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SUMMARY

An archaeological evaluation of land at the former Incol Pressworks, Church Lane, Bickenhill, Solihull (centred on NGR SP 18845 82481) was undertaken by Birmingham Archaeology in November 2006. The site was evaluated due to its proximity to a number of known significant archaeological sites, including St Peter's Church, in the historic core of the medieval settlement of Bickenhill. The medieval manor house may have been in the vicinity of the site, adjacent to the church.

Three trenches were excavated to locate and identify any archaeological remains that could be affected by a proposed development. The evaluation provided evidence of undated archaeological features, in the south-east part of the site, in the form of a pit and a gully cut into the natural clay. It is possible that these features could date to the medieval or post-medieval period. The presence of deep layers of topsoil and subsoil, sealing the archaeological features, suggest that the site had been used for agriculture prior to the construction of works buildings in the 20th century. The depth and location of the archaeological features recorded means that they are unlikely to be affected by the proposed development.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the project

Birmingham Archaeology was commissioned by Projects 2000 Ltd to undertake an archaeological evaluation at Incol Pressworks, Church Lane, Bickenhill, Solihull. The work was required by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council as a condition of planning consent (Planning Application Number 2004/982) for the demolition of existing industrial units and the construction of an office building. The evaluation was recommended on the advice of Warwickshire Museum due to the proximity of a number of known significant archaeological sites, including St Peter's Church, in the historic core of the medieval settlement of Bickenhill.

This report outlines the results of a field evaluation carried out between 13th November and 17th November, and has been prepared in accordance with the Institute of Field Archaeologists Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluations (IFA 2001). The report also includes the results of research undertaken at the Warwickshire County Records Office and the Warwickshire County Sites and Monuments Record.

The evaluation conforms to a brief produced by Warwickshire Museum (Appendix 3), and a Written Scheme of Investigation (Appendix 4) which was approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to implementation, in accordance with guidelines laid down in Planning Policy Guidance Note 16 (DoE 1990).

1.2 Location and geology

The site is located at Incol Pressworks, Church Lane, Bickenhill, Solihull, north-east of St. Peters Church (SMR SI 144) and is centred on NGR SP 18845 82481 (Fig. 1, hereinafter referred to as the site).

The underlying geology consists of boulder clay surrounded by an area of Keuper Marl. The present character of the site is industrial units associated with the former pressworks. Enclosed fields lie to the north and east of the site. To the south is a garden and residence and to the west is the graveyard of St. Peters Church.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The area in and around the historic medieval core of Bickenhill has a relatively high concentration of archaeological sites (Fig. 2 and Appendix 2). Evidence for settlement may date back to the mid to late Anglo-Saxon period. The Domesday survey suggests four or possibly five settlements within the area that were later incorporated into the parish, one named as Bichehelle (Bica's Hill) and another (Alia) Bichehelle (SMR MSI6198). The village of Bickenhill was originally part of the manor of Church Bickenhill, one of several such manors in the parish.

The pattern of predominately open fields in this area, suggested by medieval and post-medieval ridge and furrow, marks it out from the rest of the locality, suggesting communal

ownership and early settlement (Bridgman 1988). The area's medieval agricultural past is reflected in the numerous records of ridge and furrow in the Sites and Monuments Record (e.g. SMR MSI8586, SMR MSI9066, not illustrated).

The Grade I listed St. Peter's Church whose graveyard abuts the site, to the west (SMR MSI144), contains elements dating to the 12th century, with numerous later rebuilds. The medieval manor house of Bickenhill (SMR MSI10506) was said to have been visible as earthworks in 'pasture fields opposite church' (SMR MSI6198), but attempts to locate the early aerial photograph that this observation was based upon have so far proved fruitless. The manor house moat was attested to have been located north of the church and may have extended into the site. It has recently been suggested that Yew Tree Farm, south east of the church and south of the site, may be the location of the manor house.

There have been no known significant archaeological finds on the site. The first relevant cartographic evidence is the 1824 enclosure map (Fig. 5). This illustrates that the site was located at the southern end of an enclosed field with a 'footroad' or path running north to south along the western edge of the field. At this time the field was known as 'John Holmes old inclosure' suggesting that the field had been enclosed since at least the 18th century.

An 1839 tithe apportionment map (Fig. 5) shows very little change since 1824, except that the field, at this time is known as the 'croft', was owned by James Middleton and was retained for pasture, measuring 2 acres, 1 rod and 8 perches.

The later Ordnance Survey maps (Fig. 6) confirm that the site was retained for agricultural use until at least 1904. By 1937 the graveyard to the west has been extended and the original field has effectively been halved by the change in land use including construction of buildings probably associated with the pressworks.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The principle aim of the evaluation was to determine the character, state of preservation and the potential significance of any buried remains. This information would enable an appropriate mitigation strategy to be devised.

More specific aims were to:

- investigate the survival of structures and deposits relating to the possible medieval manor house and other medieval features,
- investigate the survival of post-medieval remains,
- investigate the potential for the site to contribute to the historic development of this part of the west midlands.

4 METHODOLOGY

4.1 Fieldwork

The site covers an area of approximately 1.5 hectares. A total of 3 trenches were excavated across the site totalling 48m² which provided a 3.5% sample of the total area (Fig. 3).

Trenches were located to provide an adequate evaluation of the area affected by the development in order to obtain information on the presence, date, character and preservation of any archaeological features or deposits.

All topsoil and modern overburden was removed using a JCB 3CX mechanical excavator with a toothless ditching bucket, under direct archaeological supervision, down to the top of the uppermost archaeological horizon or the subsoil. Subsequent cleaning and excavation was by hand.

All stratigraphic sequences were recorded, even where no archaeology was present. Features were planned at a scale of 1:20 or 1:50, and sections were drawn through all cut features and significant vertical stratigraphy at a scale of 1:10 or 1:20. A comprehensive written record was maintained using a continuous numbered context system on *pro-forma* context and feature cards. Written records and scale plans were supplemented by photographs using monochrome print, colour slide and digital photography.

The site archive will be prepared according to guidelines set down in Appendix 3 of Management of Archaeological Projects (English Heritage 1991), Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage (Walker 1990) and Standards in the Museum Care of Archaeological Collections (Museum and Art Galleries Commission 1992). The paper archive will be deposited with appropriate repository, subject to permission from the landowner.

5 RESULTS

5.1 Introduction

Detailed summaries of the individual trenches are presented in Appendix 1 and full details are available in the project archive.

5.2 Subsoil (natural)

Across the site the natural subsoil, an orange-red boulder clay, was reached at a height of between 112.49m and 112.94 AOD.

5.3 Summary of archaeological features and deposits

Three trenches were excavated. Archaeological features were found in one trench, Trench 2 (Fig. 4, Plate 2), located to the south-east of the site, where two features, a pit, 1006 (Plate 4) and a gully, 1004 (Plate 5), aligned south-west to north-east, were cut into the natural clay. No finds were recovered and therefore these features remain undated.

5.4 Overburden and topsoil

In the north and west parts of the site the natural clay subsoil was sealed by an undated grey sandy clay subsoil (1002 and 1011, Trenches 1 and 3; Fig. 4), 0.30- 0.40m deep. The natural subsoil in the south-east part of the site was overlain by a dark grey silty sandy clay containing brick rubble (1008, Trench 2; Fig. 4), of probable post-medieval date. These layers were sealed by topsoil and modern rubble overburden.

6 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The trial- trenching recorded archaeological features in one of the three trenches excavated. In Trench 2, in the south-east part of the site, a pit and gully of an unknown date cut the natural boulder clay. Although the features are undated it is possible that they could relate to medieval or post-medieval settlement activity, in view of their location. The depth of subsoil and topsoil in all the trial- trenches is consistent with the site being maintained for agricultural purposes, evident from the 18th and 19th cartographic evidence, prior to the erection of works buildings in the 20th century.

The archaeological features recorded during the evaluation will not be affected by the proposed development as they are in an area proposed for car parking. Deep groundworks are unlikely to be undertaken in this area. As the features are sealed by at least 1m of overburden they are likely to be unaffected by shallow ground works for the car park unless the groundworks exceed a depth of 0.90m below the current ground surface, in this area of the site. As the trial-trenches did not reveal any archaeological features in the area of the proposed office building there would appear to be no need for further mitigation. However, the final decision on mitigation rests with Warwickshire Museum.

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8 CARTOGRAPHIC SOURCES

- 1824 Enclosure Map. QS75/13 (extraction)
- 1839 Tithe Apportionment Map. CR328/6/1 (extraction)
- 1888 Ordnance Survey
- 1904 Ordnance Survey
- 1937 Ordnance Survey
- 1954 Ordnance Survey

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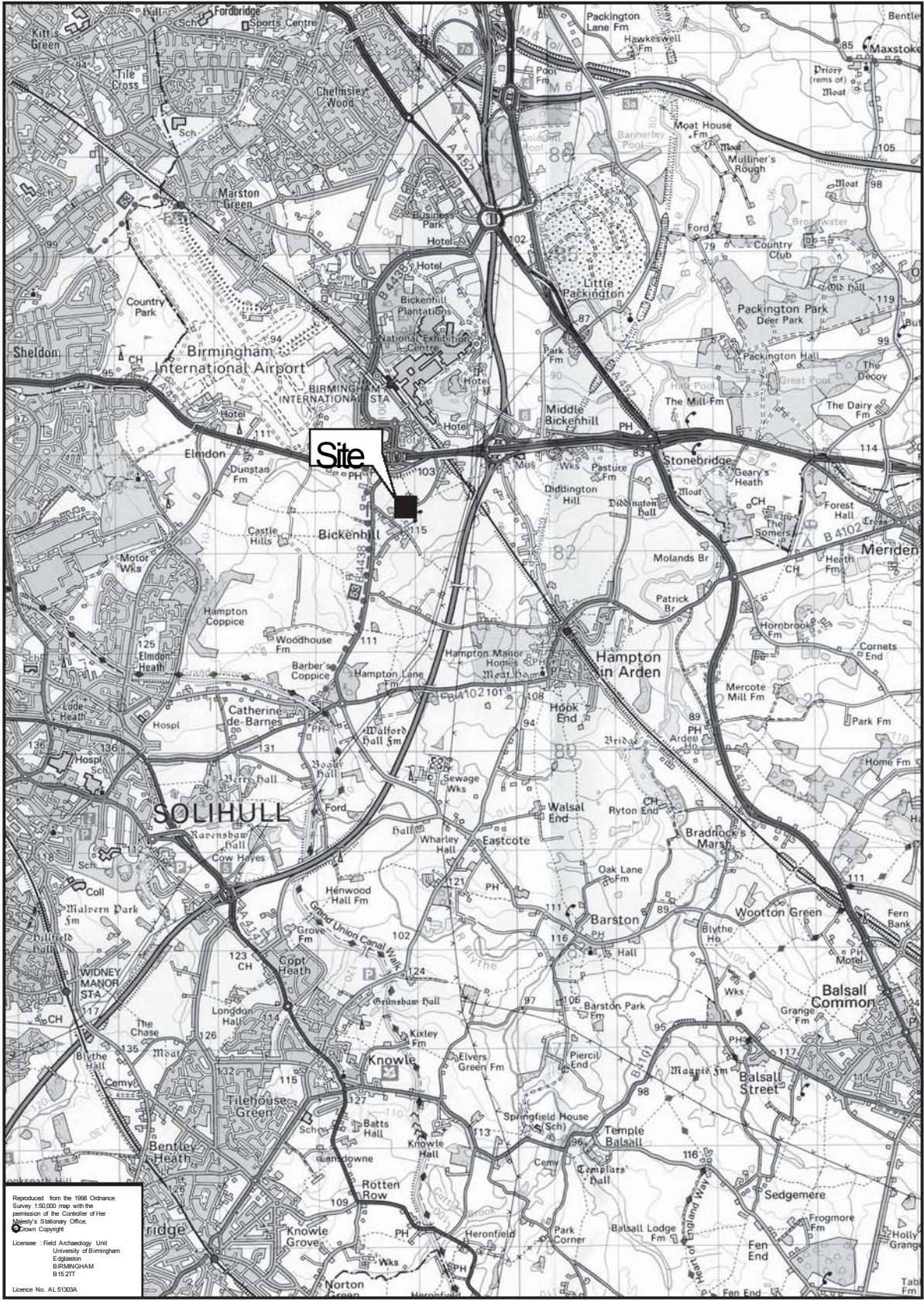


Fig.1

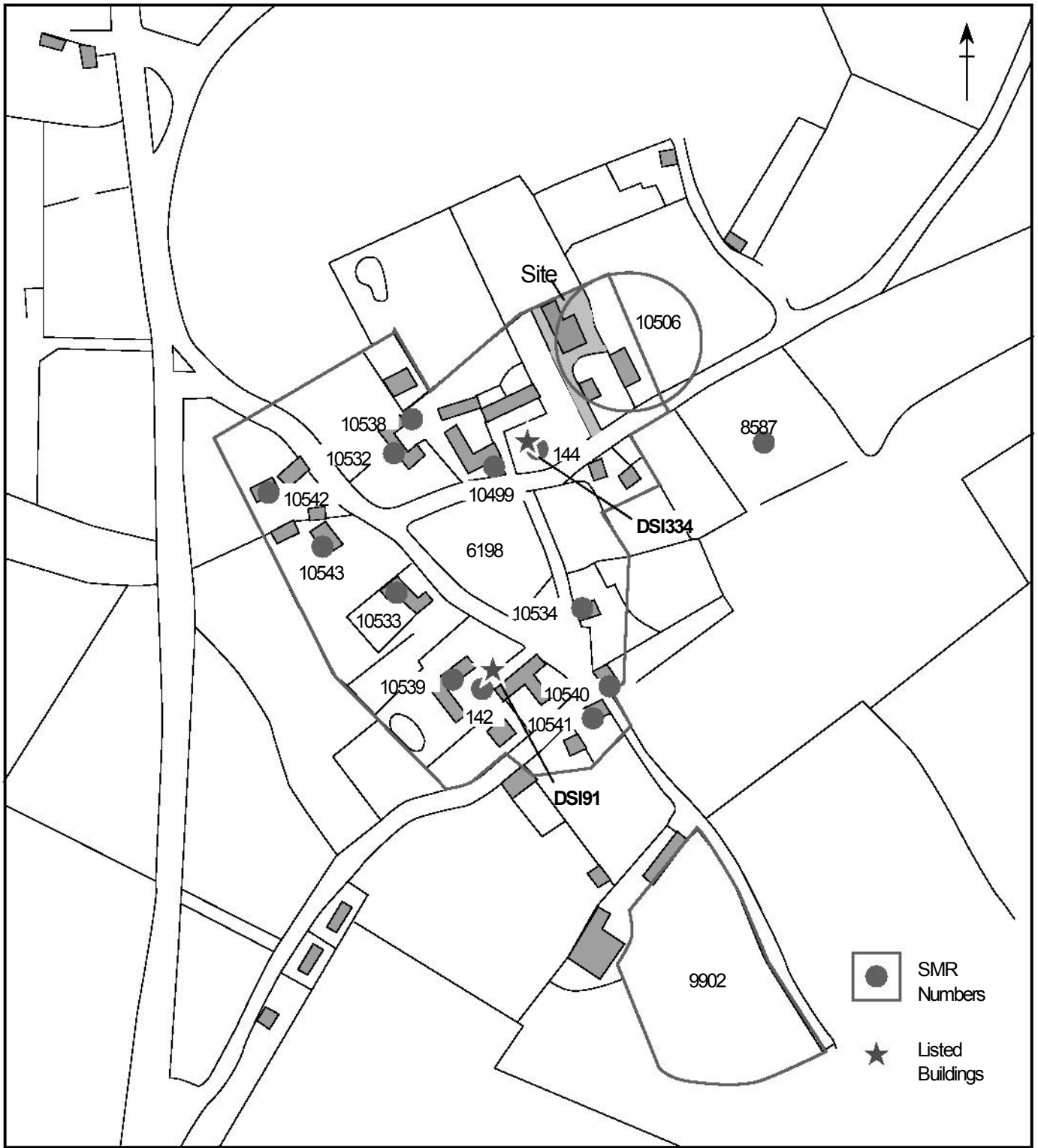


Fig.2



Fig.3

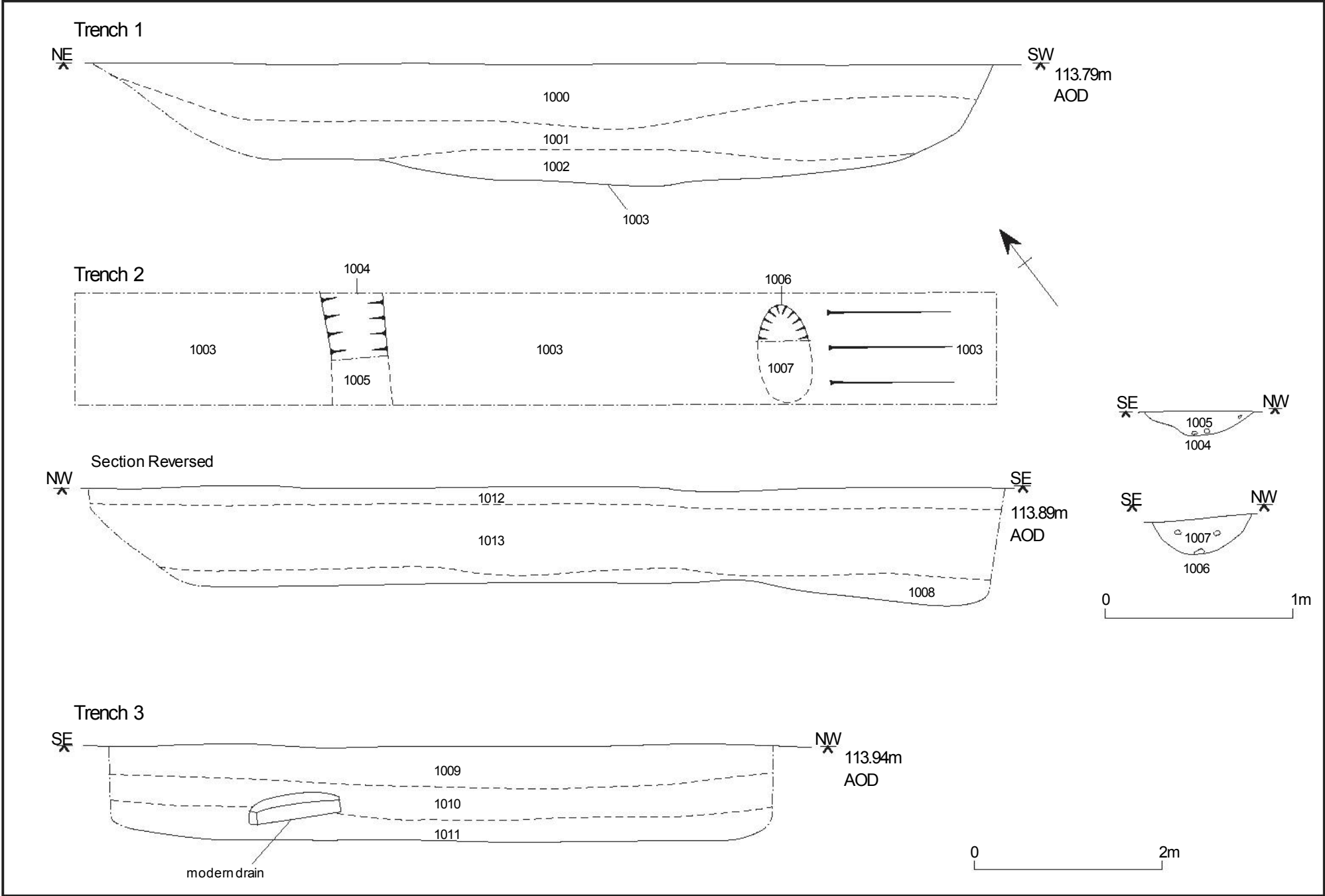


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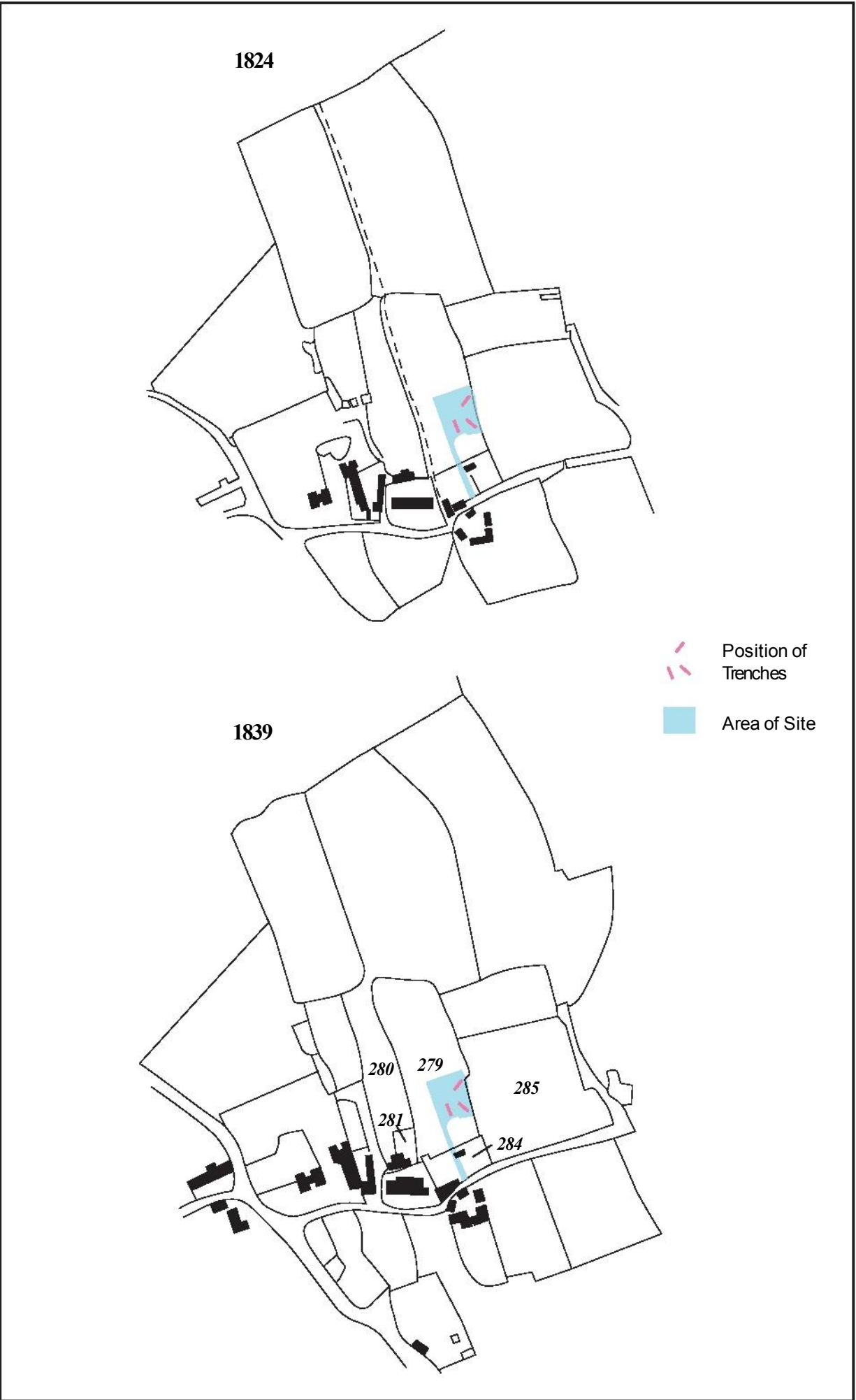


Fig.5

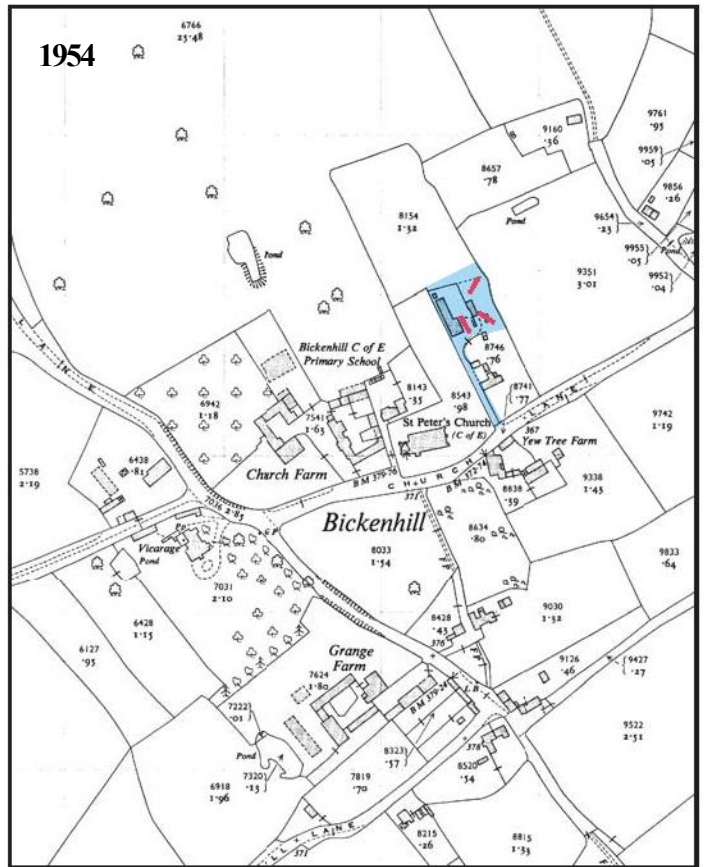
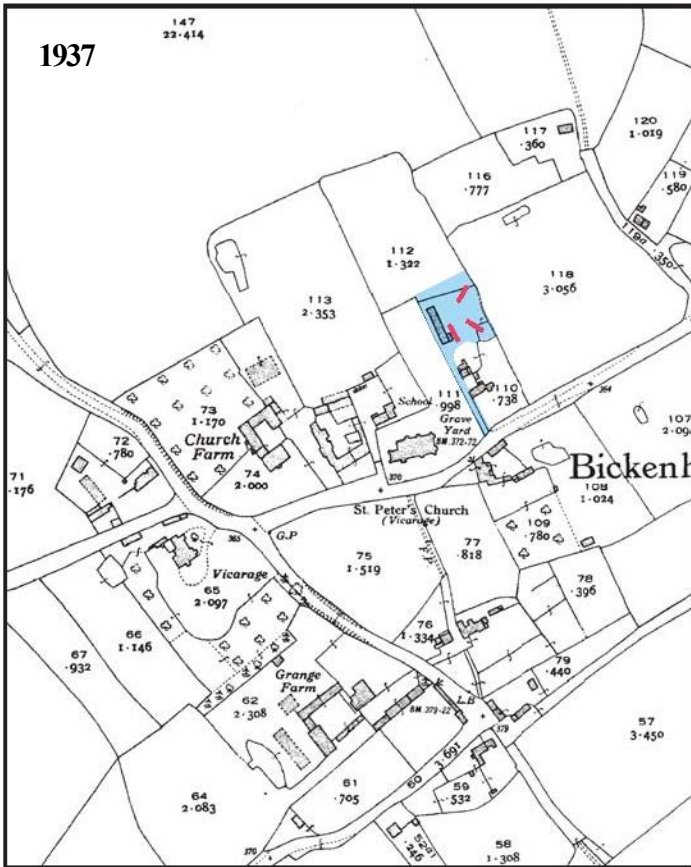
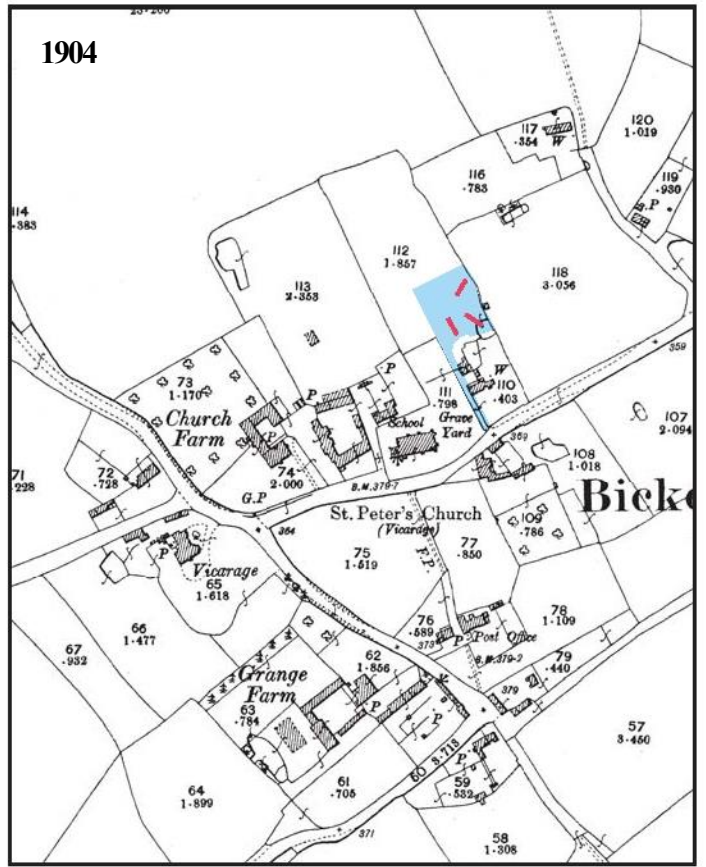
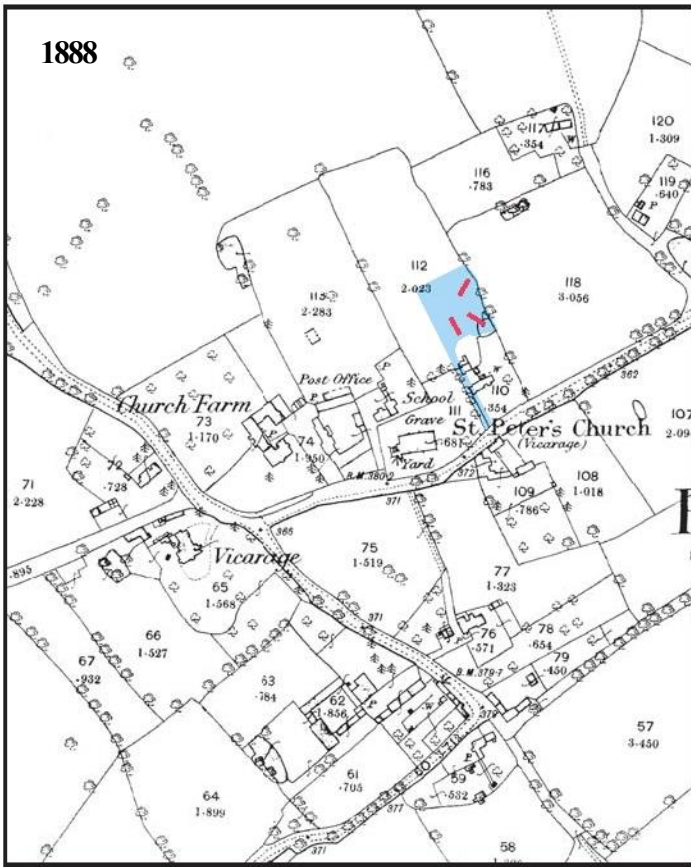


Fig6



Plate 1



Plate 2



Plate 3



Plate 4



Plate 5

APPENDIX 1: context descriptions

Contexts ordered from the earliest deposited context to the latest. Heights are the present ground level taken from the centre of each trench and shown in metres AOD.

Trench 1 (Fig. 4) (Plate 1) 10m in length x 1.6m in width

Trench stratigraphy: Natural orange-red boulder-clay (1003) was revealed 1.00- 1.30m below modern ground level (113.79m AOD). This was sealed by up to 0.40m depth of grey sandy clay subsoil (1002), which, in turn, was overlain by up to 0.20- 0.70m of root disturbed, dark brown-grey topsoil (1001). These layers were sealed by 0.30- 0.70m of (1000). No features were observed or recorded.

Trench 2 (Fig. 4) (Plate 2) 10m in length x 1.6m in width

Trench stratigraphy: Natural orange-red boulder-clay (1003) was revealed 1.00-1.30m below modern ground level (113.89m AOD), sloping down to the south-east. The trench revealed two features cut into the natural boulder-clay (see table below, Plates 4 and 5). Natural 1003 was sealed by 0.20-0.30m depth of dark grey silty sandy clay containing brick rubble (1008), possibly a levelling layer, which, in turn, was overlain by 0.70m of root disturbed brown-grey topsoil (1013). These layers were sealed by 0.20m depth concrete and tarmac overburden (1012).

Feature No.	Description	Max dimensions (m)	
		Width	Depth
1004	Gully. Aligned NE-SW with a 'bowl'- shaped profile. Exposed length 1.80m. Filled by brown sandy clay (1005). No finds.	0.60	0.12
1006	Pit with a 'bowl'- shaped profile. Whole feature exposed. Filled by grey-brown sandy clay (1007). No finds.	0.60	0.22

Trench 3 (Fig. 4) (Plate 3) 10m in length x 1.6m in width

Trench stratigraphy: Natural orange-red boulder-clay (1003) was revealed 1.00m below modern ground level (113.94m AOD). This was sealed by 0.30m depth of grey sandy clay subsoil (1011), with pebble inclusions, which, in turn, was overlain by 0.50m of dark grey-brown topsoil (1010). These layers were sealed by 0.20m depth concrete and tarmac overburden (1012). No features were observed or recorded.

APPENDIX 2: Warwickshire Sites and Monuments Records

SMR Number MS1144

Site Name CHURCH OF ST PETER; CHURCH LANE; BICKEN

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MS1144	CHURCH OF ST PETER; CHURCH LANE; BICKENHILL	Building

ish church with the N aisle and the arcade dating from the C12.

Classification and Scoring

Age and Date	Materials/Evidence
CHURCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)	
Evidence BUILDING	
Class	
Evidence BUILDING	

Listing and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1883 8241

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

Church of St Peter, Church Lane, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

OS Card Number - SP18SE 7	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 144	Active
Original Reference Number - 144	Active
Conservation Area	Active
Eclesiastical Grade (A)	Active

Description

Church of St Peter.

<3> C12 nave & N aisle of which arcade of c1140 remains. Chancel added or rebuilt c1300. N aisle widened c1330. Late C15 chapel was added. W tower built about same time; whether stone spire was coeval is not certain. C17 dates carved on tower imply important alterations or repairs, especially that of 1632, which may have amounted to a complete rebuilding of tower or addition of spire. 1887 whole of S walls of chancel and nave rebuilt; only structural features re-used were a priests' doorway & inner archway of C12 S doorway.

<3> Parish church. C12 N aisle, arcade. chancel circa 1300, N aisle widened Early C14. Late C15 N chapel and embattled W tower. Modern S porch. Spire, side turret dated 1630. Much restored 1887. Late C17 altar railings. C15 octagonal font.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP1882. On Map Sheet
Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet
Map: Ordnance Survey. 1882SE. On Map Sheet
Bibliographic reference: Salzman L F ed. 1947. Victoria County History, vol 4 Warwickshire. Warwickshire. Pages 37-39

MR Number MSI3118 Site Name WINDMILL; E OF HURDLE FARM

SMR Number 313118 Site Name WINDMILL; E OF HURDLE FARM Record Type Monument

Medieval or later windmill, the tump exists to the north of Hurdle Hall Farm.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date WINDMILL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD) Materials/Evidence Evidence SITE OF

Class Evidence SITE OF

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1828 8329 Area

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands County West Midlands

Address

Hurdle Farm, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Antiquities & Monuments Record - 3118 Active Original Reference Number - 3118 Active

Description

Windmill. 1 > 73: (Tump, now gone, as given by Skipp) Medieval (or later). P. <2> ? Post-mill . Victor Skipp says remains of this windmill is still to be seen; but farm ruinous and site taken over by Regional Security Services (Midlands) Ltd and made into enormous store mostly closed in by steel sheeting . 3 > The tump survives to the north of Hurdle Hall farm.

Sources

- Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet (1) Bibliographic reference: Seaby WA. Warwicks windmills. 7 (2) Bibliographic reference: Seaby. 1976. Windmill Survey. (3) Bibliographic reference: Skipp.V.. 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. {88}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

MR Number MS15409

Site Name CROPMARKS

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

SI5409

CROPMARKS

Monument

ropmarks.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

SITE (- Unclassified, Undated)

Evidence CROPMARK

Class

Evidence CROPMARK

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1965 8199 Area

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish Hampton in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands

County West Midlands

Address

Hampton in Arden, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 5409

Active

Original Reference Number - 5409

Active

DCY

Active

Description

Cropmarks.

1> An amorphous area of cropmark maculae, mostly circular to subcircular in shape.

<2> One macula - a dark circle - is clearly visible; the others are no longer distinct, but are recognised as an elongate anomaly.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Aerial Photograph: 1977. 1:5000 mv105.068.

(2) Aerial Photograph: 191. 1:5000 cv 1.23.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

SMR Number MSI5667

Site Name PIT; E OF BICKENHILL

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI5667

PIT; E OF BICKENHILL

Monument

Pit.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

QUARRY (Undated)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1931 8231 Area

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 5667

Active

Original Reference Number - 5667

Active

Description

Pit.

1> Pit identified from 1st edition 25" OS map during arch assessment for M42 widening scheme. Confirmed by field visit.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Hurst J. 1992. Arch Assess of M42 Widening.

(2) Map:

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

FSI341 (Event - Survey)

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI5761

Site Name UNCLASSIFIED: REAR SHADOW BROOK LANE

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI5761

UNCLASSIFIED: REAR SHADOW
BROOK LANE

Monument

known features, possibly a terrace and a pit, marked on an Ordnance Survey map of 1938.

Classification and Scoring

Time Period and Date

Materials/Evidence

SITE (Medieval to Imperial - 1066 AD to 1913 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Class

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1906 8165 Area

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish Hampton in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands

County West Midlands

Address

Shadow Brook Lane, Hampton in Arden, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

SMR Sites & Monuments Record - 5761

Active

Original Reference Number - 5761

Active

Description

<1> A possible terrace and pit marked on the OS map of 1902 with additions of 1938, 20NW.

<2> Map examined. Feature to north of original location. Mapping modified accordingly. Extremely unlikely to pre-date the medieval period. Dating changed.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Lang N. 1992. Arch Assess of M42 Widening.

() Verbal communication: Alexander, Magnus. 2006. Pers. comm. Magnus Alexander. n/a.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

MR Number MSI5762

Site Name BARN; NR M42

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

SI5762

BARN; NR M42

Building

Small building, possibly a barn.

Classification and Scoring

Period and Date

Materials/Evidence

BARN (Agriculture and Subsistence , Post-medieval to Imperial - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1940 8245

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 5762

Active

Original Reference Number - 5762

Active

Description

Barn.

> Small building, possible barn on first edition.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

) Bibliographic reference: Lang N. 1992. Arch Assess of M42 Widening.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

MR Number MSI5802

Site Name RIDGE & FURROW ADJACENT M42; NEAR BICKE

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

SI5802

RIDGE & FURROW ADJACENT M42;
NEAR BICKENHILL

Landscape

dge and Furrow.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

RIDGE AND FURROW (Agriculture and Subsistence , Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence CROPMARK

Class

Evidence CROPMARK

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1960 8220 Area

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish Hampton in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands
County West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 5802 Active
Original Reference Number - 5802 Active

Description

Ridge and Furrow.

1> Ridge & Furrow identified from APs.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Lang N. 1992. Arch Assess of M42 Widening.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI6198

Site Name Bickenhill Medieval Manor

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MSI6198	Bickenhill Medieval Manor	Monument

Medieval settlement.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date	Materials/Evidence
SETTLEMENT (Early medieval to Modern - 801 AD to 2050 AD)	
Evidence SITE OF	
Class	
Evidence SITE OF	

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1875 8235 Area

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Antiquities & Monuments Record - 6198	Active
Original Reference Number - 6198	Active

Description

- <1> Medieval Settlement.
- <2> Earthworks visible in pasture fields opposite church.
- <3> Church Bickenhill: Colony settlement, C12 church constructed & area became pre eminent site in Bickenhill parish. Area originally known as Alia Vill during AS period. 1086 Nichehelles - by 1309 the manor (of Church Bickenhill) was known as Chirchebylenhulle. Held during C12 & C13 centuries by de Bickenhills, from Ardens of Hampton. Afterwards references are few. Fishers of Packington acquired manor in C16. Married into Aylesfords & upon extinction of male Fisher line 1729 lands passed to Earls of Aylesford.
- <4> VCH strongly suggests that Church Bickenhill was a name used to distinguish the main settlement from others in the parish. Only occasionally mentioned as such. Contra 3 above. Also VCH identifies 'Alia Vill' as Hill/Middle Bickenhill rather than with this settlement.
- <5> This is not a 'colony settlement' this is the main settlement of Bickenhill. Can see no evidence to date this settlement to the 6th century. Most likely to have originated in the mid to late Anglo-Saxon period. Dates changed to reflect this.
- <6> Parish of Bickenhill, 7 miles from Birmingham city centre. For the main portion of the parish a description of the five manor boundaries was included in the Parliamentary Enclosure Award of 1824. Manors included: Marston Culy; Waves Marston; Hill and Middie Bickenhill; Church Bickenhill; Lyndon; and Kineton. Settled since 6th century A.D. by 1086 (Domesday) there were four, possibly five settlements within the area that were later incorporated into the parish. Three Domesday vills in the main portion of the parish were: Merstone (Marsh Farm), Bichehelle (Bica's Hill - named after the leader of the settlers), and the other was (Alia) Bichehelle. (originally from MS10499).

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

) Bibliographic reference: WMFWI. 1989. The West Midlands Village Book.

SMR Number MSI10510

Site Name Hurdle Hall Farm (Site?) A45

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10510

Hurdle Hall Farm (Site?) A45

Building

House, part of which dates from the c1630.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

HOUSE (Domestic/Settlement , Post-medieval - 1600 AD to 1699 AD)

Class

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1820 8306

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Hurdle Hall Farm, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

SMR Number - 10510

Active

Original Reference Number - 10510

Active

Description

House.

> Part of the house dates from c.1630, but maybe earlier.

Possibility of farm being demolished and located under modern factory site.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference: Skipp, V., 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. {90}

Bibliographic reference:

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

MR Number MS10506

Site Name - MANOR HOUSE; CHURCH BICKENHILL

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

SI10506

MANOR HOUSE; CHURCH BICKENHILL

Monument

ite of possible Manor House.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

MANOR HOUSE (Medieval to Post-medieval - 1066 AD to 1677 AD)

MOAT (Medieval to Post-medieval - 1066 AD to 1677 AD)

Class

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

UP 1889 8248

Area

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

* Manor House, Church Bickenhill, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10506

Active

Original Reference Number - 10506

Active

Description

ite of possible Manor House.

<1> Site? of Manor house. No dwelling mentioned at either Hill or Middle Bickenhill. Despite fact that Castle Hills looks like and sounds like a likely candidate, it is excluded since estate was, from earliest times, associated with Manor of Hampton in garden. Only clue is from 1677 survey of fisher lands. Thomas Brookes is described as holding "the scite of the house called the Mannor House". Also, Brookes held as one of his homes closed a field called The Backehouse Croft; this can be accurately mapped and lies SE of St. Peter's Church. The term "backehouse" could be interpreted as "bakehouse", as manorial bakehouse was often found at the centre of a medieval village. If name is taken as written, it would then suggest acroft at back of house ie. the Manor house. From the position of the field in question, this points certainly to a Manor house in village nucleus itself, and perhaps the most likely site is that now occupied by Yew Tree Farm.

Moat on photocopy of early AP in SMR ? N of church as earthwork. Probably now built over by church hall - check - HAW

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Skipp V. 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. 22, 23

Associated Finds

SMR Number MSI10532

Site Name Church Farm, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10532

Church Farm, Bickenhill

Building

Originally a Tudor building - now largely C19.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

FARMHOUSE (Domestic/Settlement, Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Materials/Evidence

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1872 8243

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County West Midlands

Address

Church Farm, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10532

Active

Original Reference Number - 10532

Active

Description

A tudor building.

<1> A Tudor building on the Aylesford print c.1820. Now cased in Victorian brick. Timber work is still visible in one of the barns. It was farmed by John Whitehouse - 1841 Census Return.

<2> Largely a 19th century building, which probably incorporates an earlier structure. The two storey farmhouse is built with red brick and has a tiled roof with three gables. The chimney stack has diagonally set joined shafts. There are two ground floor bay windows; all other windows are flush casement.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {8}

(1) Bibliographic reference: Skipp V. 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. {91} {81}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

SMR Number MSI10533

Site Name Vicarage, Bickenhill

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MSI10533	Vicarage, Bickenhill	Monument

The Vicarage, dating from C19.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

HOUSE (Domestic/Settlement, Imperial - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

Materials/Evidence

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1873 8231

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

Vicarage, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10533

Active

Original Reference Number - 10533

Active

Description

Vicarage.

<1> The Vicarage. An imposing Georgian building. Perhaps the immediate successor of the Vicarage burned down during the incumbency of Henry Karver (1716?- 1731).

<2> 19th century two storey, shallow gabled dwelling known today as Church Garth. It was once the Church Vicarage. The house is set in a large well wooded garden.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {12}

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Skipp V. 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. {91}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

SMR Number MSI10534

Site Name The Croft, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10534

The Croft, Bickenhill

Building

Some C17 timber framing remain of this red brick house.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

HOUSE (Domestic/Settlement , Post-medieval - 1600 AD to 1699 AD)

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1886 8230

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County West Midlands

Address

The Croft, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10534

Active

Original Reference Number - 10534

Active

Description

Building.

<1> A little of it's 17th century timber-framing is still visible. Most of the walls are of later red brick.

<2> A much remodelled one storey farmhouse with attic, replaced in red brick, but with some 17th century framework still visible. It has a machine tiled gable roof and modern lattice casement windows.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {8}

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Skipp V. 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. {91}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

SMR Number MSI10538

Site Name Barn adjacent to Church Farmhouse, Bickenhill

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MSI10538	Barn adjacent to Church Farmhouse, Bickenhill	Building

A C19 red brick building.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

BARN (Agriculture and Subsistence , Imperial - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

Materials/Evidence

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1870 8245

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

Church Farmhouse, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10538	Active
Original Reference Number - 10538	Active

Description

Barn.

<1> A 19th century red brick structure with a gabled tiled roof. It has a tall elliptical doorway set in a projecting gabled bay and has diaper pattern ventilation holes created by missing bricks.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {8}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MSI10539

Site Name Grange Farm Barn, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10539

Grange Farm Barn, Bickenhill

Building

A C17 or C18 timber framed barn.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

BARN (Agriculture and Subsistence , Post-medieval to Imperial - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence

BUILDING

Class

Evidence

BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1877 8225

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Grange Farm Barn, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10539

Active

Original Reference Number - 10539

Active

Description

Barn.

<1> Barn situated adjacent to Grange Farm. A 17th or 18th century timber frame structure within whitewashed brick nogging and a corrugated asbestos roof.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {10}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI10540

Site Name Rose Bank, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10540

Rose Bank, Bickenhill

Building

An C18 or C19 cottage.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

HOUSE (Domestic/Settlement , Post-medieval to Imperial - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence

BUILDING

Class

Evidence

BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1889 8225

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Rose Bank, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10540

Active

Original Reference Number - 10540

Active

Description

Building.

<1> An 18th or 19th century one storey cottage with attics. The walls are colour washed pebble-dash and the roof is tiled. Four modern box dormers have been added and on the ground floor there are four modern casement windows, flush set with glazing bars.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {10}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MS110541

Site Name Hazel Cottage and The Old School House, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MS110541

Hazel Cottage and The Old School House, Bickenhill

Building

Two semi detached C19 houses.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

HOUSE (Domestic/Settlement , Post-medieval to Imperial - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Materials/Evidence

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1886 8224

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County West Midlands

Address

Hazel Cottage/The Old School House, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10541

Original Reference Number - 10541

Active

Active

Description

houses.

<1> Two semi-detached 19th century two storey dwellings built in the Tudor style. The walls have stucco cladding, the roof is tiled and has two chimney stacks, both with four crested shafts. The windows are lattice casement with chamfered surrounds.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference:

- 1) Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas in Solihull. {10}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MSI10542

Site Name Glebe Farm, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10542

Glebe Farm, Bickenhill

Building

A large C19 red brick farmhouse. It retains some early C15 timbering inside.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

FARMHOUSE (Domestic/Settlement , Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1862 8238

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County West Midlands

Address

Glebe Farm, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10542

Active

Original Reference Number - 10542

Active

Description

Building.

<1> A large 19th century two storey red brick farmhouse with a tiled roof and retaining some early 15th century internal timbering. The house has an attractive frontage and is partly screened by trees and a mature hedgegrow.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {12}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MSI10543

Site Name Harpsford, Bickenhill

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10543

Harpsford, Bickenhill

Monument

C19 dwelling, probably converted from the stables or coach house of Church Garth which lies adjacent.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

HOUSE (Domestic/Settlement , Imperial - 1800 AD to 1899 AD)

Evidence BUILDING

Class

Evidence BUILDING

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1870 8235

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Harpsford, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10543

Active

Original Reference Number - 10543

Active

Description

Building.

<1> A small two storey 19th century whitewashed brick dwelling, probably converted from the stables or coach house of Church Garth which lies adjacent.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Richardson & Scampion. 1977. Conservation Areas In Solihull. {12}

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MSI10573

Site Name THE CLOCK PH; A45; BICKENHILL

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MSI10573	THE CLOCK PH; A45; BICKENHILL	Building

Public House, it retains its original sign but it is a modern building.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date	Materials/Evidence
INN (Post-medieval to Imperial - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)	
Evidence SITE OF	

Class

Evidence SITE OF

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1846 8290

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

The Clock, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10573	Active
Original Reference Number - 10573	Active

Description

Public House.

<1> Public House. Inn shown on 1839 Tithe Map. Retains original sign, but modern building. Clock originally situated in Church Bickenhill village but moved, probably in early C19, to catch custom of Turnpike road. Sited to S of St Peter's Church originally.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference: Skipp.V.. 1963. Discovering Bickenhill. {88} {89} {91}

Bibliographic reference:

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MS110828

Site Name OLD ROAD; BICKENHILL TO MERIDEN

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MS110828	OLD ROAD; BICKENHILL TO MERIDEN	Monument

Earlier road line from Church Bickenhill to Stonebridge and Meriden.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

ROAD (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Materials/Evidence

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1940 8267 Area

SP 2000 8282

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10828	Active
Original Reference Number - 10828	Active

Description

Road.

<1> Earlier road line from Church Bickenhill to Stonebridge & Meriden crossed by M42 at SP197828.

<2> Element to S of Cottage Farm recorded as holloway - SMR 5727 - during M42 assessment.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

- (1) Article in serial: G.L. Bishop. 1976. The M42 Motorway. 4;
- (2) Bibliographic reference: Hurst JD. M42 Widening Arch Assess.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated individuals

SMR Number MSI10926

Site Name RIDGE & FURROW; N OF BICKENHILL

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10926

RIDGE & FURROW; N OF BICKENHILL

Landscape

Ridge and Furrow.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

RIDGE AND FURROW (Agriculture and Subsistence, Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1880 8280

Approximate

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10926

Active

Original Reference Number - 10926

Active

Description

Ridge and Furrow.

<1> Seen on AP 58/921 16 July 52 F:10.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: 1998. STW Security of Supplies Main Assess.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI10975

Site Name RIDGE & FURROW; E OF CLOCKLANE; S OF CO

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI10975

RIDGE & FURROW; E OF CLOCKLANE;
S OF COVENTRY RD; BICKENHILL

Landscape

Before the new roundabout there was ridge and furrow.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

RIDGE AND FURROW (Agriculture and Subsistence , Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1860 8280 Area

Administrative Area

Borough Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County West Midlands

Address

Clock Lane, Coventry Road, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 10975 Active
Original Reference Number - 10975 Active

Description

Ridge and Furrow.

<1> One field strong curved Ridge & Furrow earthworks under pasture (ie before new roundabout built - HAW).

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Aerial Photograph: 1973. 38.73.0137.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI5664

Site Name PIT/QUARRY; HOME FARM

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI5664

PIT/QUARRY; HOME FARM

Monument

t and ridge and furrow covering field.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

QUARRY (Unknown date)

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1950 8175

Area

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Hampton in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Home Farm, Hampton in Arden, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 5664

Active

Original Reference Number - 5664

Active

Description

Pit and Ridge and Furrow.

<1> Circular soilmark identified from aerial photos as part of M42 archaeological assessment. Rapid field survey revealed it to be a large depression, possibly a pit.

<2> Ridge & Furrow, N-S over field. Quarry in NE corner only.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Hurst J. 1992. Arch Assess of M42 Widening.

(2) Aerial Photograph: 4.1980. 892.6716.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

ESI341 (Event - Survey)

Associated Individuals

SMR Number MSI5666

Site Name PIT

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI5666

PIT

Monument

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

QUARRY (Undated)

Assessment

Dating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

OS 1950 8188

Area

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Hampton in Arden, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Hampton in Arden, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Listes & Monuments Record - 5666

Active

Original Reference Number - 5666

Active

Description

Pit.

> <2> Soilmark identified from aerial photographs as part of arch assessment for M42 widening. Confirmed by field visit. Possible pit.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(1) Bibliographic reference: Hurst J. 1992. Arch Assess of M42 Widening.

(2) Aerial Photograph:

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

ESI341 (Event - Survey)

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI8586

Site Name RIDGE & FURROW; SE OF BICKENHILL VILLAGE

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI8586

RIDGE & FURROW; SE OF BICKENHILL VILLAGE

Landscape

Ridge and Furrow.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

RIDGE AND FURROW (Agriculture and Subsistence, Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP1903 8192 Area

Administrative Area

Township Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County West Midlands

Address

Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 8586 Active
Original Reference Number - 8586 Active

Description

Ridge and Furrow.

<1> Irregular wide rig ridge & furrow as earthwork adjacent to stream.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet
Bibliographic reference:
<1> Aerial Photograph: 1977, 106.034.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI8587

Site Name RIDGE & FURROW; E OF YEW TREE FARM; BIC

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI8587

RIDGE & FURROW; E OF YEW TREE
FARM; BICKENHILL

Landscape

Ridge and Furrow.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

RIDGE AND FURROW (Agriculture and Subsistence , Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Class

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1900 8238 Area

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Yew Tree Farm, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 8587

Active

Original Reference Number - 8587

Active

Description

Ridge and Furrow.

<1> WNW-ESE ridge & furrow as earthwork under pasture.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(<1>) Aerial Photograph: 1977. 06.034.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI9066

Site Name RIDGE & FURROW; W OF CLOCK LANE; BICKEN

SMR Number

Site Name

Record Type

MSI9066

RIDGE & FURROW; W OF CLOCK
LANE; BICKENHILL

Landscape

Ridge and Furrow.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date

Materials/Evidence

RIDGE AND FURROW (Agriculture and Subsistence, Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence

EARTHWORK

Class

Evidence

EARTHWORK

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1838 8280

Area

Administrative Area

Borough

Solihull, West Midlands

Civil Parish

Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands

County

West Midlands

Address

Clock Lane, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 9066

Active

Original Reference Number - 9066

Active

Description

Ridge and Furrow.

<1> Roughly N-S ridge & furrow as earthwork under pasture.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

<1> Aerial Photograph: 4.1980. 892.6477.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

SMR Number MSI9902

Site Name CROPMARKS; 10M W OFF TRACK; OFF ST PETE

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MSI9902	CROPMARKS; 10M W OFF TRACK; OFF ST PETERS LANE; BICKENHILL	Monument

Cropmark showing a possible ring ditch.

Classification and Scoring

Type and Date	Materials/Evidence
RING DITCH (Early Neolithic to Post-medieval - 4000 BC to 1750 AD)	
Evidence CROPMARK	

Class

Evidence CROPMARK

Rating and Scoring

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 1896 8205 Area

Administrative Area

Borough	Solihull, West Midlands
Civil Parish	Bickenhill, Solihull, West Midlands
County	West Midlands

Address

Off St Peters Lane, Bickenhill, West Midlands

Historic Names

Status and other references

Sites & Monuments Record - 9902	Active
Original Reference Number - 9902	Active

Description

Possible Ring Ditch.

<1> Cropmark showing possible ring ditch in NE corner of field, under arable.

Sources

Map: Ordnance Survey. SP18SE. On Map Sheet

Bibliographic reference:

(<1>) Aerial Photograph: 1980. 892.8355.

Associated Finds

Associated Events/Activities

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

