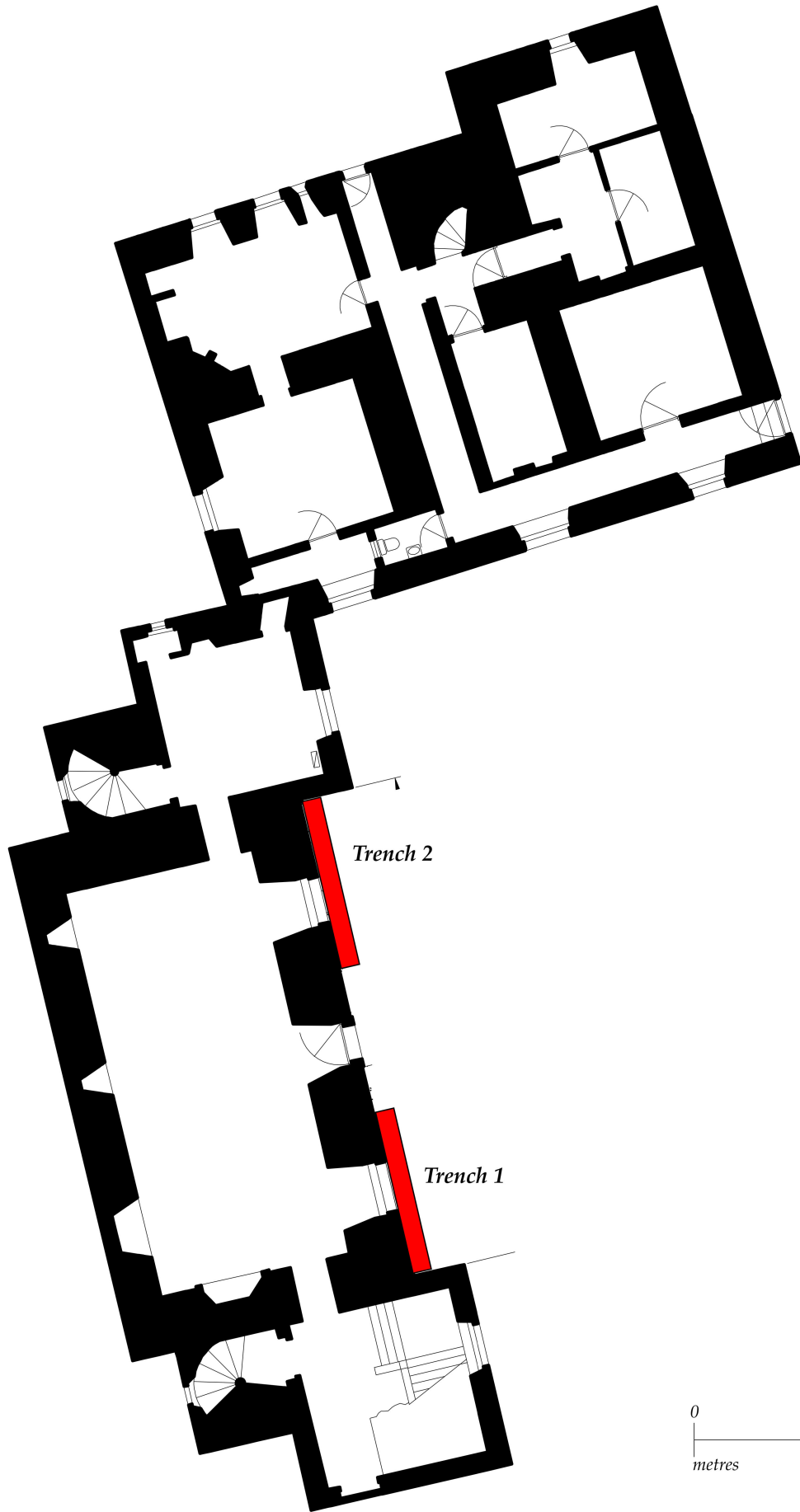


Fig. 1 : Plan (1:200) showing location of Trenches 1& 2