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Coventry Water Main Rehabilitation 2002-3 Archaeological Watching Brief

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1.0 Summary

The water mains supplying central Coventry were re-lined between November 2002 and June 2003. An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the excavation of a series of pits, which were dug to enable access to the existing water main. Most of these pits were dug through the backfill of the original pipe trench only, thus ensuring the preservation intact and in situ of any adjoining buried archaeological deposits. To facilitate access and in the interests of health and safety, some pits were cut wider and deeper than the original pipe trench. The only archaeological features recorded were three wall sections, each incorporating stonework which may have been robbed from medieval or early post-medieval walls. A fragment of medieval pottery and a small quantity of post-medieval pottery, tile and shell were recovered from the backfill of the original water main in some of the pits examined.

2.0 Introduction (Fig. 1)

Birmingham Archaeology was commissioned by Severn Trent Water to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the refurbishment of water mains supplying central Coventry. Refurbishment involved the excavation of a series of access pits dug at regular intervals along the route of the water mains. Most of the access pits were dug through the backfill of the original pipe trench, although to facilitate access and in the interests of health and safety, some pits were wider and deeper than the original pipe trench. The work was undertaken in accordance with a brief prepared by the Planning Archaeologist, Coventry City Council (Coventry CC 2002), and a Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by Birmingham Archaeology (then Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit, BUFAU 2002).

3.0 Methodology

The access pits were dug by a mini-digger, fitted with a toothed ditching bucket. Smaller access holes, dug in order to reach stopcocks for individual buildings, were dug by hand by the contractors. The exposed stratigraphy was then recorded by a qualified archaeologist. Pits in areas defined as being archaeologically sensitive by the Planning Archaeologist, Coventry City Council were monitored during their excavation, whilst pits in other areas were recorded as soon as was reasonably practicable after their excavation. The few pits where archaeological features were noted were recorded using scale drawings, supplemented by colour print photographs. All pits were recorded using preprinted pro-formas for contexts and features. These records, along with the finds, form the site archive, which is currently stored at Birmingham Archaeology. Subject to approval from the landowners it is intended to deposit the archive with Coventry Museum and Art Gallery.

4.0 Archaeological background

The city centre is located on a slightly raised plateau, the highest point being in the vicinity of Holy Trinity Church. Most of the city is located on Permian Breccia and sandstone, with Triassic Keuper Sandstone and Keuper Red Marl on its eastern side. The River Sherbourne crosses the western, central and eastern parts of the medieval city, and is now mostly culverted (VCH 1969, 2).

Coventry probably became settled in the Saxon period. The low-lying land in a bend of the River Sherbourne may have been suitable for settlement in this period. A pagan Saxon cemetery is recorded at Baginton, 5km south of the city. The names of some of the outer suburbs suggest early Saxon influence. The earliest settlements could have been located in the Spon valley, or in the Gosford area (*ibid.*, 7).

The layout of the medieval city is considered to have hardly changed in the 600 years from the 14th century. The main feature of this plan was an east-west route, leading to Leicester in the east and Coleshill to the west. Within the built-up area it extended from Spon (outside Spon Gate) in the west, to Gosford Green outside Gosford gate in the east. The centre of the city was marked by the crossroads of Broadgate, High Street, Greyfriars Lane and Smithford Street. The northerly route to Nuneaton was along Cross Cheaping, while the southern route to Warwick was diverted around Cheylesmore manor house and park along Greyfriars Lane. Northeast of Broadgate was a number of roads leading to the churches of St Michael and Holy Trinity, and the Benedictine Priory. Most of the streets to the north of the important east-west route were built up by the 14th century (*ibid.*, 8), and considerable disturbance was caused by the layout of the northern section of the town wall.

Around AD 1043 a Benedictine house was founded by Leofric, Earl of Mercia (*ibid.*, 2). After 1086 the city was granted to the Earls of Chester, before being divided in the early 12th century into two 'halves'; one belonging to the Earls of Chester, the second to the King. Following a prolongued period of rivalry, the two halves were reunited in 1451 when the county of the city of Coventry was created by royal charter. It was only dissolved in 1842 when the city was absorbed into the county of Warwickshire (*ibid.*, 3). In 1888 the city became a county borough. The city's topgraphy was comparatively unchanged by the dissolution of the monasteries. Indeed, Bradford's map of 1748-9 demonstrates the survival of the medieval street plan (see Fig. 4, map of 1807). The town wall had assisted in the preservation of this layout by limiting the number of exits from the centre. It was only in the later 18th century with the increased coaching traffic that the main gates were cleared, to assist in the flow of traffic.

The population of Coventry was given as seven serfs, 50 villeins and twelve borders in 1086. From this small population the city was to become one of the largest centres in the kingdom, after only London, Bristol and York. In 1548 the burgesses claimed the probably exaggerated total of between 11,000 and 12,000 inhabitants, while in 1644 the population was claimed to be around 9,000 (*ibid.*, 6). By the mid 18th century the poulation had grown to over 12,000. As a result of the influx of people to the successful

weaving and watchmaking industries, the city's population had grown to over 36,000 by 1851.

Although Coventry was not endowed with walls until the second half of the 14th century, ditches and bars at the main exits existed in the 13th, and probably as early as the late 12th century. Only a limited extent of the ditch can be plotted. It ran south of Smithford Street, curving north to Spon Street, and then northeast to Barrs Hill and St Nicholas Church. It is possible that the city may not have been flanked by a ditch on its northern, eastern and southern sides, which respectively adjoined a priory, the manor of Harnall and Chevslesmore Park. A licence was granted to the citizens to levy murage for building a wall around the city in 1329, but the building took many years, and a licence to complete the work was not granted until 1385. Although the former ditched defences were used where possible, much of the line of the defences was new, and this involved large areas of damage to existing properties and gardens. A total of twelve gates were built. Spon gate was located on Spon Street, forming part of the main Holyhead Road. Hill Street Gate, recorded as rebuilt in 1423, Bishop Gate, recorded in 1411 and rebuilt in the 17th century, Cook Street gate recorded in 1410-11, Priory Gate, recorded in the 16th century, Derngate, Gosford Gate, New Gate (at the bottom of Much Park Street), Little Park Gate (near Little Park Street), Park or Cheylesmore Gate (near Greyfriars Lane), and Greyfriars Gate, serving the road to Kenilworth and Warwick.

Charles II in 1662 ordered that the walls be razed to the ground to punish the city for harbouring rebels after the Restoration, although later in that century local efforts were made to preserve the walls. Bradford's survey of 1748-9 shows twelve surviving gates. However, only two gates remained until 1870 (Fig. 4, map of 1807).

The Blitz of 14th-15th November 1940, and the Baedeker raid in April 1941 caused great damage to the city above ground, and many of the surviving medieval buildings in the city centre were lost either through bombing or through post-war reconstruction, although the below-ground damage was probably not as great.

Although post-war development has greatly changed the extent of the medieval city is now defined by the Inner Ring Road, which forms the approximate limit of the archaeological watching brief described in this report.

5.0 Areas of archaeological potential

The city was mapped repeatedly from 1610 onwards:

1610 John Speed 1748-9 Samuel Bradford 1807 Thomas Sharp (Fig. 4) 1810 Eagle Waterways 1837 Frederick Taunton 1851 Board of Health (1:528)

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1887 Ordnance Survey 1st edition (1:500 and 1:2500)
1905 Ordnance Survey 2nd edition (1:500 and 1:2500)
1925 Ordnance Survey 3rd edition (1:2500)
1937 Ordnance Survey 4th edition (1:2500)
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A study of these maps along with the documentary evidence highlighted several areas considered to be of greater archaeological potential. These form the areas that were closely monitored by a qualified archaeologist during the groundworks.

The pits along Upper Well Street were excavated within the road, directly over the medieval street frontages. This street was a main route out of Coventry from at least the 12th century. Originally the road was much narrower, and the historic western frontage lies under what is now the dual carriageway in the vicinity of pits LS 8, UW 1, UW 2, UW 3, UW 4, UW 5, CS 19 and CS 20. This area was just outside the city wall, part of which still stands just to the east. The length of the city wall between Well Street and the modern line of Lamb Street is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM 20b), and is one of the few upstanding sections of the wall to survive. The original line of the wall in this part of the city, ran from the corner of Upper Well Street and Corporation Street across to the corner of Bishops Street and New Rents Road (now part of the ring road). Lamb Street was cut across this block in the early 19th century, through the backplots of houses fronting onto Upper Well Street. Pits RR 1, BH 1, BH 2, LS 2, LS 3, LS 4, LS 9, LS 5 were excavated within a few metres of the line of the City Wall.

Both Hill Street and Spon Street also pre-date the construction of the City defences. Pits RR 1, HS 1, HS 2, HS 3, HS 4 and HS 5 were excavated along these streets, roughly over the area of the medieval frontages. Pits HS 3, HS 4, HS 5, and pit BS 1 in nearby Bond Street are of particular interest as they adjoin the location of a gate in the City Wall on Hill Street. It is quite likely that any medieval settlement on these streets will have survived through into at least the 18th century because of the general economic decline from 1500 onwards and their position outside the City Wall, which both suggest that it is unlikely that there was much rebuilding here.

Pits along Warwick Lane and New Union Street are also positioned close to the City Wall, with those on the corner of the two roads being close to a gate (WR 2-8 and NU 4-5 and NU 7). Pits on Manor House Drive, Friars Road, The Cheylesmore and Cox Street are also positioned close to gates in the City Wall. Those on Cheylesmore are also close to the Cheylesmore Manor House.

Warwick Lane, New Union Street and Greyfriars Lane cover the area of the Franciscan Friary known to have been on the site during the medieval period. It was hoped that pits here may pick up evidence of medieval or early post-medieval activity.

All the pits on Fairfax Street, Trinity Street and the north end of Priory Street are in the area of the medieval Benedictine cathedral precinct. The sourthern end of Priory Street overlies the medieval Bishop's Palace. Trinity Street also runs over the medieval cellars of the former Butcher Row.

Other areas of possible archaeological potential include Bayley Lane, where the medieval castle bailey was located, and Trinity Churchyard which is positioned over the medieval Jesus' Hall. Pits at both ends of Salt Lane also overlie the former frontages of medieval Greyfriars Lane and Cow Lane.

There were also a large number of pits excavated in Market Way and Barracks Way (BC 1-33, MW 1-5 and MW 13, RM1-14), located in vicinity of the Napoleonic Cavalry Barracks, which were built in 1793 and survived into the 1950s.

6.0 Results (Plates 1-3)

Table 1 provides details of the watching brief results.

The majority of the access pits were cut through the original pipe trench, so that only the backfill of the pipe trench was visible in section. Therefore, the natural subsoil was only rarely identified (e.g. Greyfriars Road, GR 1; Starley Road, SR 1).

A few pits were cut outside of the original pipe trench, but no *in situ* buried archaeological deposits could be identified, with the exception of a few brick walls such as the cellar wall in Park Street (PS 1 and PS 3).

Three pits revealed fragments of ashlar blocks of possible medieval date, present within a later structure, including post-medieval brick. These comprised Lamb Street (LS 3), The Barracks Car Park (BC 10) and Hill Street (HS 3). In each of these pits, small sections of wall composed of a combination of sandstone blocks and ceramic brick were visible (Plates 1-3). The possible medieval building material, possibly deriving from the Town Wall or its gates, had been re-used. This is particularly likely in the case of the wall found in Lamb Street (LS 3), which was close to where a section of town wall which remains visible above-ground. The wall material in Hill Street (HS 3) was recorded close to the site of the Hill Street Gate, demolished in the latter half of the 18th century.

While the archaeological results of the watching brief are relatively modest in terms of the extent of the scheme and the number of individual pits which were archaeologically-monitored, it is clear that the scheme has caused little or no damage to significant *in situ* buried archaeological deposits. The record of the individual interventions has also served to identify the extent of disturbance by the existing watermains to the buried archaeology.

7.0 Finds

All of the finds recovered during the watching brief came from the backfill of the original pipe trench. These finds included pottery, brick, tile, animal bone and shell. The most interesting find was a small sherd of green-glazed medieval pottery, which was recovered from The Barracks Car Park from the same pit which also had a section of sandstone and

brick wall (BC 10). Post-medieval pottery, including the rim of a stoneware jar and blue-and-white transfer-printed ware was also recovered from pits in Cheylesmore (CH 1), St Patrick's Road (SP 1), Hill Street (HS 2) and Priory Street (PS 2).

Pits in Cheylesmore (CH 1), Hill Street (HS 2), Little Park Street (LP 2) and Priory Street (PS 2) each produced a fragment of roof tile, although no diagnostic fragments were recovered, and so a close dating of the tile was not possible.

A large collection of oyster shells was recovered from Priory Street (PS 2), and two additional shells were recovered from Hill Street (HS 2). Animal bone was also recovered from two pits, one fragment from a pit in Hill Street (HS 2) and a second fragment from a pit in Little Park Street (LP 5).

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APPENDIX: Detailed results (Figs 2-3)

Results are tabulated in alphabetical order, following road etc. name.

KEY: * denotes pit cut through backfill of existing service trench. Stratigraphy is described from top to bottom within each intervention. Fields for finds and comments are only included where appropriate.

Pits SP 2, SP 3, RR 2, RR 3, TS 2-TS 4 are not illustrated on Figs 2-3.

The Barracks Car Park (Prefix BC, Fig. 2)

Pit number	BC1*
Size	1.1m x 1.9m x 1.05m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.1m - road
2	0.1m - 0.3m - blacktop
3	0.3m - 1.9m - mixed rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cuts original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 2*
Size	0.75m x 0.9m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m pavement
2	0.07m - 0.9m - concrete bar and brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC3*
Size	$0.7 \text{m} \times 0.72 \text{m} \times 0.7 \text{m}$
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.2m – tarmac
2	0.2m - 0.3m - concrete
3	0.3m - 0.7m - modern brick associated with inspection hole
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 4*
Size	$0.7 \text{m} \times 0.72 \text{m} \times 0.7 \text{m}$
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.2m – tarmac
2	0.2m - 0.3m - concrete
3	0.3m - 0.7m - modern brick associated with inspection hole
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 5*
Size	0.7m x 0.7m; depth not recorded
Interpretation	Appears to be similar in sequence to BC 2 and BC 3
Comment	Pit flooded – stratigraphy not visible

Pit number	BC 6*
Size	0.7m x 0.7m; depth not recorded
Interpretation	Appears to be similar in sequence to BC 2 and BC 3
Comment	Pit flooded – stratigraphy not visible

Pit number	BC 7*
Size	0.7m x 0.75m; depth not recorded
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.12m – tarmac
2	0.12m - 0.4m - concrete
Interpretation	Appears to be similar in sequence to BC 2 and BC 3
Comment	Pit flooded – only top stratigraphy visible

Pit number	BC 8*
Size	0.7m x 0.72m x 0.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.1m - tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.4m - concrete
Interpretation	Pit cut alongside original inspection chamber for stopcock and through original
-	pipe trench

Pit number	BC 9*
Size	0.92m x 2.20m x 1.05m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – tarmac
2	0.06m - 0.26m - blacktop
3	0.26m – 1.05m – grey/brown sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench. Small service pipe also cuts backfill at 0.7m below surface
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit Number	BC 10 (Plate 3)
Size	1.85m x 1.8m x 1.05m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.35m - blacktop
3	0.35m - 0.4m - dark brown clay silt and rubble
4	0.4m - 0.9m - rough mortared brick wall
5	0.9m - i.35m - sandstone blocks and mortar
Interpretation/Comments	Sandstone blocks may have been be re-used from a medieval building/wall
Finds	1 x medieval pottery in backfill of original pipe trench
Recording Problems	-

Pit number	BC11*
Size	1.45m x 0.73m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.2m – tarmac
2	0.2m - 0.4m - mixed red sand and concrete rubble
3	0.4m - 1.2m - concrete backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 12*
Size	0.65m x 0.85m x 0.7m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.12m - tarmac
2	0.12m - 0.7m - mixed sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 13*
Size	0.8m x 0.8m x 0.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.15m – blacktop
2	0.15m - 0.6m red sandy hardcore backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 14*
Size	2m x 1.35m x 1.30m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1 m – tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.4m - blacktop
3	0.4m – 0.5m – mixed orange sand and gravel
4	0.5m - 1.3m - mid-brown mixed silty clay
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 15*
Size	2.10m x 1m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.3m - hardcore
3	0.3m - 0.4m - stone
4	0.4m - 1.4m - mixed natural subsoil and black silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 16*
Size	1.5m x 1.2m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.08m – pavement
2	0.08m - 0.38m - concrete
3	0.38m - 0.48m - hardcore
4	0.48m - 0.6m - concrete
5	0.6m - 1.3m - mixed black silt and brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 17*
Size	3m x 2.5m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07 m - road
2	0.07m - 0.87m - very dark grey/brown silt mixed with brick rubble and stones -
	probably backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Pit partially flooded – only top 0.87m of stratigraphy visible

Pit number	BC 18*
Size	1m x 0.75m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m-road surface
2	0.1m - 0.17m - dark orange sand
3	0.17m – 1m – grey/brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 19*
Size	1m x 0.75m x 0.75m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1 m – road surface
2	0.1m - 0.4m - concrete
3	0.4m - 0.75m - old service pipes and brown silty backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 20*
Size	1m x 0.75m x 0.75m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m – road
2	0.1m - 0.4m - concrete
3	0.4m - 0.75m - old service pipes
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. Stratigraphy is identical to BC 19

Pit number	BC 21*
Size	0.75m x 0.8m x 0.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.08m - paving slabs
2	0.08m - 0.12 - grey sand
3	0.12m - 0.22m - black sandy silt
4	0.22m - 0.55m - concrete
5	0.55m - 0.6m - modern bricks, probably associated with adjacent inspection hole
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 22*
Size	0.8m x 0.8m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m - pavement
2	0.1m - 0.9m - dark brown silt and stone backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 23*
Size	0.75 x 0.65 x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – tarmac
2	0.05m - 0.9m - mixed grey/dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench, cut by
	two old cast iron service pipes
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	BC 24*
Size	0.5m x 0.6m x 0.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m $-$ road
2	0.1m - 0.3m - concrete
3	0.3m – 0.6m dark grey silt mixed with concrete rubble – backfill of original pipe trench. Cast iron service pipe visible in west-facing section approx. 0.3m below surface
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 25*
Size	1 m x 0.6 m x 0.65 m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.26m – kerbstone
2	0.26m - 0.41m - red sand
3	0.41m - 0.65m - grey/brown silty stony backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 26*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – road
2	0.1m - 0.35m mixed pink/orange sand and rubble
3	0.35m - 1.5m - dark brown silt mixed with rubble - backfill of original pipe
L.	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 27*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.16m - yellow sand
3	0.16m - 1.1m - grey/brown silt mixed with rubble - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 28*
Size	2.5m x 2m x 1.15m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – road
2	0.08m - 0.15m - black hardcore
3	0.15m - 0.3m - pink stony hardcore
4	0.3m - 0.76m - grey-brown silt
5	0.76m - 1.12m - concrete
6	1.12m - 1.5m - dark grey-brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 29*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.09m – road
2	0.09m - 0.43m - grey hardcore
3	0.43m - 1.4m mixed grey/brown silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC30*
Size	1.7m x 1.15m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m-road
2	0.1m - 1.3m dark grey/brown silt mixed with brick rubble
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC31	
Size	1.6m x 1m x 0.25m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.09m - pavement	
2	0.09m - 0.25m - hardcore	
Interpretation	Pit aborted – dug in wrong position	

Pit number	BC 32*
Size	1m x 1m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.16m – road
2	0.16m – 0.36m – brick rubble
3	0.36m - 0.46m - pale yellow sand
	0.46m – 0.9m rd/brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	BC 33*
Size	0.8m x 0.8m x 0.66m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.2m – road
2	0.2m - 0.44m - dark brown hardcore
3	0.44m - 0.64m - grey sand
4	0.64m - 0.66m - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BC 34*
Size	0.7m x 0.7m x 0.43m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.08m - pavement
2	0.08m – 0.26m - pale grey hardcore
3	0.26m - 0.43m - dark grey hardcore mixed with redeposited natural - backfill of
	original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Bishop Street (Prefix BH, Fig. 2)

Pit number	BH 1*
Size	2.2m x 1m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.18m -kerbstone
2	0.18m - 0.58m - concrete
3	0.58m – 0.86m – dark brown silt
4	0.86m - 1.3m - red sandy clay - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BH 2*
Size	0.55m x 0.55m x 0.7m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – brick pavement
2	0.06m - 0.18m - yellow sand
3	0.18m - 0.28m - hardcore
4	0.28m - 0.4m - yellow sand
5	0.4m - 0.7m - red sand - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BH 3*
Size	2.1m x 1.7m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.12m $-$ road
2	0.12m - 0.31m - concrete
3	0.31m - 0.81m - dark brown silt
4	0.81m - 1m - red sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BH 4*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.3m
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. BH 4 is same pit as LS 1 - pit was re-
	excavated after backfilling, see LS 1 for stratigraphic details

Pit number	BH 5*
Size	0.8m x 0.52m x 0.55m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m – pavement
2	0.06m - 0.11m - yellow sand
3	0.11m - 0.33m - grey hardcore
4	0.33m - 0.37m - cast iron pipe
5	0.37m – 0.55m – brick and backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BH 6*
Size	0.8m x 0.7m x 0.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – pavement
2	0.07m - 0.13m - yellow sand
3	0.13m – 0.2m – grey hardcore
4	0.2m - 0.5m - light brown sandy silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BH 7*
Size	1m x 2m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m – pavement
2	0.1m - 1.2m - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe tench. Cast iron pipe visible 0.63m below surface.
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trenches

Bond Street (Prefix BS, Fig. 2)

Pit number	B\$ 1*
Size	1.4m x 1.5m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – road surface
2	0.05m - 0.15m - modern bricks
3	0.15 – 0.34m – concrete
4	0.34m - 0.44m - sand
5	0.44m - 1.2m - brown silty sand - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	BS 2*
Size	0.55m x 0.55m x 0.7m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.18m - yellow sand
3	0.18m - 0.28m - grey/black hardcore
4	0.28m - 0.4m - sand
5	0.4m - 0.7m - red sand, brown silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Chauntry Place (Prefix CP, Fig. 3)

Pit number	CP 1*
Size	1.50m x 1.3m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.09m – road
2	0.09m - 0.29m - black hardcore and large stones
3	0.29m - 1.1m - red sand - backfill of original pipe trench.
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CP 2*
Size	1.55m x 0.9m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.09m $-$ road
2	0.09m - 0.45m - black hardcore and large stones
3	0.45m - 1.1m - pink/red sand with occasional rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Cheylesmore (Prefix CH, Fig. 3)

Pit number	CH 1*
Size	1.75m x 0.75m x 0.86m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m-pavement
2	0.06m - 0.14m - mixed hardcore and tarmac
3	0.14m - 0.86m - dark brown clayey silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Finds	1 x ceramic tile and 1 x sherd post-medieval pottery recovered from dark brown
	clayey silt

Corporation Street (Prefix CS, Fig. 2)

Pit number	CS 1*
Size	1.6m x 0.85m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – paving slabs
2	0.08m - 0.14m - orange sand
3	0.14m - 0.19m - pink hardcore
4	0.19m – 0.9m – mid-brown stony silt
. 5	0.9m – 1.02m – brown ceramic pipe
6	1.02m - 1.2m - mid-brown silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 2*
Size	0.9m x 0.8m x 0.65m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07 - brick paving
2	0.07m - 0.12m - yellow sand
3	0.12m – layer of fibrous paper
4	0.12m - 0.65m - dark brown silt with brick rubble - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 3*
Size	1.5m x 1.2m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – pavement
2	0.06m - 0.76m - large grey concrete blocks
3	0.76m - mixed dark brown silt and brick rubble, cut by brown ceramic pipe -
1	backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 4	
Size	1.5m x 1m x 0.28m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.08m - paving slabs	
2	0.08m - 0.28m - orange sand	
3	Concrete at base of pit	
Comment	Pit abandoned due to concrete layer	

Pit number	CS 5*	
Size	0.79m x 0.8m x 0.67m	
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – pavement	
2	0.07m - 0.1m - orange sand	
3	0.1m - 0.15m - grey sand	
4	0.15m - 0.21m - orange sand	
5	0.21m - 0.67m - dark brown silt with occasional brick rubble - backfill of	
	original pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	CS 6*
Size	1.2m x 0.64m x 0.7m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – pavement
2	0.07m - 0.2m - yellow sand
3	0.2m – 0.25m – concrete slab
4	0.25m - 0.7m - dark brown/black sandy silt - backfili of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 7*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.7m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m-paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.13m - orange sand
3	0.13m - 0.17m - pink hardcore
4	0.17m – 1.7m – dark brown/black sandy silt with a patch of grey sand at north end of west-facing section – backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 8*
Size	3m x 2m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.08m – paving slabs
2	0.08m - 0.13m - orange sand
3	0.13m - 0.32m - pink hardcore
4	0.32m - 1.3m - light brown silty sand mixed with rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 9*
Size	1mx1mx1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.13m - orange sand
3	0.13m - 1.3m - dark brown silt mixed with stones - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 10*
Size	1.17m x 1.3m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m - paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.12m - orange sand
3	0.12m - 1m - very dark brown/black silt with occasional rubble - backfill of
	original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 11*
Size	1.17m x 1.3m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.23m - orange sand
3	0.23m - 0.29m - black sand
4	0.29m - 0.9m - mixed yellow/dark brown sand - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 12*
Size	0.8m x 0.6m x 0.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m –paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.12m - stony yellow hardcore
3	0.12m - 0.17m - black sand
4	0.17m - 0.32m - concrete
5	0.32m - dark brown silt cut by service pipes - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 13*
Size	2m x 2m x 1.35m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.11m - grey sand
3	0.11m - 0.16m - pink hardcore
4	0.16m - 0.36m - light grey/brown sandy silt layer with bands of black silt in
	centre
5	0.36m – 0.56m – black hardcore
6	0.56m - 1.35m - light brown silt mixed with brick rubble - backfill of original
	pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 14*
Size	1.8m x 1.1m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – brick pavement
2	0.08m - 0.28m - mixed yellow hardcore and sand
3	0.28m - 1.6m - dark brown silt and occasional rubble - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 15*
Size	1.6m x 1.2m x 0.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.6m - pink sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 16*
Size	1.3m x 1.9m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.04m – paving slabs
2	0.04m - 0.12m - yellow sand
3	0.12m - 0.27m - black hardcore
4	0.27m – 0.43m – brick rubble
5	0.43m - 1.3m - grey/brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 17*
Size	2m x 1.4m x 1.14m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.57m - grey hardcore
3	0.57m - 0.87m - concrete
4	0.87m - 1.14m - light brown silt and rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 18*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m – 0.47m – mixed orange sand and brick rubble
3	0.47m - 1.07m - mixed grey sand/hardcore
4	1.07m – 1.5m – redeposited natural red clay/sand – backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 19*
Size	1.6m x 1.5m x 1.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.8m - orange sand
3	0.8m - 0.11m - grey hardcore
4	0.11m - 1.8m - mid-dark brown silty sand with occasional charcoal flecks - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. Modern brick wall composed of seven courses of brick appears to mark edge of original pipe trench in north-facing section

Pit number	CS 20*
Size	3m x 1.5m x 1.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m – 0.2m – grey hardcore
3	0.2m-1.8m - dark brown silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Coventry Retail Market (Prefix RM, Fig. 2)

Pit number	RM 1*
Size	0.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.03m-tarmac
2	0.03m - 0.13m - hardcore
3	0.13m – 0.5m dark silty sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RM 2*
Size	0.6m x 0.7m x 0.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.03m – tarmac
2	0.03m - 0.13m - hardcore
3	0.13m - 0.5m - dark silty sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RM 3*
Size	1m x 1m x 0.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0- 0.04m - tarmac
2	0.04m - 0.14m - hardcore
3	0.14m - 0.4m - dark silty sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit numbers	RM 4* – 14*
Size	0.4m - 0.6m x 0.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0- 0.04m - tarmac
2	0.04m - 0.14m - hardcore
3	0.14m - 0.4m - dark silty sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RM 15*
Size	2m x 1.1m x 1.35m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.35m – hardcore
2	0.35m - 0.65m - grey sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cuts original pipe trench

Cox Street (Prefix CS, Fig. 3)

Pit number	CS 1
Interpretation	Pit backfilled prior to recording

Pit number	CS 2*
Interpretation	Pit partially backfilled prior to recording, appears to cut through original pipe
	trench

Pit number	CS 3*
Size	2.9m x 2.7m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – road surface
2	0.1m - 0.3m - black hardcore
3	0.3m - 1.3m - red/brown clayey silt redeposited natural - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	CS 4*
Interpretation	Pit backfilled prior to recording, appears to cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CS 5*
Size	2.95m x 1.85m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.16m - stone chippings
3	0.16m - 0.23m - tarmac
4	0.23m - 0.3m - mixed stone chippings and mortar
5	0.3m - dark brown silt and rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Section appeared unstable – measurements taken from top of pit

Pit number	CS 6*
Size	1.1m x 1.9m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – tarmac
2	0.06 – 0.1m – fine stone chippings
3	0.1m - 0.25m - tarmac
4	0.25m - 1.6m - dark brown/red clayey silt, with frequent pieces of brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Croft Road (Prefix CR, Fig. 2)

Pit number	CR 1*
Size	6m x 2m x c. a. 1.68m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.15m – road
2	0.15 – 0.35m – hardcore/old tarmac
3	0.35m – 0.5m – grey stones
4	0.5m − 0.7m − modern brick rubble
5	0.7m – 0.78m – light brown stones
6	0.78m - 0.83m - grey sand
7	0.83m – 0.98m – brick rubble
8	0.98m - 1.18m - hardcore/ old tarmac
9	1.18m – 1.68m – grey clay/silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cuts original pipe trench
Comment	Not possible to enter pit

Cross Cheaping (Prefix CC, Fig. 3)

Pit number	CC 1*
Size	2m x 1.75m x 0.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.18m - grey/brown topsoil, some root disturbance
3	0.18m – 0.27m – black hardcore
4	0.27m - brown silt and concrete backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 2*
Size	0.63m x 1.1m x 0.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.08m - sand
3	0.08m - 0.8m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 3*
Size	0.6m x 1.25m x 0.94m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.05m-paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.09m - orange sand
3	0.09m - 0.33m - black hardcore
4	0.33m - 0.65m dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 4*
Size	1m x 1.5m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.08m - sand
3	0.08m - 0.11m - hardcore
4	0.11m - 1m - dark brown silt and clinker - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 5*
Size	0.5m x 0.6m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs
2	Sand
3	Brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 6*
Size	2.5m x 2.5m x 1m
Stratigraphy I	Paving slabs
2	Hardcore
3	Dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench, cut by six other service pipes
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 7*
Size	2m x 0.5m x 1m (L-shaped)
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs
2	Hardcore
3	Very dark brown silt and brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	CC 8*
Size	1.5m x 1m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	Pavement
2	Concrete
3	Wall (Modern bricks, wall seems to be later than cut for original pipe trenches)
	Mid-brown clay silt backfill of two original pipe trenches
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trenches

Pit number	CC 9*
Size	3.7m x 3m x 2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.2m - tarmac
2	0.2m - 0.6m - concrete
3	0.6m - 2m - mixed red/brown silty sand backfill of original pipe trench, containing two large sandstone blocks
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. Sandstone blocks loose in backfill, not associated with any feature

Dover Street (Prefix DS, Fig. 2)

Pit number	DS 1*
Size	1.5m x 3.6m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.2m – topsoil
2	0.2m - 1.3m - mixed dark brown silty sand and red/brown sandy natural
	backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	DS 2*
Size	1 m x 2 m x 1.7 m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.4m – dark brown silty topsoil
2	0.4m – 0.6m – mid-grey/brown silt layer with some charcoal flecking
3	Red/brown sand - redeposited natural - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	DS 3*
Size	2.5m x 2.5m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs
2	Dark brown silt with heavy root disturbance – backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Fairfax Street (Prefix FS, Fig. 2)

Pit number	FS 1*
Size	1.1m deep (other dimensions not recorded)
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.06m - paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.1m - orange sand
3	0.1m - 0.18m - mixed fine stone chippings and cement
4	0.18m - 0.28m - mixed stones, clinker and hardcore
5	0.28m - 0.6m - mixed dark red/brown clayey silt with brick rubble
6	0.6m - 0.76m - two courses of 19th century brick
7	0.76m – 0.84m - mixed dark red/brown clayey silt with brick rubble
8	0.84m - 0.86m - dark brown silt and charcoal
9	0.86m - 0.94m - mixed dark red/brown clayey silt with brick rubble
10	0.94m - 1.1m - dark brown silty clay with charcoal flecks and occasional pieces
	of brick rubble and small stones- backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	FS 2
Interpretation	Pit backfilled prior to recording

Pit number	FS 3*
Size	1.55m x 2.45m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy I	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.18m - orange sand
3	0.18m - 0.24m - hardcore
4	0.24m - 0.8m - dark red/brown clayey, silty sand, with modern glass, metal, stones and brick rubble
5	0.8m – 1.2m – dirty orange sand and brick rubble – backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	FS 4*
Size	3.5m x 0.6m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.1m - orange sand
3	0.1m -0.2 m $-$ cement
4	0.2m - 1.3m - brown clay/sand silt with brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	FS 5*
Size	0.8m x 1.9m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m - paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.18m - orange sand
3	0.18m - 0.28m - fine red stone chippings
4	0.28m – 1.6m – mixed brown sandy silt and clay with brick rubble and loose sandstone blocks - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	FS 6
Interpretation	Pit backfilled prior to recording

Pit number	FS 7*
Size	2.6m x 0.8m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m-paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.2m - mixed stone chippings and sand
3	0.2m - 0.38m - coarse concrete
4	0.38m - 1.1m - dark brown sandy silt with pebbles and rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Footpath to rear of Sky Dome Arena (Prefix SD, Fig. 2)

Pit number	SD 1*	
Size	2m x 1.50m x 0.75m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1 m – paving slabs	
2	0.1m - 0.68m - grey sand and stones	
3	0.68m – 0.75m – natural subsoil	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Friars Road (Prefix FR, Fig. 3)

Pit number	FR 1*
Size	2m x 2m x 1.75m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.37m - yellow sand
3	0.37 – 1.75m – mixed dark brown silt and brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench. Brick inspection chamber visible in south-facing section
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Bottom 0.3 – 0.4m of pit flooded – no access to pit – all measurements approximate

Pit number	FR 2*
Size	2.2m x 1.2m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – tarmac
2	0.1 – 0.4m – hardcore
3	0.4m - 1.4m - sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	FR 3
Size	6m x 4m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1 m – tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.3m - hardcore
3	0.3m - 1.6m - sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Greyfriars Lane (Prefix GL, Fig. 3)

Pit number	GL 1*
Size	2m x 1.2m x 1.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.08m - pavement
2	0.08m - 0.23m - yellow sand
3	0.23m - 0.28m - red sand
4	0.28m – 0.43m – black hardcore
5	0.43m – 1.8m – grey/brown silt and brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Sections partially obscured by shoring prop

Pit number	GL 2*
Size	2m x 2m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.3m – kerbstone
2	0.3m - 0.5m - concrete
3	0.5m - 1m - light grey/brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	GL 3*
Size	1m x 1m x 0.65m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.65m – modern bricks forming inspection chamber and wall of adjacent building
Interpretation	Dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench visible in base of pit. Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	GL 4*
Size	c.a. 2m x 2m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m $-$ road
2	0.1m - 0.4m - concrete
3	0.4m - 1m - light brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Safety fence sealed – no access to pit. All measurements are approximate

Pit number	GL 5*
Size	2.5m x 1m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – road
2	0.1m - 0.2m - tarmac
3	0.2m - 1m mixed natural subsoil and brown clayey silt - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	GL 6*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.08m - pavement
2	0.08m - 0.58m - concrete
3	0.58m - 1.16m - mixed redeposited pink/orange natural sand, brick and concrete rubble
4	1.16m - 1.5m - pink/orange redeposited natural sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	GL 7*
Size	2m x 0.7m x 0.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.26m – kerbstone
2	0.26m – 0.4m – grey hardcore
Interpretation	Pit dug to expose and replace inspection hatch – not deep enough to expose
	original pipe trench

Pit number	GL 8*
Size	0.9m x 0.7m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m-pavement
2	0.1m - 0.4m - red stony sand
3	0.4m - 0.47m - cast iron pipe
4	0.47m - 0.59m - dark grey/brown clayey silt
5	0.59m - 0.68m - cast iron pipe
6	0.68m - 0.9m - red sand - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	GL 9
Size	1m x 1m x 0.65m
Comment	Pit completely flooded – no stratigraphy visible

Pit number	GL 10*
Size	0.8m x 0.86m x 0.84m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.09m – pavement
2	0.09m - 0.39m - mixed grey/brown hardcore and concrete
Interpretation	0.39m - 0.84m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench

Greyfriars Road (Prefix GR, Fig. 2)

Pit number	GR 1*	
Size	2.50m x 2.15m x 0.9m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.10m – paving slabs	
2	0.10m - 0.28m - mixed yellow sand and stones	
3	0.28m - 0.38m - light brown silt	
4	0.38m - 0.55m - pebble layer	
5	0.55m - 0.9m - natural	
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original trench	

Pit number	GR 2*
Size	1.67m x 1.20m x 1.10m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m - paving slabs
2	0.10m - 0.36m - concrete
3	0.36m - 1.10m grey/brown stony silt mixed with concrete rubble
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Pit number	GR 3*
Size	0.8m x 1.10m x 0.36m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.36m yellow/brown stony sand, backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original backfill of pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	GR 4*
Size	1.5m x 1.6m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m x 0.13m – orange/yellow sand
3	0.13m - 0.9m grey stony backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Modern brick visible in south-east facing section. Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench
Finds	Post-medieval tile fragment in laver 3

Pit number	GR 5*
Size	2m x 0.65m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.12m - red sand
3	0.12m – 0.26m – light brown stony sand
4	0.26m - 1m - stony red sand, possibly redeposited natural - backfill of original
	pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	GR 6*
Size	1.6m x 1.10m x 0.72m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.15m - road
2	0.15m - 0.72m - mid-brown stony, silty sandy mix, backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Pit number	GR 7
Size	1m x 2m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.15m – tarmac
2	0.15m - 1.6m - natural red clay, cut by pipe trench containing rubble fill
Interpretation	Original pipe trench cut natural subsoil, no archaeological features noted

Pit number	GR 8*
Size	0.6m x 0.7m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – tarmac
2	0.08m - 0.23m - hardcore
3	0.23m - 1m - dark silty rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Grove Street (Prefix GS, Fig. 3)

Pit number	GS 1*
Size	1.55m x 1.14m x 0.95m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.1m - road surface
2	0.1m - 0.2m - hardcore
3	0.2m – 0.3m – stone chippings
4	0.3m – 0.42m – large sandstone pieces
5	0.42m - 0.95m - mid-brown clayey silt with frequent charcoal pieces and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	GS 2
Comment	Pit backfilled prior to recording

Hales Street (Prefix HS, Fig. 3)

Pit number	HS I*
Size	3m x 1.2m x 1.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.15m - tarmac
2	0.15m - 0.55m - grey hardcore
3	0.55m - 1.05m - red hardcore
4	1.05m - 1.8m - redeposited red sandy clay backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	HS 2*
Size	1.5m x 2.5m x 2m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m – pavement
2	0.06m - 0.56m - grey hardcore
3	0.56m - 1.06m - mixed grey sand containing several modern pipes
4	1.06m - 2m - mixed grey and red clay backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Hertford Street (Prefix HS, Fig. 2)

Pit number	HS 1*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.51m orange sand backfill of small plastic pipe
3	0.51m - 0.56m - small black plastic pipe
4	0.56m – 0.86m – grey sand and concrete backfill of large plastic pipe
5	0.86m - 1.06m - yellow plastic pipe
6	1.06m – 1.5m – mixed grey-brown silt and brick rubble backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Hill Street (Prefix HS, Fig. 1)

Pit number	HS 1*
Size	3m x 1.3m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1 m – road surface
2	0.1m - 0.18m - yellow hardcore
3	0.18m – 0.3m – dark brown hardcore
4	0.3m - 1.1m - red sandy clay - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	HS 2 (Plate 2)
Size	2.5m x 1m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.03m – pavement
2	0.03m - 0.09m - grey sandy hardcore
3	0.09m – 0.2m – yellow sand
4	0.2m - 0.4m - brick rubble and hardcore
5	0.4m - 0.8m - two courses of large dressed stone blocks, possibly re-used from nearby town gate
6	0.8m - 1.4m - brown silt mixed with brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. Wall marks western edge of original pipe trench
Finds	2 x post-medieval pottery sherds, 1 x ceramic tile, 1 x animal bone fragment, 2 x oyster shell
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	HS 3*
Size	3m x 1.1m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.12m – road surface
2	0.12m - 0.42m - concrete
3	0.42m - 1.2m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench. One large loose stone visible in southwest-facing section
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	HS 4*
Size	0.8m x 0.7m x 0.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m - paving slabs
2	0.07 – 0.12m – orange sand
3	0.12m - 0.8m - mixed yellow brown sandy silt and stones - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	HS 5*
Size	2.4m x 1.2m x 1.32m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.12m - red sand
3	0.12m - 0.24m - hardcore
4	0.24m - 0.46m - yellow sand
5	0.46m - 1.32m - dark brown sandy silt with occasional stones and brick rubble -
	backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Ironmonger Row (Prefix IR, Fig. 3)

Pit number	IR 1*
Size	1.2m x 0.65m x 0.65m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m – 0.29m – yellow/brown sand
3	0.29m - 0.65m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	IR 2*
Size	Approx. 0.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs
2	Hardcore
3	Mid-brown sand
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	IR 3*	
Size	Approx. 0.5m ² x 0.5m	
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs	
2	Hardcore	
3	Mid-brown sand	**
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	IR 4*	
Size	Approx. 0.5m ² x 1.2m	
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs	
2	Hardcore	
3	Mid-brown sand	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	IR 5*
Size	1.5m x 1m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs
2	Grey hardcore
3	mid/dark brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	IR 6*
Size	2m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs
2	Yellow sand
	Tarmac
3	Red sand backfill of original pipe trench - several other pipes visible in sand
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Lamb Street (Prefix LS, Fig. 2)

Pit number	LS1*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – pavement
2	0.08m – 0.2m – yeliow sand
3	0.2m - 0.29m - grey hardcore
4	0.29m - 1.3m - fine mid-brown silt with occasional stones and rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 2*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.12m – road surface
2	0.12m – 0.42m – black hardcore
3	0.42m – 0.59m – grey hardcore
4	0.59m – 0.82m - brick rubble
5	0.82m - 1.5m - mid to dark brown silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 3 (Plate 1)
Size	0.9m x 1.1m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.11m – pavement
2	0.11m - 0.31m - mixed grey sand and brown silt
3	0.31m - 0.4m - course of modern brick
4	0.4m - 1.5m - wall composed of sandstone blocks and brick
Interpretation	Pit cut against wall composed of re-used blocks of masonry (possibly from Town Wall) and later brick
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	LS 4*
Size	0.4m x 0.55m x 0.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.08m - pavement
2	0.08m - 0.3m - yeilow sand
3	0.3m - 0.6m - grey/brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 5*
Size	0.6m x 0.6m x 0.73m
Stratigraphy 1	00.05m - pavement
2	0.05m - 0.1m - orange sand
3	0.1m - 0.28m - grey sand/hardcore
4	0.28m - 0.38m - orange sand
5	0.38m - 0.49m - grey sand/hardcore
6	0.49m - 0.73m - orange sand and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 6*
Size	1.45m x 1.15m x 1.12m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.12m - orange sand
3	0.12m - 0.19m - grey sand
4	0.19m - 0.37m - concrete
5	0.37m - 1.15m - redeposited red clay natural - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 7*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.12m – pavement
2	0.12m - 0.17m - grey hardcore
3	0.17m - 0.68m - orange sand
4	0.68m - 1.2m - dark brown silty backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 8*
Size	1.5m x 1.35m x 1.08m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.09m – road
2	0.09m – 0.26m – black hardcore
3	0.26m - 0.46m - white hardcore
4	0.46m - 0.79m - yellow/brown sand
5	0.79m - 1.08m - mixed red /grey sand with three courses of modern brick visible at east end of section - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LS 9*
Size	1.9m x 1m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – pavement
2	0.08m - 1.2m - mixed red/brown/yellow clayey silt with occasional rubble and hardcore - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Leisure Centre (Prefix LC, Fig. 2)

Pit number	LC1*
Size	0.75m x 1.5m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – concrete paving
2	0.05m - 0.15m – concrete
3	0.15m - 0.25m - hardcore
4	0.25m - 1.3m - mid-brown clayey silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Little Park Street (Prefix LP, Fig. 3)

Pit number	LP 1*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – brick pavement
2	0.08m - 0.18m - yellow sand
3	0.18m - 0.38m - hardcore
4	0.38m - 0.48m - black sand
5	0.48m - 0.89m - red/brown sand, with 0.1m lens of orange sand
6	0.89m - 1.09m - yellow plastic pipe
7	1.09m - 1.5m - red sand with 0.2m lens of black sand - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LP 2*
Size	3.5m x 1.5m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.25m – brown sand
2	0.25m – 0.35m – green plastic pipe
3	0.35m - 0.75m - red and brown silty clay with charcoal flecks
4	0.75m - 1.15m - dark brown silty clay
5	1.15m - 1.2m - clean orange/red sandy clay backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LP 3*
Size	1.55m x 1.45m x 1.14m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – pavement
2	0.1m - 0.25m - mixed black hardcore and tarmac
3	0.25m – 1.14m – mixed brown silty clay and red sandy clay backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LP 4*
Size	1.5m x 1.5m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.09m – brick pavement
2	0.09m - 0.29m - orange sand
3	0.29m - 0.44m - grey hardcore
4	0.44m – 0.84m – brown clayey silt
5	0.84m - 1.5m - brown/black clayey silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	LP 5*
Size	1.5m x 1.1m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy I	0 – 0.065m – brick pavement
2	0.065 – 0.16m – yellow sand
3	0.16m – 0.29m – grey hardcore
4	0.29m - 0.36m - orange/yellow sand
5	0.36m – 0.51m – two courses of orange/red modern bricks
	0.51m - 1.4m - mixed modern brick/hardcore rubble feature
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Lower Holyhead Road (Prefix LH, Fig. 2)

Pit number	LH 1*
Size	2.4m x 1.4m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.08m – kerbstone
2	0.08m - 0.16m - orange/yellow sand
3	0.16m - 0.45m - grey hardcore
4	0.45m – 1.13m – light brown sandy silt
5	1.13m – 1.5m – dark brown silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Manor House Drive (Prefix MD, Fig. 2)

Pit number	MD 1*	
Size	2.2m x 1.2m x 1.4m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.1m - tarmac	
2	0.1m – 0.4m hardcore	
3	0.4m - 1.4m - sand and rubble backfill of original pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	MD 2*
Size	2m x 1.4m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 –0.1m – tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.3m - hardcore
3	0.3m – 1.6m – mixed sand and rubble backfill of original pie trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MD 3*
Size	1.5m x 1.5m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.7m - 1m - redeposited natural and brick rubble backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Market Way (Prefix MW, Fig. 2)

Pit number	MW I*
Size	1.5m x 1.5m x 1.35m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.16m - orange sand
3	0.16m - 0.35m - black sand and hardcore
4	0.35m - 0.67m - brown/yellow sand surrounding cast iron service pipe
5	0.67m - 0.91m - two cast iron service pipes
6	0.91m - 1.35m - dark brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 2*
Size	2.1m x 1.9m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving bricks
2	0.06m – 0.14m – orange sand
3	0.14m - 1.5m - mid-light brown sand - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 3*
Size	2m x 1.4m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – brick paving
2	0.06m - 0.14m - orange sand
3	0.14m - 1m - mixed sand and hardcore - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 4*
Size	1.8m x 1.8m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.1m - orange sand
3	0.1m – 0.4m – black hardcore
4	0.4m – 0.65m – stony grey layer
5	0.65m - 1.6m - mixed red sand and brick rubble, with three large loose stones visible in section - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 5*
Size	3m x 1m x 2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.16m - orange sand
3	0.16m - 0.26m – yellow sand
4	0.26m - 0.3m - black sand
5	0.3m - 0.33m - stony red sand
	0.33m - 0.39m - dark grey sand
	0.39m - 0.43m - stones
	0.43m - 0.49m - black hard core
	0.49m - 2m - mixed red/brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 6*
Size	1m x 1.2m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – brick paving
2	0.06m - 0.31m - stony pink hardcore
3	0.31m - 1.1m - yellow/brown sand and stone backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 7*
Size	1.8m x 1.65m x 1.35m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.13m - orange sand
3	0.13m - 0.39m - brown stony hardcore
4	Mixed hardcore, brick rubble and dark brown silty sand - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 8*
Size	1m x 0.8m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – brick paving
2	0.07m - 0.115m - yellow sand
3	0.115m – 0.38m – stony grey hardcore
4	0.38m - 0.48m - stony yellow hardcore
5	0.48m - 1.1m - light brown sand - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 9*
Size	1.6m x 1.2m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.12m - dark orange sand
3	0.12m - 0.24m - grey stony hardcore
4	0.24m – 0.61m – yellow/brown hardcore
5	0.61m - 1m - red/brown stony silt with brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW 10*
Size	1.1m x 0.9m x 0.42m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – brick paving
2	0.07m - 0.42m - grey/white stony hardcore
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	MW II
Size	1.1m x 1.3m x 0.25m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m –brick paving
2	0.06m - 0.25m - yellow stony sand
Interpretation	Pit abandoned by contractors
Comment	Fence sealed up – no direct access – all measurements approximate

Pit number	MW 12*
Size	0 – 0.08m – paving slabs
Stratigraphy 1	0.08m - 0.28m - sand
2	0.28m - 0.48m - stone
3	0.48m - 0.8m - mixed light brown/yellow silty sand with brick rubble
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Fence sealed up – no direct access – all measurements approximate

Pit number	MW 13*
Size	1.1m x 1.3m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.06m - brick paving
2	0.06m - 0.21m - orange sand
3	0.21m - 0.29m - white stone
4	0.29m – 0.75m – light brown hardcore
5	0.75m - 1.5m - mixed black/brown silt with stones and rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

New Union Street (Prefix NU, Figs. 2-3)

Pit number	NU I*
Size	3m x 1m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07 – 0.1m – pink sand
3	0.1m - 0.6m - grey/brown silt with occasional brick rubble
4	0.6m - 0.7m - cast iron pipe
5	0.7m-1.2m-mixed orange sandy clay and dark brown silt - backfill of original
	pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	NU 2*
Size	1.75m x 0.75m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 1.6m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	NU3*
Size	3m x 2m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.12m - grey/brown silt
3	0.12m - 0.17m - orange sand
4	0.17m - 1.3m - mid-brown silty clay backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Layer of modern bricks visible at 0.5m below surface. Pit cut through original
•	pipe trench

Pit number	NU 4*
Size	0.9m x 1.5m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0- 0.07m paving slabs
2	0.07m - 1.4m - mid brown silty clay, backfill of at least seven separate service pipes
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trenches

Pit number	NU5*
Size	3m x 2m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.37m - mixed grey and pink hardcore
3	0.37m – 0.42m – grey sand
4	0.42m – 0.52m – yellow plastic pipe
5	0.52m – 0.57m – grey sand
6	0.57m - 1.1m - mixed grey/brown sandy silt and brick rubble backfill of original
	pipe trench
7	1.1m - 1.2m - cast iron pipe
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	NU 6*
Size	3m x 1.2m x 2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.37m - hardcore
3	0.37m - 2m - dark brown silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	NU7*
Size	2m x 1.1m x 1.25m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.13m - red/brown sand
3	0.13m – 0.22m – grey hardcore
4	0.22m – 0.6m – dark brown silt mixed with brick rubble
5	0.6m - 1.25m - cleaner dark brown silt with less rubble - backfill of original pipe
	trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Palmer Lane (Prefix PL, Fig. 3)

Pit number	PL 1*
Size	2.5m x 1m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.06m - pavement
2	0.06m - 0.46m - concrete
3	0.46m - 1.1m - mid red/brown silty sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	PL 2*
Size	1.8m x 0.9m x 0.8m
Stratigraphy 1	Pavement
2	Steel girders, infilled with hardcore
3	Mid-grey/brown silty sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	PL 3*
Size	4m x 1m x 1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.1m - tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.3m - hardcore
3	0.3m - 1m - dark grey silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Priory Street (Prefix PS, Fig. 3)

Pit number	PS 1*
Size	2.3m x 1.55m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07 m –paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.17m - orange sand
3	0.17 – 0.25m – fine gritty stone chippings
4	0.25m - 1.1m - brown sandy silt with charcoal and rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. Pit heavily disturbed by other service pipes. Section of brick walling visible along western side of pit

Pit number	PS 2*
Size	1.5m x 1.85m x 1.55m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.15m – tarmac
2	0.15m – 0.4m – pink stone chippings
3	0.4m - 0.85m - mixed dark red clayey silt and rubble
4	0.85m - 1.15m - red clay with lenses of charcoal and clinker
5	1.15m - 1.2m - clinker and ash
6	1.2m – 1.3m – orange/brown silt with mortar fragments
7	1.25m - 1.35m - lens of dark brown silty clay in southern end of section
8	1.35m - 1.55m - black/brown clayey, stony silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Finds	Stoneware lid recovered from Layer 3. Oyster shells and tile fragment recovered from layer 8

Pit number	PS 3*
Size	1.35m x 1.15m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.11 m – tarmac
2	0.11m - 0.36m - light yellow/brown stony mortar
3	0.36m - 0.5m - tarmac
4	0.5m - 1.5m - dark red/brown clayey silt with brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench. Original pipe trench cuts wall of possible 19th/20th century cellar

Queen Victoria Road (Prefix QV, Fig. 2)

Pit number	QV 1*
Size	1.6m x 2m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – pavement
2	0.07m - 0.27m - hardcore
3	0.27m - 1.5m - sand backfill of pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	QV 2*
Size	2.5m x 1.3m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – pavement
2	0.07m - 0.22m - hardcore
3	0.22m - 1.6m - sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	QV 3*
Size	4m x 1.2m x c.a. 1.6m
Interpretation	Pit appears to have been cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Pit almost totally flooded, not possible to see stratigraphy

Pit number	QV 4*
Size	2m x 1.20m x 2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.15m – road
2	0.15m - 0.4m - black hardcore
3	0.4m - 0.7m - white hardcore
4	0.7m - 0.8m - yellow sand
5	0.8m - 2m - dark red sandy clay, probably redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Ring Road (in vicinity of Ringway St. Nicholas) (Prefix RR, Fig. 2)

Pit number	RR 1*
Size	2m x 1m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – pavement
2	0.05m - 0.25m - yellow stony hardcore
3	0.25m - 1.6m - mixed red sand and stones - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RR 2*	
Size	2.5m x 0.8m x 1.2m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.05m - pavement	
2	0.05m - 0.15m - brick and tile rubble	
3	0.15m - 1.2m - grey bricks of inspection chamber	
Interpretation	Main at bottom of purpose-built inspection chamber	

Pit number	RR 3*
Size	2.4m x 1.7m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.25m – kerbstone
2	0.25m - 0.35m - stony hardcore
3	0.35m - 1.4m - mixed dark brown clayey silt and brick rubble - backfill of
	original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RR 4*
Size	2.5m x 1.5m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.1m - sand
3	0.1m - 0.25m - hardcore
4	0.25m - 0.33m - brick rubble
5	0.33m - 0.48m - hardcore
6	Mixed orange/brown clayey silt and stones - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RR 5*	
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.3m	
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m-road	
2	0.1m – 0.27m – grey hardcore	
3	0.27m – 0.52m – yellow/brown hardcore	
4	0.52m - 1.3m - orange sand backfill of original pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Ring Road (in the vicinity of Ringway Rudge) (Prefix RR, Fig. 2)

Pit number	RR I*
Size	2.3m x 2.5m x 1.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.06m-pavement
2	0.06m - 0.11m - orange sand
3	0.11m - 0.21m - tarmac
4	0.21m - 0.41m - black hardcore
5	0.41m - 1.8m - red sand - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	RR 2*
Size	4m x 4m x 3m
Stratigraphy 1	Tarmac
2	Hardcore
3	Redeposited natural red sand and sandstone backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

St Patrick's Road (Prefix SP, Fig. 3)

Pit number	SP 1*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m – road
2	0.1m – 0.4m – black hardcore
3	0.4m – 0.6m – pink hardcore
4	0.6m - 1.1m - red sandy clay - redeposited natural backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Finds	2 x post-medieval pottery sherds recovered from layer 4

Pit number	SP 2*
Size	2m x 1.1m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.16m - hardcore
3	0.16m - 0.19m - orange sand
4	0.19m - 0.64m - yellow/brown stony sand
5	0.64m - 1.1m - light brown silty sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	SP 3*
Size	3m x 0.8m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.07m – paving slabs
2	0.07m – 0.4m – grey pebbly hardcore
3	0.4m - 0.9m - dark grey stony hardcore
4	0.9m - 1.3m - dark grey silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Starley Road (Prefix SR, Fig. 3)

Pit number	SR 1
Size	1.10m x 1.10m x 0.9m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.11m-road
2	0.11m – 0.18m – hardcore/old tarmac
3	0.18m - 0.34m - stony brown hardcore
4	0.34m - 0.43m - stony yellow hardcore
5	0.43m - 0.9m - dark brown stony silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Natural subsoil visible to side of pipe, c.a. 0.7m below surface. Original pipe
	trench cut natural subsoil, access pit is slightly wider than the original pipe trench,
	no archaeological features visible

Pit number	SR 2*	
Size	1m x 1m x 0.95m	
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – paving slabs	
2	0.1m – 0.6m – grey stony backfill	
3	0.6m – 0.95m – natural subsoil	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	SR 3*
Size	2m x 1.08m x 0.95m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m – tarmac
2	0.1m - 0.15m - modern bricks associated with stopcocks
3	0.15m - 0.19m - concrete
4	0.19m - 0.25m - dark pink sand
5	0.25m - 0.32m - yellow sand
6	0.32m - 0.95m - dark grey-brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	SR 4
Size	3m x 2m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.02m – topsoil
2	0.02m pink/brown silt with some root disturbance – very clean otherwise.
	Backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench
Comment	Very steep sides meant that it was not possible to enter pit

Students Union (Prefix SU, Fig. 2)

Pit number	SU1*
Size	1.5m x 1.5m
Interpretation	Pit appears to cut through original pipe trench. Not fully recorded due to unstable sections
Comment	Unstable sections

Tower Street (Prefix TS, Fig. 3)

Pit number	TS 1*
Size	1.9m x 0.9m x 1.85m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.07m – pavement
2	0.07m - 0.87m - mixed red/brown clayey silt
3	0.87 - 1.85m - dark brown clayey silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	TS 2*
Size	1.6m x 0.9m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.09m - pavement
2	0.09m - 0.26m - hardcore
3	0.26m – 0.41m – 2 courses of modern brick
4	0.41m - 0.64m - concrete
5	0.64m - 1.2m - brown silt mixed with stones and brick rubble - backfill of
	original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	TS 3*
Size	2.1m x 1.9m x 1.6m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.12m - road
2	0.12m - 0.37m - hardcore
3	0.37m - 0.47m - sand
4	0.47m - 1.6m - grey/brown sandy silt with brick rubble and stones - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	TS 4*
Size	1.8m x 1.1m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m - pavement
2	0.07m - 0.37m - sand
3	0.37m - 0.49m - plastic pipe
4	0.49m - 1.3m - grey/brown sandy silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Trinity Street (prefix TS, Fig. 3)

Pit number	TS 1*
Size	1m x 1m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.15m – tarmac
2	0.15m - 0.25m - grey hardcore
3	0.25m - 0.4m - bricks and rubble
4	0.4m – 0.6m – mid-grey/brown silt
5	0.6m - 0.9m - yellow sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	TS 2	
Comment	Not available for recording	

Pit number	TS 3*
Size	lm x 0.5m x 0.75m
Stratigraphy 1	Pavement
2	Yellow sand
3	Mid-grey/brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	TS 4*	
Size	0.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m	
Stratigraphy 1	Pavement	
2	Yellow sand	
3	Mid-brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	TS 5*	
Size	1m x 1m x 1.2m	
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs	
2	Yellow sand	
3	Grey hardcore	
4	Course of modern bricks, not mortared	
5	Brown silt backfill of original pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	TS 6*	
Size	1m x 0.6m x 1m	
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs	
2	Mid-grey/brown silt backfill of original pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	TS 7*	
Size	1.3m x 2m x 1m	
Stratigraphy 1	Paving slabs	
2	Sand	
3	Hardcore	
4	mid-brown silt and brick rubble - backfill of pipe trench	
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench	

Pit number	TS 8*
Size	3.5m x 2m x 1.3m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.11m - yellow sand
3	0.11m - 0.26m - tarmac
4	0.26m - 1.3m - mixed red/brown silty sand backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Upper Well Street (Prefix UW, Fig. 2)

Pit number	UW 1*
Size	1.8m x 1.1m x 1.5m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – pavement
2	0.1m - 0.29m - hardcore
3	0.29m - 1.5m - red sandy clay, probably redeposited natural, with occasional brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	UW 2*
Size	2.2m x 1.1m x 1.1m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m - 0.16m - orange sand
3	0.16m - 1.1m - brown silt mixed with brick rubble and stones - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	UW 3*
Size	2.6m x 0.85m x 1.25m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.11m – black hardcore
2	0.11m - 0.17m - black hardcore
3	0.17m – 0.32m – brick rubble
4	0.32m - 1.25m - mixed dark grey/brown silt with brick rubble - backfill of
	original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	UW 4*
Size	3.5m x 1.5m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.12m – kerbstone
2	0.12m - 0.62m - concrete
3	0.62m - 1.2m mixed sand and dark grey/brown silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	UW 5*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.08m – tarmac
2	0.08m - 0.12m - grey hardcore
3	0.12m – 1.2m – mid/dark brown silty sand with occasional charcoal flecks – backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Warwick Lane (Prefix WL, Fig. 2)

Pit number	WL 1*
Size	0.65m x 0.55m x 0.7m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.03m – pavement
2	0.03m – 0.09m – black hardcore
3	0.09m - 0.7m - dark brown sandy silt and brick rubble - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Warwick Road (Prefix WR, Fig. 2)

Pit number	WR 1
Size	3m x 1.5m x 2m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.10m – paving slabs
2	0.10m - 0.20m - dark grey sand
3	0.20m - 0.30m - yellow sand
4	0.30m - 1.20m - grey/brown silt - backfill of old pipe trench
5	1.20m – 2.0m – natural subsoil
Interpretation	Brick wall visible in south-east facing section, associated with adjacent manhole
Finds	None
Comment	Pit was too deep to enter to record stratigraphy; all depths are approximate

Pit number	WR 2
Size	2.60m x 1.40m x 1.20m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.10m - paving slabs
2	0.10m - 0.20m - dark grey sand
3	0.20m - 0.30m - yellow sand
4	0.30m - 1.20m - grey/brown silt backfill of old pipe trench
Interpretation	Modern concrete visible c.a. 0.60m below surface around northern end of pit
Finds	1 x oyster shell in layer 4

Pit number	WR 3*
Size	1.75m x 0.65m x 1.10m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.1m – paving slabs
2	0.1m - 0.24m - pink hardcore
3	0.24m - 1.10m - dark brown silty backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Pit number	WR 4*
Size	2m x 1.50m x 1.40m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m - pavement
2	0.07m - 0.3m - yellow sand mixed with hardcore
3	0.3m - 0.68m - dark grey/brown silty backfill of small pipe
4	0.68m – 0.83m – yellow plastic pipe
5	0.83m - 1.40m - dark brown silty backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Pit number	WR 5*
Size	2m x 1.5m x 1.65m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.07m - paving slabs
2	0.07m - 0.12m - brown sand
3	0.12m - 0.29m - concrete
4	0.29m - 0.37m - tarmac/hardcore
5	0.37m – 0.5m – hardcore/rubble
6	0.5m - 1.65m - dark brown silt - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Pit number	WR 6*
Size	1.10m x 0.4m x 0.35m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06 – paving slabs
2	0.06 - 0.35m – yellow sand
Interpretation	Shallow access hole to reach stopcock, larger pipe visible below stopcock

Pit number	WR 7*
Size	1.6m x 0.9m x 1.4m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.11m – road surface
2	0.11 – 0.27m – hardcore
3	0.27m - 1.4m - dark brown silty backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	WR 8*
Size	0.63m x 0.92m x 0.49m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.06m – paving slabs
2	0.06m – 0.2m – yellow-brown sand
3	0.2m - 0.49m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	WR 9*
Size	2m x 2.5m x 1.28m
Stratigraphy 1	0-0.1m – pavement
2	0.1m - 0.19m - old pavement/tarmac
3	0.19m – 0.49m – dark brown stony silt
4	0.49m – 0.65m – mixed stone/rubble
5	0.65m x 1.28m - brown sandy silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Warwick Row (Prefix WA, Fig. 2)

Pit number	WA 1*
Size	4m x 2.30m x 1.25m
Stratigraphy 1	0 - 0.1 m - paving slabs
2	0.1m - 0.2m - yellow sand
3	0.2m – 1.25m – dark brown silt mixed with tarmac and rubble, backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through backfill of original pipe trench

Pit number	WA 2*
Size	1.75m x 1m x 0.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.10m – paving slabs
2	0.10m - 0.33m - hardcore
3	0.33m - 1.75m dark brown silt mixed with rubble, backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench
Comment	Base of pit flooded

Pit number	WA 3*
Size	1.18m x 0.65m x 0.8m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – pavement
2	0.05m - 0.25m - mixed concrete and hardcore
3	0.25m - 0.8m - dark brown silt and stones, backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	WA 4*
Size	1.15m x 1.80m x 0.91m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.11m - yellow/brown sand
3	0.11m - 0.26m - concrete
4	0.26m - 0.34m - grey stony hardcore
5	0.34m - 0.91m - dark brown silt backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

Pit number	WA 5*
Size	1.20m x 0.74m x 0.66m
Stratigraphy 1	0 – 0.05m – paving slabs
2	0.05m - 0.66m - mixed grey/brown and red silt; lens of black silt noted 0.41m below surface - backfill of original pipe trench
Interpretation	Pit cut through original pipe trench

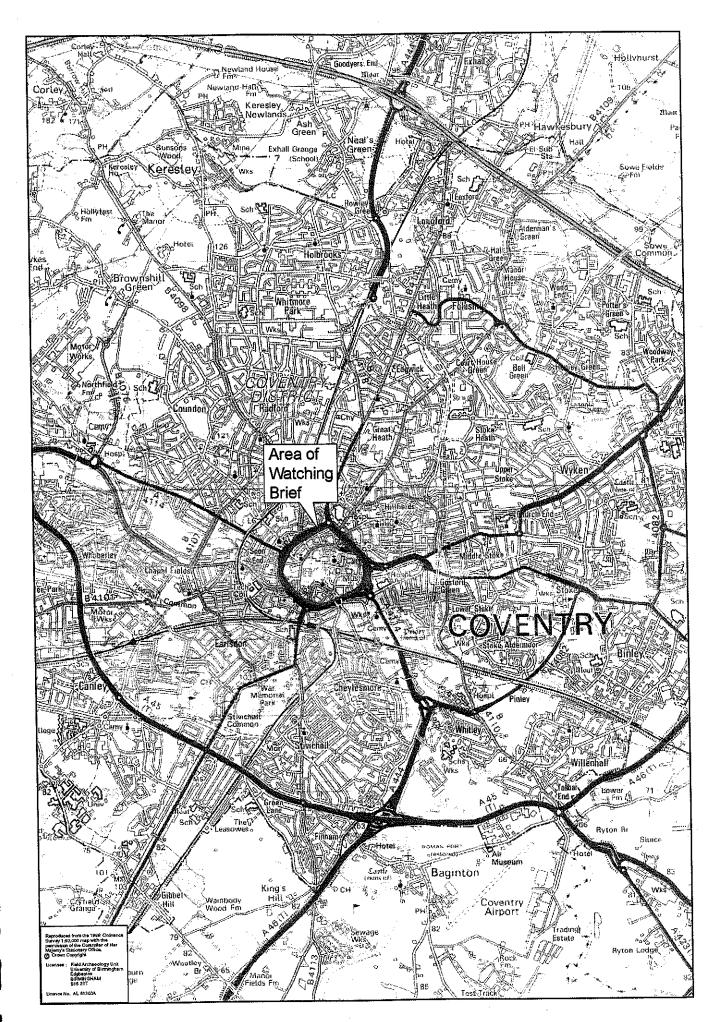


Fig.1

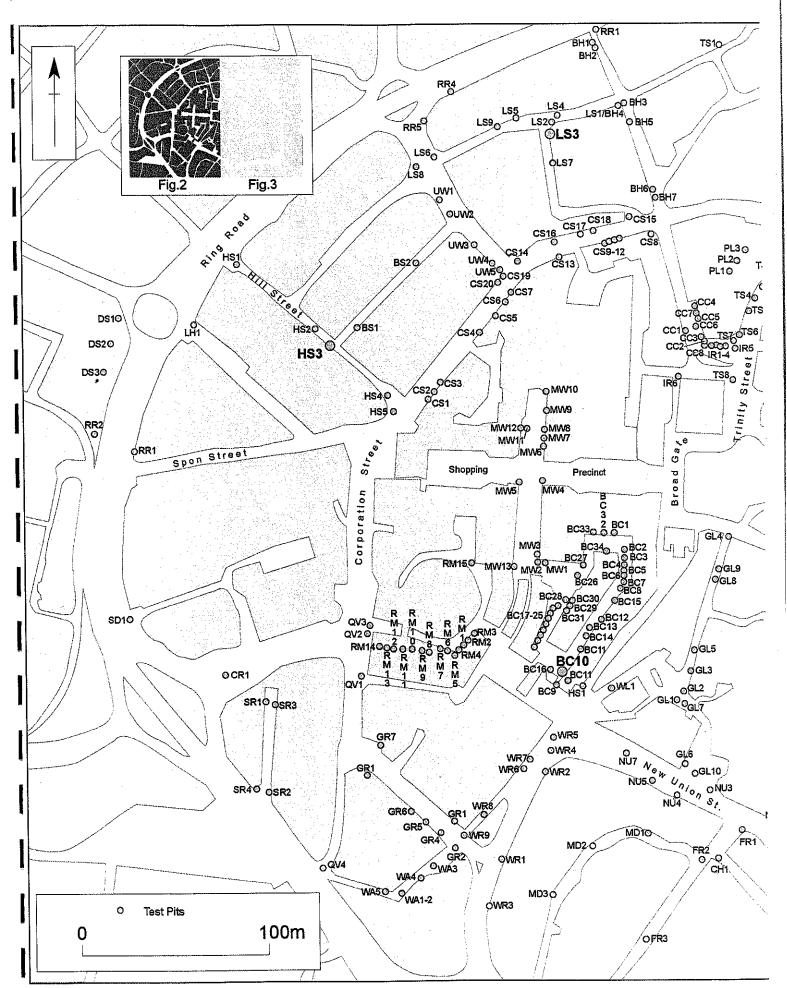


Fig.2

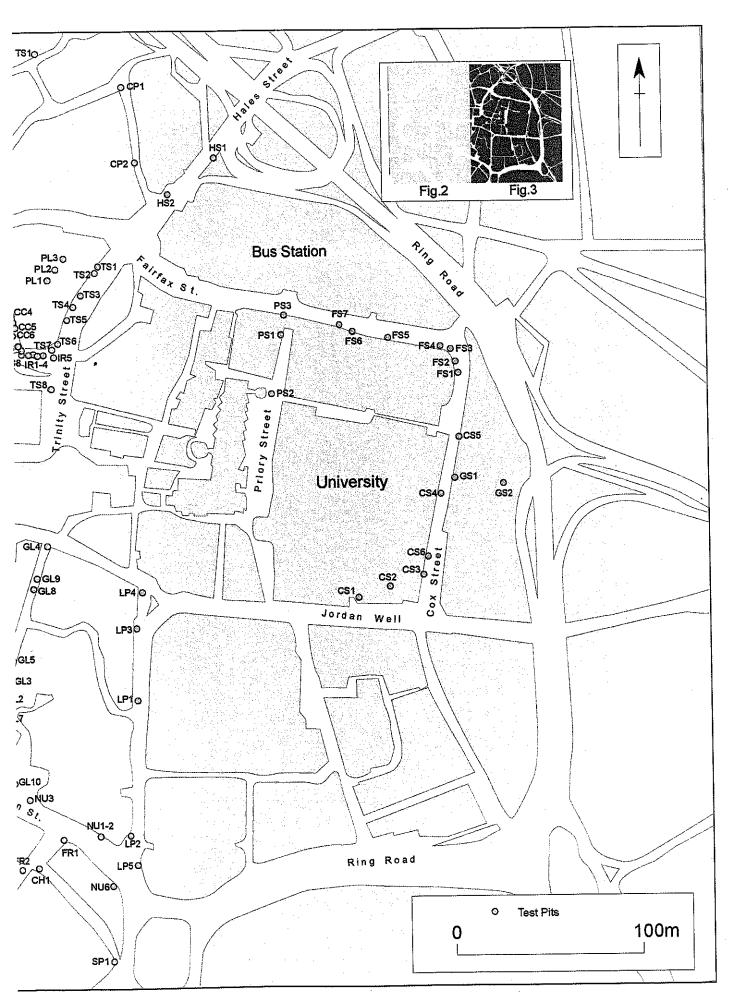
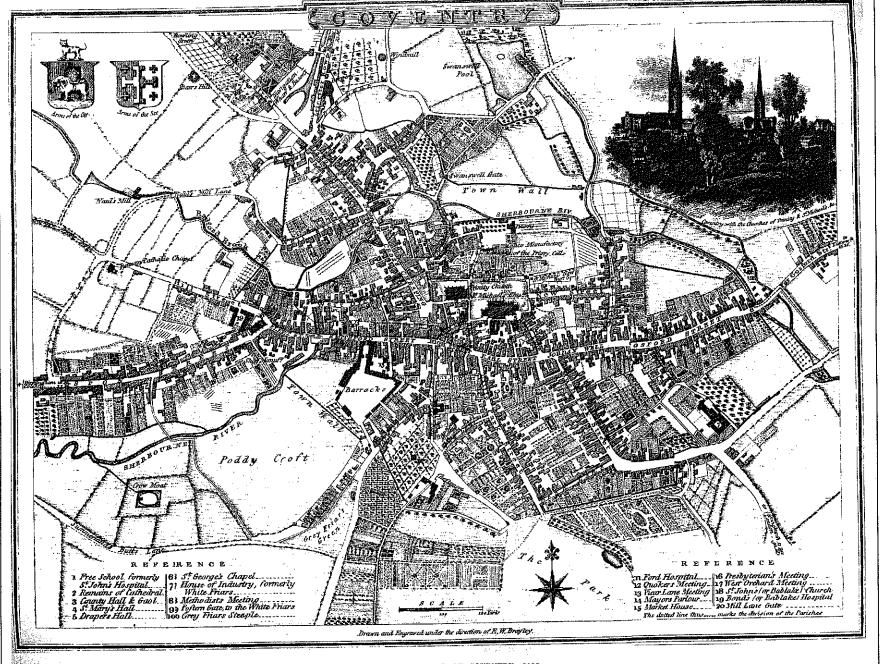


Fig.3



THOMAS SHARP'S MAP OF COVENTRY, 1887.

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Plate 1

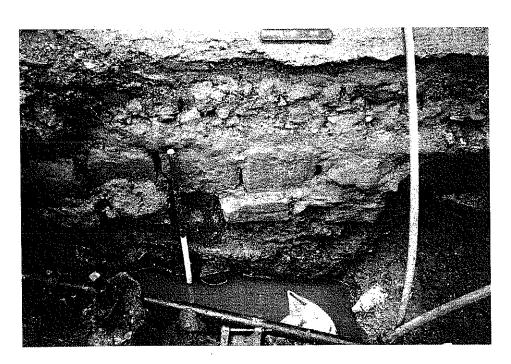


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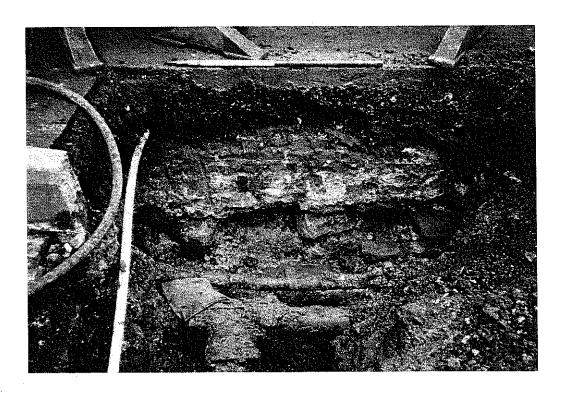


Plate 3