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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 in Linlithgow Royal Park, during the excavation of a small trench beside the E end of the loch for a new viewing platform and information board. The site of the excavation was inside the scheduled area for Linlithgow Palace, Peel and Royal Park. The trench was hand dug by MCU staff. The work took place on the 04/02/08.

2.0 DESCRIPTION

Work began with the removal of turf and topsoil **001** from an area 1500mm N-S by 1400mm E-W, approximately 18m from the E edge of the loch and approximately 81m from the public footpath kissing gate beside the road. Beneath turf and topsoil **001**, there was a dark brown silt **002** with some rounded stones and half a brick. Dark brown silt **002** extended to the base of the trench and was not fully excavated. The final dimensions of the trench were 1500mm N-S by 1400mm E-W by 300mm-450mm deep.

3.0 INTERPRETATION AND OBSERVATIONS

Nothing of archaeological significance was discovered within the trench. It is possible that the ground has been landscaped relatively recently to create the public footpath around the loch.

A1.0 APPENDIX 1: LIST OF CONTEXTS

#	Description
001	Turf and topsoil.
002	Dark brown silt with some rounded stones and half a brick.

A2.0 APPENDIX 2: LIST OF DRAWINGS

No	Type	Description	Scale
1	Plan	Trench location: annotated OS data from pastmap.org.uk	

A3.0 APPENDIX 3: LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS

#	Description	From	Date
3417	General shot showing the site of the trench before excavation.	E	04/02/08
3418	General shot showing the start of the excavation.	S	04/02/08
3420	General shot during excavation.	S	04/02/08
3421	Brick found within 002.	-	04/02/08
3422	Excavation complete.	E	04/02/08
3423	Excavation complete.	E	04/02/08
3424	Excavation complete.	W	04/02/08
3425	Excavation complete.	W	04/02/08



Figure 1: General Location Map

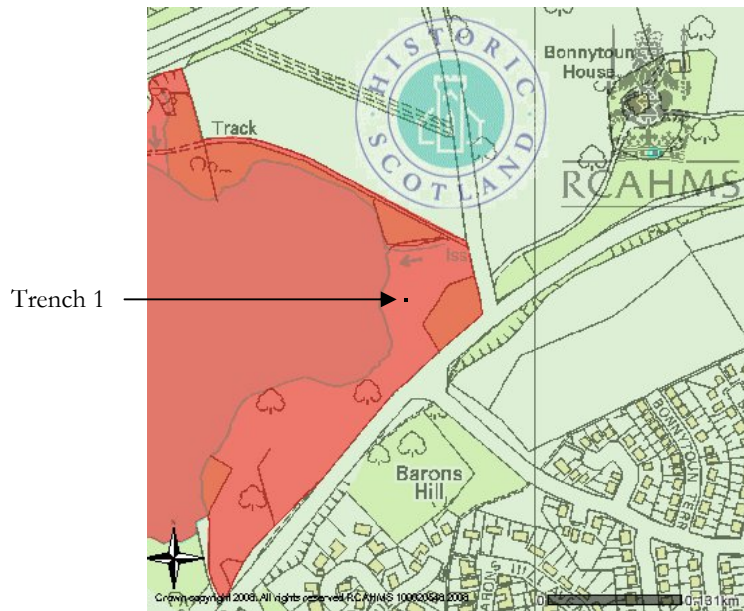


Figure 2: Trench Location