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SUMMARY

An archaeological desk-based assessment was carried out in June 2009 on land adjacent to Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire (SP 68918 49481). The work was commissioned by the Development Planning Partnership (DPP), on behalf of Tesco Stores Ltd., in advance of a proposed extension of their retail premises at the site.

A search was made of all relevant and readily available published and unpublished documentary source material, including historic maps of the study area, held by the Northamptonshire Record Office (NRO) and at the libraries of the University of Birmingham. The Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record (HER), the principal source of archaeological data for the county, was also consulted. A walkover assessment of the proposed development area was also undertaken in order to assess the topography and any above-ground archaeology, including any standing buildings.

The current study has established that during the medieval and post-medieval periods the proposed development site was in use as agricultural fields, up until the creation of the railway line and station in the 19th century.

Previous archaeological work conducted on and in the vicinity of the site has uncovered a large quantity of Roman material. The possible rubbish dump found on the site in 1864, along with evidence for structures and a possible cemetery directly to the northwest of the site, suggest that there is a high potential for archaeological remains to be found on the site.

The construction of the railway line and station in the 19th century, along with the construction of the foundry and the Tesco store, may have disturbed any archaeological remains. However, the areas of scrubland to the north and northwest appear not to have been affected by any of these developments, and therefore the highest potential for archaeological remains is in these areas.

Due to the localised presence of significant archaeological remains a programme of trial excavations is recommended to evaluate the proposed site prior to development. A programme of trial trenching will also minimise the risk of archaeological finds impacting upon the time schedule for the development.

The results of the evaluation will inform a mitigation strategy for the site that should allow for work to continue to schedule, even in the event of archaeological discoveries on the site.

Final decisions regarding the requirement for, and nature and extent of any further programme of archaeological works rest with the relevant planning archaeologist.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Project

- 1.1.1 Birmingham Archaeology was commissioned in March 2009 by Development Planning Partnership (DPP), working on behalf Tesco Stores Limited, to undertake an archaeological desk-based assessment in respect of an area of land at Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire centred on NGR SP 68918 49481 (Fig 1). The assessment was carried out to support a planning application for the proposed extension of retail premises at the site.
- 1.1.2 This report outlines the results of the assessment, which has been prepared in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment* (IfA, 2008).
- 1.1.3 This report has been based upon information current and available as of June 2009. Details of archaeological terms used in this report are given in the glossary (Appendix A).

2 SITE LOCATION AND GEOLOGY

2.1 Site Location

- 2.1.1 The proposed development site is located approximately 800 m northeast of the historic centre of Towcester, centred on NGR SP 68918 49481 (Fig 1). The site is bounded by Old Tiffield Road to the west, the A5 Watling Street to the southwest, Degra and Hinkley House to the west, and scrubland to the north and northwest.
- 2.1.2 The underlying geology of the area is Upper Lias clay, overlain by alluvial soils of the Fladbury 1 Association. Clayey soils of the Wickham 2 Association may be present on the higher parts of the site (Soil Survey 1983).
- 2.1.3 The present character of the site is a Tesco's store, loading bay and carpark, as well as scrubland to the north and northwest. The scrubland is located at a slightly higher elevation to the rest of the site, and slopes gently down from north to south.
- 2.1.4 For the purposes of the current assessment, an area around the proposed development site boundary has been included, 500 m in radius and centred on NGR SP 68918 49481 to place the site within its immediate archaeological and historical context. The development site and buffer zone together are referred to hereafter as the 'study area'. Where relevant, sites located beyond the study area have been included, where they have been shown to be of direct significance to the understanding the study area within its local context.

2.2 Statutory Designations

- 2.2.1 The study area contains three Grade II listed buildings (Fig 2), all of which are located to the southeast of the site. The listed buildings consist of an 18th century Bell House (LBS 235199), and a 19th century house (LBS 235200), both on Watling Street, as well as 19th century lodges, gates, and gatepiers (LBS 234890).

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The general aim of the archaeological desk-based assessment was to collate existing archaeological and historic information relating to the proposed development site and its immediate environs, and to establish their historical context and archaeological potential. A further objective was to assess the necessity for and nature of any further stage of archaeological recording that may be needed by way of mitigation in advance of the infilling of the complex.

4 METHODOLOGY

4.1 Documentary Research

- 4.1.1 A search was made of all relevant and readily available published and unpublished documentary source material, including historic maps of the study area, held by the Northamptonshire Record Office (NRO) and at the libraries of the University of Birmingham. The Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record (HER), the principal source of archaeological data for the county, was also consulted.

4.2 Site Assessment

- 4.2.1 Subsequent to the completion of initial documentary research as outlined above, a walkover assessment of the proposed development area was undertaken in order to assess the topography and any above-ground archaeology, including any standing buildings.

5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT

5.1 The Prehistoric Period (Fig 3)

- 5.1.1 There is very little evidence of prehistoric activity within the study area. A single stone axe (MNN25969) was discovered to the northeast of the site, and an Iron Age gold stater of Andoco (MNN26563) was found in 1987, directly to the north of the site. Several sherds of Iron Age pottery were uncovered within a pottery scatter (MNN37001) also to the north of the site, and residual sherds of Iron Age pottery have also been noted at various sites within the study area.

- 5.1.2 Although there is no direct evidence of prehistoric activity within the study area, it has been suggested that the origins of Towcester lie in this period, and that the settlement was as extensive as the later Roman settlement (Woodfield, 1995).

5.2 The Romano-British Period (Fig 4)

- 5.2.1 The site is located approximately 800 m northeast of the centre of the Roman town of Lactodurum (MNN3659), now occupied by Towcester. However only the northern most fringes of the town, outside of the defences, are located within the study area.

- 5.2.2 Lactodurum was most likely settled in the 1st century AD, however there has been a distinct lack of building remains discovered dating to this period, and the settlement date is based on the abundant amount of pottery sherds and coins found in features dating to the Flavian period (Taylor *et al* 2002), as well as isolated findspots such as that of a denarius coin (MNN19088), struck in AD69 which was found directly west of the site on the other side of Watling Street.
- 5.2.3 The name Lactodurum most likely comes from the British *Lacto* meaning 'milk' and the British and Gaulish *duro* meaning fort (Rivet & Smith 1979). The significance of 'milk' is unclear although it has been suggested that it may relate to the colour of the River Tove which runs alongside the town, or that the *lacto* may be "an ablaut form of Welsh *Ilaith*, 'damp, moist,' being possibly the earlier Celtic name of the Tove." (Mawer & Stenton 1933, 95).
- 5.2.4 Towards the end of the 1st and the beginning of the 2nd century AD, Watling Street, and the areas immediately surrounding it appear to have been laid out and the routes between Watling Street and the Roman centres of Brackley/ Evenley, Alchester, and Irchester "were formalised and additional buildings constructed close to their frontages" (Taylor *et al* 2002, 7). Viatores (1964) has also suggested the presence of a road between Watling Street and Duston along the line of Old Tiffield Road, which bounds the site to the north and east. However the evidence for such a route remains scarce.
- 5.2.5 The town expanded during this period and a large defensive earthen rampart and ditch was constructed around the centre of the town towards the end of the 2nd century AD. Settlement evidence has been uncovered up to 1 km along the roads leading out of the town, which suggests that the area outside of the defences continued to thrive. Within the study area, to the south of the River Tove a concentration of finds (MNN26570, MNN37002 & MNN32837), a boundary ditch (MNN140780), and a possible surface (MNN140778) were found to either side of Watling street, outside of the North Gate.
- 5.2.6 The area around the River Tove has a distinct absence of finds, which is most likely due to its location in a low-lying and marshy area (RCHM 1982). However, further north in the immediate vicinity of the development site, a large concentration of isolated finds (MNN 19079, MNN19084, MNN37001, MNN36602), as well as a number of ditches (MNN31429, MNN35470, MNN19051, MNN33345, MNN31403, MNN140790, MNN140791, MNN140792, MNN140793, MNN140773, and MNN140786), a road (MNN115877), trackways (MNN115815 and MNN115815), building remains (MNN140797, MNN115813, MNN31430, and MNN31402), and two possible cemeteries (MNN19078 and MNN8517/ MNN19915) have been uncovered dating to the Roman period, suggesting a settlement core being located in the vicinity.
- 5.2.7 Occupation, both inside and outside of the town's defences continued into the 4th century AD, and in some parts even into the early 5th century AD (Taylor *et al* 2002).

5.3 The Anglo-Saxon Period (Fig 5)

- 5.3.1 Evidence for this period is scarce, with only a single short long-cross brooch (MNN140796) found to the north of the site in 1987, being located within the study area. Outside of the study area, evidence is just as scarce with only a handful of pottery sherds being recovered from the vicinity of Bury Mound in the centre of

Towcester (Taylor *et al* 2002). It seems likely that at the very least the suburbs of Towcester were unoccupied during this period, probably reverting to agricultural use.

- 5.3.2 During the late Saxon period, Watling Street marked one of the boundaries of Danelaw, and Towcester became the centre of a royal estate, most likely due to its position as the most defensible town along the boundary (Greenall 1979).

5.4 The Medieval Period (Fig 6)

- 5.4.1 The Domesday book states that Towcester was a rural manor and most likely the centre of local administration by the end of the 11th century (Morris 1979). In 1086 the king held Towcester, but during the early 12th century the manor was granted to the St Hilary family. Up until the early 16th century the ownership of the manor changed numerous times, until it was purchased by Richard Femor, and this link with the Femor Hesketh family continues to this day (Taylor 2002)

- 5.4.2 Towcester's location on Watling Street at the junction with the Oxford to Northampton road meant that it became an important trading centre, and although a market is not recorded until 1220, it is possible that one existed here by the end of the 11th century.

- 5.4.3 Evidence for medieval activity within the study area is limited to a number of areas of ridge and furrow (MNN115120, MNN132472, MNN140794, MNN115886, and MNN133446), a pottery scatter (MNN34861) to the west of the site, as well as a concentration of structures (MNN115887, MNN140781, MNN115932 and MNN115989) to the south of the River Tove, located on either side of Watling Street. These buildings include the Chapel of St Leonard (MNN115888), and a leper hospital (MNN11518) associated with the chapel which was first mentioned in 1200. Following the decline of leprosy in the late medieval period, the hospital, rather than being turned into a normal infirmary as was the usual practice at this time, appears to have gone out of use and been abandoned by the mid 15th century.

- 5.4.4 The lack of any of medieval finds north of the River Tove, apart from the ridge and furrow and an isolated pottery scatter, suggests that the majority of the study area was agricultural land during this period.

5.5 The Post-medieval Period (Fig 7)

- 5.5.1 During the 18th and early 19th centuries Towcester continued to prosper as a thoroughfare town. However with the construction of the London to Birmingham Railway (MNN101328) in 1838, the towns economy went into decline.

- 5.5.2 In 1872 a station (MNN101330 and MNN37248) was opened on the Stratford and Midland Junction Railway line at Old Tiffield Road, to the north of Towcester on an area of land to the east of the A5 Watling Street. Although this was hoped to increase the economy of the town, no significant changes were seen (Taylor 2002).

- 5.5.3 To the north of the railway station Hesketh Hotel (MNN140514) was built in the late 19th century. However the hotel went out of use and is now used as a remand home named Degra House (MNN101324).

- 5.5.4 In the mid 20th century, the Stratford and Midland Junction Railway line was closed and Towcester Railway Station was converted into a foundry. The existing Tesco

supermarket premises were erected in the early 1990s on the site of the former railway station and foundry.

6 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDY AREA

6.1 Previous archaeological work (Fig 8)

- 6.1.1 Within the study area a number of sites have previously had archaeological work undertaken on them, the majority of them revealing evidence of Roman activity.
- 6.1.2 In 2003, excavations to the north of the site at Tove Valley Business Park (ENN103592 & ENN103639) revealed evidence of Roman settlement as well as a possible enclosure ditch (Lewis 2003).
- 6.1.3 To the northwest of the site, along the eastern edge of the Watling Street, a number of excavations have taken place between 1975 and 1990. These revealed evidence of a possible Roman cemetery (ENN5539 & ENN5541), as well as settlement evidence in the form of pits, ditches, and building foundations (ENN18622 & ENN5547) (Steadman & Dix 1990).
- 6.1.4 Between 1988 and 1989 archaeological work (ENN5546, ENN5548 & ENN104529) was undertaken along the western side of Watling Street to the west of the site. These revealed boundary ditches running parallel to or at right angles to Watling Street, most likely dating to the Roman period.
- 6.1.5 Excavations at Mandalay House (ENN18235) in 1993, directly to the west of the development site, revealed Roman pottery dating to the 2nd and 3rd centuries (Soden 1993).
- 6.1.6 In 1864 several Roman coins, fragments of glass and 100 Roman vessels were recovered during the construction of Towcester Railway Station. The large amount of vessels uncovered is thought to represent a rubbish dump, which would indicate a settlement in the close vicinity.
- 6.1.7 Excavations to the south of the River Tove have revealed evidence of a possible ford across the river (ENN12422), as well as the remains of the medieval leper hospital (ENN101518) (Atkins 2001). Residual Roman pottery was also uncovered during trial trenching for Payne's Nursery in 1991 (ENN18243) (Shaw 1992).
- 6.1.8 To the northwest of the site, excavations in 1998 revealed unstratified Roman finds as well as the remains of the Stratford and Midland Junction Railway line (ENN19239) (Woodfield & Woodfield 1998). A watching brief (ENN103729) during the construction of flood defences in 2003 also to the northwest, revealed evidence of medieval ridge and furrow (McAree 2003).
- 6.1.9 Trial trenching in 1996 (ENN14638) and an excavation (ENN100515) and watching brief (ENN100516) in 1999 to the east of the site, revealed evidence of an avenue or causeway running roughly east into Easton Newton Park (Zeevat 1999).

6.2 Cartographic evidence

- 6.2.1 The earliest available pre-Ordnance Survey maps of the study area and development site are the 1827 Byrant map (Plate 1), the 1841 Tithe map (Plate 2), and the 1855 Spooner map (Plate 3). All of these show the development site within a single, large field, bounded to the north and east by what is now called the Old Tiffield Road, but which was not named on any of the maps.
- 6.2.2 The Ordnance Survey First Edition of 1884 (Fig 9) is the first map to show development on the site. Towcester Railway Station, which was opened in 1872, is shown covering the site area, with Hesketh Hotel directly to the northeast. The Railway line is shown running roughly northeast-southwest through the middle of the site, and along the edge of Old Tiffield Road.
- 6.2.3 A tree lined avenue is visible running approximately east-west to the northeast of the site, truncated by the railway line. This avenue probably represents the principle avenue from Easton Newton House, which was built in the late 17th/ early 18th century (Pevsner 1973), although it was not visible on the earlier maps of the area.
- 6.2.4 The 1900 Ordnance Survey map (Fig 10) shows a slight expansion to the railway station and Hesketh Hotel. However, no other changes to the area are visible.
- 6.2.5 By the time of the 1977 Ordnance Survey map (Fig 11), the railway line has been abandoned, and the station has been converted into a foundry. New buildings are present along the eastern edge of Old Tiffield Road, and Hesketh Hotel has been renamed as Manderlay, however very little structural change appears to have been made to the former hotel. The tree lined avenue is still visible, although only in the area between Watling Street and the former railway line.

6.3 Walkover survey

- 6.3.1 A walkover survey of the proposed development site was made in June 2009. The site is currently a Tesco store, loading bay, and carpark, with scrubland to the north and northeast. Access to the scrubland was limited due the density of the scrub, as well as general access problems (Plate 4).
- 6.3.2 The Tesco store, loading bay, and carpark are located on flat ground, which appears to have been levelled at some point. The scrubland is on slightly higher ground and slopes gradually down from north to south. A concrete base with a metal rail imbedded in it was visible at the edge of the scrubland (Plate 5), which is likely to be associated with the railway station.

7 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Archaeological Potential of the Development Site

- 7.1.1 The current study has established that during the medieval and post-medieval periods the proposed development site was in use as agricultural fields, up until the creation of the railway line and station in the 19th century.
- 7.1.2 Previous archaeological work conducted on and in the vicinity of the site has uncovered a large quantity of Roman material. The possible rubbish dump found on the site in 1864, along with evidence for structures and a possible cemetery directly to the northwest of the site, suggest that there is a high potential for archaeological remains to be found on the site.

- 7.1.3 The construction of the railway line and station in the 19th century, along with the construction of the foundry and the Tesco store, may have disturbed any archaeological remains. However, the areas of scrubland to the north and northwest appear not to have been affected by any of these developments, and therefore the highest potential for archaeological remains is in these areas.

7.2 Suggested Archaeological Mitigation

NB: The comments and recommendations made in this report are subject to review and revision by the Local Planning Authority. Decisions regarding the requirement for, and nature and extent of any further programme of archaeological works rests with the relevant planning archaeologist.

- 7.2.1 Due to the localised presence of significant archaeological remains a programme of trial excavations is recommended to evaluate the proposed site prior to development. A programme of trial trenching will also minimise the risk of archaeological finds impacting upon the time schedule for the development.
- 7.2.2 The aim of such evaluations will be to determine the character, extent, date, state of preservation and potential significance of any buried remains within the site and to enable informed decisions to be made regarding any further archaeological input which may be required by means of mitigation as the proposed development proceeds through the planning process. The requirement, details and extent of evaluations will need to be agreed in consultation with the Planning Archaeologist for Northampton County Council.
- 7.2.3 The results of the evaluation will inform a mitigation strategy for the site that should allow for work to continue to schedule, even in the event of archaeological discoveries on the site.

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- 9.1 The project was commissioned by Development Planning Partnership LLP working on behalf of Tesco Stores Limited; thanks are due to the staff at the Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record offices and the Northamptonshire Archives for their help and cooperation throughout the course of the project.
- 9.2 The project was managed for Birmingham Archaeology by Dr Malcolm Hislop. Dave McNicol undertook the site visit and historical research and produced the written report. The final report was reviewed and edited by Dr Malcolm Hislop (Research Fellow, Birmingham Archaeology).

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APPENDIX A: Glossary of Terms

Archaeological Periods and Date Ranges

Period	Date Range
<i>Prehistoric</i>	
Paleolithic	500,000 BC – 10,000 BC
Mesolithic	10,000 BC – 4,000 BC
Neolithic	4,000 BC – 2,400 BC
Bronze Age	2,400 BC – 700 BC
Iron Age	700 BC – AD 43
<i>Historic</i>	
Roman	AD 43 – AD410
Early Medieval	AD410 – AD 1066
Medieval	AD 1066 – AD1539
Post Medieval	AD 1540 – AD 1900
Modern	AD 1901 - present

Statutory Designations

Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM)

'Scheduling' is the process through which nationally important sites and monuments are given legal protection. A schedule has been kept since 1882 of monuments whose preservation is given priority over other land uses.

Conservation Area (CA)

Conservation Areas are any areas of '*special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance*' and are designated by Local Authorities. Designation introduces a general control over the demolition of unlisted buildings and provides the basis for policies designed to preserve or enhance all the aspects of character or appearance that define an area's special interest.

Listed Building (LB)

A 'Listed Building' is a structure that has been placed on the statutory lists of buildings of '*special architectural or historic interest*'. When a building is listed, it is listed in its entirety, which means that both the exterior and the interior are protected. In addition, any object or structure fixed to the building, and any object or structure within the curtilage of the building, which although not fixed to the building, forms part of the land and has done so since before 1 July 1948, are treated as part of the listed building.

Locally Listed Building (LLB)

A Locally Listed Building is a building, structure or feature which, whilst not Statutorily listed by the Secretary of State, a local authority feels makes a significant contribution to the local environment and an important part of an area's heritage due to its architectural, archaeological significance or historical associations. Inclusion on a Local List does not extend any statutory protection to a building.

The Archaeological Process

The Principle Stages for handling archaeology within the planning process are as follows:

- ***Pre-determination:*** desk-based assessment, archaeological evaluation
- ***Post-determination:*** preservation *in situ*, preservation by record (excavation)

Stages of Archaeological Work

Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI)

Any programme of archaeological work will normally be undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI), clearly stating the scope and extent of work, the aims and objectives, and the methodology to be employed during the course of work. The WSI will be prepared by the contracted archaeological organisation and approved in advance of work by the archaeological officer of the relevant LPA.

Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (DBA)

An archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) constitutes a first stage, non-invasive assessment of the archaeological potential of a site, undertaken in advance of any development. Research will normally comprise a search of all readily available documentary and archival sources pertaining to a site combined with an on-site 'walkover' survey to assess surviving archaeological remains / built heritage of the area.

Archaeological Evaluation

An archaeological evaluation is a limited programme of intrusive or non-intrusive fieldwork undertaken to establish the extent of survival of archaeological deposits within a site and to determine the character, date, state of preservation and potential significance of any buried remains. An evaluation is often required prior to the determination of a planning application for development and will normally be undertaken subsequent to a desk-based assessment. A variety of techniques may be employed including geophysical survey, fieldwalking, trial trenching and test pitting. The results of evaluation will be used to establish the necessity for and determine the requirements of any further stage of archaeological work.

Archaeological Excavation

An archaeological excavation is a programme of controlled, intrusive fieldwork, normally undertaken by means of open area excavation, with the purpose of examining and recording archaeological deposits, features and structures identified by documentary research and/or archaeological evaluation. Archaeological excavation will normally lead on to a programme of post-excavation analysis and publication.

Archaeological Watching Brief

An archaeological watching brief is a formal programme of observation and investigation conducted during any operation carried out for non-archaeological reasons within an area or site where there is a possibility of archaeological deposits being disturbed or destroyed. Groundworks will normally be undertaken by a principal contractor under the supervision of an attending archaeologist.

Preservation *in-situ*

Foundation design to avoid or minimise impact on archaeology may be sought. This might include locating buildings to avoid archaeology; display of remains; sympathetic location of piled foundations and piling techniques; raising floor or ground beam levels; the routing of services; management of ground water. Landscaping and planting may also be constrained. Monitoring over a number of years after completion may be needed to assess if the preservation techniques have been successful.

Historic Building Recording (HBR)

A Historic Building Record (HBR) is a programme of work intended to establish the character, history, dating, form and archaeological development of a specified building, structure or complex and its setting. A programme of historic building recording will often be required as a condition of planning consent / listed building consent, to be taken in advance of (pre-determination) and/or during building refurbishment / alterations / demolitions (post determination). HBR can be undertaken to a range of different levels dependent upon the significance of the building under consideration and the extent of the proposed works.

APPENDIX B: Listed Buildings Gazetteer

Building Name: Bell House 182	LBS Number: 235199
Parish: Towcester	Grade: II
District: South Northamptonshire	Date Listed: 01 December 1951
County: Northamptonshire	Date Delisted:
Postcode: NN12 6DB	National Grid Reference: SP6910448983

Listing Text:

TOWCESTER WATLING STREET EAST
SP6948
13/177 No.182 (Bell House)
01/12/51 (Formerly listed as No.182)

GV II

House. Mid/late C18. Red brick in Flemish bond with some flared headers, C20 plain-tile roof, brick end stacks. 2-unit plan. 2 storey; 3-window range. Central 4-panel part-glazed door with overlight and straight hood on brackets. 12-pane sash windows to ground and first floors with gauged brick lintels and keyblocks. Storey band and dentilled brick eaves. Interior not inspected.

Listing NGR: SP6910448983

Building Name: 184	LBS Number: 235200
Parish: Towcester	Grade: II
District: South Northamptonshire	Date Listed: 19 August 1976
County: Northamptonshire	Date Delisted:
Postcode: NN12 6DB	National Grid Reference: SP6910448996

Listing Text:

TOWCESTER WATLING STREET EAST
SP6948
13/178 No.184
19/08/76

- II

House. Early C19. Rendered, slate roof, white brick end and ridge stacks. L-plan. 2-storey, 2-window range. Central 4-panel door with overlight and rendered pilastered surround supporting plain frieze and moulded cornice. Tripartite sash window to ground floor right with moulded rendered surround, 12-pane sash to ground floor left with similar surround. Similar windows to

first floor. Interior not inspected.

Listing NGR: SP6910448996

Building Name:	South Lodges And Gateways To Easton Neston House On Northampton Road	LBS Number:	234890
Parish:	Easton Neston	Grade:	II
District:	South Northamptonshire	Date Listed:	01 December 1951
County:	Northamptonshire	Date Delisted:	
Postcode:		National Grid Reference:	SP6934749059

Listing Text:

SP 64 NE EASTON NESTON NORTHAMPTON ROAD
(East side)
6/72 South Lodges and gateways to
01/12/51 Easton Neston House on
Northampton Road

II

Lodges, gates and gatepiers. 1822-3 by John Raffield for 3rd Earl of Pomfret. Limestone ashlar, slate roofs, brick ridge stack to left lodge, stone ridge stack to right lodge. Cast-iron gates with spear finials, Rusticated stone gatepiers with alternate bands of vermiculation. Plain plinths, horizontal oval paterae to frieze, moulded cornices, topped by urns with ball finials. Piers are joined to lodges either side by stone-coped walls each with round-arched pedestrian gateway and cast-iron gate with spear finials. Small single-storey pedimented lodge pavilions have Venetian window in shallow round-arched recess, plinth, impost band, upright oval paterae flanking head of window recess which has keyblock, and moulded stone eaves. Inner side elevations, facing drive, have sash window and 4-panel door within screen wall both with stone lintels, and pair of upright oval vermiculated panels above. Lean-to extensions to outer sides.

(Buildings of England: Northamptonshire: 1973, p205)

Listing NGR: SP6934749059

Event ID: ENN5546 **Name:** Petrofina Garage, 1988

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN5546	Petrofina Garage, 1988	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849008	
Dates:	01/05/1988 - 31/05/1988, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6879 4942 (MBR: 35m by 74m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Notes: SHAW M. & WILLIAMS A.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. p.41 (unchecked)
- (2) Note: SHAW M.. 1988. SUPPLEMENTARY FILE. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- 726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)
- 726/0/137 Roman Boundary Ditch (Monument 726/0/137)
- 726/0/138 Roman Activity (Monument 726/0/138)
- 726/0/76 Roman Boundaries (Monument 726/0/76)
- 726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town (Monument 726/20)
- 726/20/1 Roman Buildings (Monument 726/20/1)

Event ID: ENN5547 **Name:** A43 Towcester Bypass

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN5547	A43 Towcester Bypass	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849009	
Dates:	01/01/1986 - 31/12/1986, occasionally	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6879 4952 (MBR: 67m by 96m) SP64NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

Some confusion as to who excavated which trenches. Two sets of evaluation trenches were dug, firstly by D.Jackson in April 1986, then by M.Shaw for Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit from October to December 1986. The two appear to have been confused, and need to be rationalised with a more comprehensive source data set.

Sources

- (1) Report: Dix B.(ed). 1986-87. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1985-6. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.156 (unchecked)
- (2) SMR Report Form: Jackson D.. 1986. SMR report form. 10/04/1986. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

726	Lactodorum (Monument 726)
726/0/123	Prehistoric/Romano-British Land Divisions (Monument 726/0/123)
726/20	Northern Suburb of Roman Town (Monument 726/20)
726/20/17	Possible Roman buildings (Monument 726/20/17)
726/20/5	Possible Romano-British Iron Working Site (Monument 726/20/5)

Event ID: ENN5548 **Name:** Petrofina garage, 1989

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN5548	Petrofina garage, 1989	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849010	
Dates:	21/11/1989 - 31/12/1989, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Observation (Building Development)
Observation (Watching Brief)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation: Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 6879 4941 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Note: Dix B. 1992. Towcester, Watling Street. Northamptonshire Archaeology. (unchecked)
- (2) Note: CADMAN G.E.. 1990. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- 726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)
- 726/0/77 Roman Boundary Ditches (Monument 726/0/77)

Event ID: ENN5552 **Name:** Finds, 1987

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN5552	Finds, 1987	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849014	
Dates:	01/12/1987 - 31/12/1987, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Finds

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 6892 4953 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Musgrave E.C.; Tingle M. (editors). 1991. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1990. Northamptonshire Archaeology. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

726

Lactodorum (Monument 726)

726/0/0

Unstratified Iron Age Coin (Find Spot 726/0/0)

Event ID: ENN5808 **Name:** Finds, 1992

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN5808	Finds, 1992	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6949004	
Dates:	01/01/1992 - 31/12/1992, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Finds

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 693 497 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Associated Monuments

6043 Possible prehistoric activity (Monument 6043)

6043/0/0 Prehistoric finds (Find Spot 6043/0/0)

Event ID: ENN12845 **Name:** Land between Old Greens Norton Road and A43

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN12845	Land between Old Greens Norton Road and A43	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849017	
Dates:	01/02/1994 - 28/02/1994, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Observation (Watching Brief)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Heritage (Northamptonshire County)

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6861 4945 (MBR: 159m by 140m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

Site visit following topsoil stripping for development. No finds or features.

Sources

(1) Note: KIDD. 1994. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: ENN12941 **Name:** East of Watling Street, 1994

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN12941	East of Watling Street, 1994	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849018	
Dates:	25/04/1994	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Observation (Watching Brief)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Heritage (Northamptonshire County)

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

Location

Grid Reference

SP 687 498 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Foundation trenches cut into natural orange/yellow clay at depth of 30cm. No archaeological features or finds noted.

Sources

(1) SMR Report Form: Kidd A.. 1994. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: ENN13020 **Name:** Geophysical Survey, 1993

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN13020	Geophysical Survey, 1993	Event - Survey
External Reference:	6949008	
Dates:	14/12/1993 - 15/12/1993, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Geophysical Survey

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 6935 4945 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Geophysical survey undertaken using FM18 and FM36 fluxgate gradiometers. No significant archaeological anomalies detected.

Sources

(1) SMR Report Form: MASTERS P.. 1993. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: ENN14638 **Name:** Trial Trenching, 1996

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN14638	Trial Trenching, 1996	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6949010	
Dates:	01/01/1996 - 31/12/1996, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 692 494 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Notes: JACKSON D.A.. 1996. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

4770 Easton Neston Park (Monument 4770)

4770/0/10 Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House (Monument 4770/0/10)

Event ID: ENN18233 **Name:** Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN18233	Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992	Event - Survey
External Reference:	6949012	
Dates:	01/03/1992 - 30/04/1992, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Earthwork Survey

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6912 4961 (MBR: 242m by 369m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: WEBSTER M.. 1992. Archaeological Evaluation at Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports.

Associated Monuments

- 7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
7012/0/1 Area of Ridge & Furrow (Monument 7012/0/1)

Event ID: ENN18234 **Name:** Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN18234	Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992	Event - Survey
External Reference:	6949013	
Dates:	01/03/1992 - 30/04/1992, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Field survey/field walking

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6912 4961 (MBR: 752m by 411m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: WEBSTER M.. 1992. Archaeological Evaluation at Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports.

Associated Monuments

- 7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
7012/0/0 Manuring scatter (Monument 7012/0/0)
7012/0/1 Area of Ridge & Furrow (Monument 7012/0/1)

Event ID: ENN18235 **Name:** Evaluation of Mandalay House

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN18235	Evaluation of Mandalay House	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849019	
Dates:	06/09/1993 - 13/09/1993, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Minor Rescue: Building Development)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6886 4941 (MBR: 44m by 15m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Soden I.. 1993. An Archaeological Evaluation at Mandalay House, Towcester, Northants 1993. (unchecked)
- (2) Note: Shaw M. 1993-4. Towcester (Mandalay House). Northamptonshire Archaeology. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- | | |
|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| 726 | Lactodorum (Monument 726) |
| 726/0/44 | Late Roman Activity (Monument 726/0/44) |
| 726/20/4 | Romano-British Metalling (Monument 726/20/4) |

Event ID: ENN18243 **Name:** Payne's Nursery, 1991

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN18243	Payne's Nursery, 1991	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849012	
Dates:	01/12/1991 - 31/12/1991, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Arch intervention/excavation/trial trench
Excavation (Minor Rescue: Building Development)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation: Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68952 49183 (MBR: 99m by 113m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: SHAW M.. 1992. ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION AT PAYNE'S NURSERY, TOWCESTER.
(unchecked)
- (2) Note: Dix B. 1992. Towcester, Payne's Nursery. Northamptonshire Archaeology. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- 726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)
- 726/0/85 Unstratified Roman Finds (Monument 726/0/85)

Event ID: ENN18622 **Name:** Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN18622	Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849011	
Dates:	01/02/1990 - 28/02/1990, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68806 49517 (MBR: 170m by 67m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. (unchecked)
- (2) Note: DIX B.. 1992. Towcester, Old Tiffield Road. Northamptonshire Archaeology. (checked)

Associated Monuments

- 4770/0/10 Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House (Monument 4770/0/10)
- 7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
- 7012/0/12 Remains of ridge and furrow (Monument 7012/0/12)
- 726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)
- 726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town (Monument 726/20)
- 726/20/10 Possibly Roman features (Monument 726/20/10)
- 726/20/11 Uncertain undated features (Monument 726/20/11)
- 726/20/12 Possible Roman boundary ditch (Monument 726/20/12)
- 726/20/13 Uncertain undated features (Monument 726/20/13)
- 726/20/14 Roman ditches (Monument 726/20/14)
- 726/20/15 Possibly Roman features (Monument 726/20/15)
- 726/20/16 Roman features (Monument 726/20/16)
- 726/20/2 Romano-British Buildings (Monument 726/20/2)
- 726/20/3 Romano-British Metallurgy (Monument 726/20/3)
- 726/20/9 Possibly Roman ditches (Monument 726/20/9)

Event ID: ENN18623 **Name:** Evaluation at Towcester, 1990

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN18623	Evaluation at Towcester, 1990	Event - Survey
External Reference:	6849028	
Dates:	01/02/1990 - 28/02/1990, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Geophysical Survey

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology Unit

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6882 4952 (MBR: 89m by 103m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- 726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)
726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town (Monument 726/20)
726/20/12 Possible Roman boundary ditch (Monument 726/20/12)
726/20/2 Romano-British Buildings (Monument 726/20/2)

Event ID: ENN19112 **Name:** Old Tiffield Road

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN19112	Old Tiffield Road	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6949016	
Dates:	01/05/1998 - 31/05/1998, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

HERTFORDSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 690 493 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Report: Murray J.. 1998. Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

1151	Modern Industrial & Commercial Activity (Monument 1151)
1151/1	Groom & Tattersalls Foundry (Monument 1151/1)
1151/1/1	Narrow Gauge Railway Serving Foundry (Monument 1151/1/1)
1151/1/2	Possible WWII Air Raid Shelter (Monument 1151/1/2)
726	Lactodorum (Monument 726)
727	Towcester (Monument 727)

Event ID: ENN19239 **Name:** Parcel 320, Old Greens Norton Road

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN19239	Parcel 320, Old Greens Norton Road	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849029	
Dates:	24/08/1998	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

ARCHAEOLOGICAL

WOODFIELD

ARCHITECTURAL

AND

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6878 4927 (MBR: 28m by 10m)

SP64NE

Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Woodfield C.; Woodfield P.. 1998. Report on an Archaeological Evaluation on Parcel 320 adjoining Watling Street and Old Grrens Norton Road. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- 6035/1 Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway (Towcester to Blisworth) (Monument 6035/1)
 6035/1/1 Uncertain Remains of Railway Line at Towcester (Monument 6035/1/1)
 726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)
 726/0/0 Unstratified Roman finds (Monument 726/0/0)

Event ID: ENN100495 **Name:** The Bell Plantation

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN100495	The Bell Plantation	Event - Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 01/11/1999 - 30/11/1999, at some time

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Observation (Watching Brief)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6874 4973 (MBR: 40m by 48m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address

The Bell Plantation, Towcester, Northamptonshire

Description and Sources

Description

No archaeological features or finds were observed on the site, most likely due to previous removal of much of the topsoil and subsoil.

Sources

- (1) Report: Prentice J.. 2000. Watching Brief At The Bell Plantation, Towcester, Northamptonshire. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: ENN100514 **Name:** SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN100514	SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate	Event - Survey
External Reference:	4624003	
Dates:	01/09/1999 - 30/09/1999, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Earthwork Survey

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Archaeological Services & Consultancy Limited

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69108 49517 (MBR: 207m by 183m) SP64NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address

SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northamptonshire

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Zeepvat R.J.. 1999. South Northants District Council Depot Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northants: Archaeol. (checked)

Associated Monuments

- 4770 Easton Neston Park (Monument 4770)
4770/0/10 Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House (Monument 4770/0/10)
7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
7012/0/1 Area of Ridge & Furrow (Monument 7012/0/1)

Event ID: ENN100515 **Name:** SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, 1999

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN100515	SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, 1999	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	4642002	
Dates:	01/09/1999 - 30/09/1999, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Archaeological Services & Consultancy Limited

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69106 49470 (MBR: 5m by 29m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address

SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northamptonshire

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Zeepvat R.J.. 1999. South Northants District Council Depot Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northants: Archaeol. (checked)

Associated Monuments

- 4770 Easton Neston Park (Monument 4770)
4770/0/10 Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House (Monument 4770/0/10)
7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
7012/0/1 Area of Ridge & Furrow (Monument 7012/0/1)
8955 Possible site of undated activity (Monument 8955)
8955/0/1 Undated features (Monument 8955/0/1)

Event ID: ENN100516 **Name:** SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN100516	SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	4624001	
Dates:	01/09/1999 - 30/09/1999, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Observation (Watching Brief)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Archaeological Services & Consultancy Limited

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69108 49517 (MBR: 207m by 183m) SP64NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address

SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northamptonshire

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Zeepvat R.J.. 1999. South Northants District Council Depot Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northants: Archaeol. (checked)

Associated Monuments

- 4770 Easton Neston Park (Monument 4770)
4770/0/10 Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House (Monument 4770/0/10)
7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
7012/0/1 Area of Ridge & Furrow (Monument 7012/0/1)

Event ID: ENN100678 **Name:** Bell Plantation, finds 1999

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN100678	Bell Plantation, finds 1999	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849035	
Dates:	01/01/1999 - 31/12/1999, circa	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Finds

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

ARCHAEOLOGICAL

WOODFIELD

ARCHITECTURAL

AND

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 689 495 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Correspondence: Woodfield C.. 1999. Bell Plantation, Towcester, SP689495. 13/12/1999.

Associated Monuments

726

Lactodorum (Monument 726)

726/0/0

Middle Iron Age & Romano-British Pottery, Unstratified (Monument 726/0/0)

Event ID: ENN101501 **Name:** Bell Plantation, finds 2000

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN101501	Bell Plantation, finds 2000	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849032	
Dates:	26/04/2000, circa	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Finds

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

WOODFIELD

ARCHITECTURAL

AND

ARCHAEOLOGICAL

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

Location

Grid Reference

SP 687 497 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Correspondence: Woodfield C.. 2000. Bell Plantation, Towcester. 23/04/2000. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

726 Lactodorum (Monument 726)

726/0/0 Middle Iron Age & Romano-British Pottery, Unstratified (Monument 726/0/0)

Event ID: ENN101518 **Name:** Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN101518	Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849033	
Dates:	01/06/2001 - 30/06/2001, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation (Trial)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6893 4915 (MBR: 183m by 246m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Report: Atkins R.. 2001. Watling Street, Towcester, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Archaeological Evaluation. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

5761/1	St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital) (Monument 5761/1)
5761/1/2	Cobbled surface (Monument 5761/1/2)
5761/1/3	Medieval wall and cobbled surface (Monument 5761/1/3)
7012	Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)
7012/0/0	Manuring scatter (Monument 7012/0/0)
726	Lactodorum (Monument 726)
726/0/10	Roman ditch (Monument 726/0/10)
726/0/5	Possible Roman surface (Monument 726/0/5)

Event ID: ENN103592 **Name:** Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN103592	Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6949018	
Dates:	01/08/2003 - 31/08/2003, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Arch intervention/watching brief

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6898 4965 (MBR: 117m by 118m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Lewis, B.. 2003. Archaeological Watching brief at Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester.
(unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 726 | Lactodorum (Monument 726) |
| 726/20 | Northern Suburb of Roman Town (Monument 726/20) |
| 726/20/6 | Possible Roman enclosure (Monument 726/20/6) |
| 726/20/7 | Roman ditches (Monument 726/20/7) |
| 726/20/8 | Roman pits (Monument 726/20/8) |

Event ID: ENN103639 **Name:** Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN103639	Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6949019	
Dates:	01/08/2003 - 31/08/2003, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Arch intervention/excavation

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6900 4965 (MBR: 117m by 118m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Report: Lewis, B.. 2003. Archaeological Watching brief at Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester.
(unchecked)

Associated Monuments

726	Lactodorum (Monument 726)
726/20	Northern Suburb of Roman Town (Monument 726/20)
726/20/6	Possible Roman enclosure (Monument 726/20/6)
726/20/7	Roman ditches (Monument 726/20/7)
726/20/8	Roman pits (Monument 726/20/8)

Event ID: ENN103729 **Name:** Flood defences at Watling Street, Towcester

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN103729	Flood defences at Watling Street, Towcester	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849034	
Dates:	01/04/2002 - 31/08/2002, between	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Arch intervention/watching brief

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68658 49211 (MBR: 489m by 334m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

No archaeological features were found apart from medieval ridge and furrow to the north of the River Tove.

Sources

- (1) Report: McAree D.. 2003. Archaeological Watching Brief: A5 Watling Street, Towcester, Northamptonshire April 2002. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

7012 Open Field System, Caldecote (Monument 7012)

7012/0/11 Spittle Meadow (Monument 7012/0/11)

Event ID: ENN104057 **Name:** English Heritage Parks Register Enhancement Survey, 1995

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN104057	English Heritage Parks Register Enhancement Survey, 1995	Event - Survey

External Reference:

Dates: 01/01/1995 - 31/12/1995, circa

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Documentary

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

NCC Historic Environment Team

Associated Individuals

Associated Organisations

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 90106 82420 (MBR: 62858m by 72025m) SP98SW Area

Administrative Areas

County Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description

Rapid survey using 1950s 2.5 inch OS mapping series to identify any known or potential designed landscapes for further research and possible future addition to the Register. Where ambiguous the 1950s mapping was supplemented by other sources, mainly maps by Eyre, Bryant and First Edition OS. Event mapping currently covers only those designed landscapes identified, but should be county-wide as the entire county was surveyed.

Sources

- (1) Map: Ordnance Survey. 1950s. Ordnance Survey 2.5 Inch Series. 2.5 inches to 1 mile.
- (2) Map: Bryant A.. 1827. Map of The County of Northampton. (unchecked)
- (3) Map: Eyre T. (Revised by Jefferys T.). 1779. Map of the County of Northamptonshire. (unchecked)
- (4) Map: Ordnance Survey. 1880. First Edition Ordnance Survey Mapping Series (MULTIPLES!). 6 Inch to 1 Mile. (unchecked)
- (5) Series: Royal Commission on The Historical Monuments of England. 1975. An Inventory of The Historical Monuments in The County of Northampton. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

- | | |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1010 | Althorp Park (Landscape 1010) |
| 1015 | Holdenby Parke (Post Medieval Deer Park) (Monument 1015) |
| 1015/1 | Holdenby South Lodge (Monument 1015/1) |
| 1015/1/2 | Possible Modern Gardens (Monument 1015/1/2) |
| 1032 | Naseby Hall (Formerly The Woolleys) (Monument 1032) |
| 1085 | Winwick (Monument 1085) |
| 1085/3 | Winwick Manor (Monument 1085/3) |
| 1085/3/6 | Manorial Garden (Or Possible Park) (Monument 1085/3/6) |
| 112 | LYVEDEN (Monument 112) |
| 112/1 | Lyveden Manor (Monument 112/1) |
| 1121 | COTON (Monument 1121) |
| 1121/1 | Coton Manor (Monument 1121/1) |
| 1121/1/1 | Coton Manor Gardens (Monument 1121/1/1) |
| 1160 | Northampton (Monument 1160) |

1160/317	Beckett's Park (Formerly Cow Meadow) (Monument 1160/317)
1160/322	Billing Road Cemetery (Northampton General Cemetery) (Monument 1160/322)
1160/358	Northampton General Hospital (Monument 1160/358)
1160/381	Victoria Park (Monument 1160/381)
1160/382	Allotment Gardens, Cliftonville (Monument 1160/382)
1165	Wicken Park (Possibly Formerly Whichamund Park) (Monument 1165)
1174	Passenham (Monument 1174)
1174/5	The Manor (Monument 1174/5)
1174/5/4	Possible Manorial Garden (Monument 1174/5/4)
1189	BARNWELL ST ANDREW (Monument 1189)
1189/1	Barnwell All Saints Manor (Monument 1189/1)
1189/1/4	C17th Formal Garden at Barnwell Manor (Monument 1189/1/4)
1232	Furtho (Monument 1232)
1232/2	Furtho manor (Monument 1232/2)
1232/2/2	Formal Garden (Monument 1232/2/2)
1266	Canons Ashby Park (Monument 1266)
1396	Pytchley (Monument 1396)
1396/4	Pytchley Cemetery (Monument 1396/4)
1396/6	Pytchley Cricket Ground (Monument 1396/6)
1505	Croughton Park (Monument 1505)
1508	Modern Funerary Site (Monument 1508)
1508/1	Charlton Cemetery (Monument 1508/1)
1509	Modern Funerary Activity (Monument 1509)
1509/1	King's Sutton Cemetery (Monument 1509/1)
1531	Turweston Park (Monument 1531)
1531/0/1	Park Bridge (Building 1531/0/1)
1531/0/2	Footbridge to Island in River (Building 1531/0/2)
1532	Overthorpe Hall Park (Monument 1532)
1541	Chacombe House Park (Monument 1541)
1546	Sholebrooke Lodge Park (GOT TO HERE NGT CHECKING) (Monument 1546)
1566	Potterspurty Lodge Park (Monument 1566)
1590	Culworth Hall Park (Monument 1590)
1592	Wood Burcote Park (Monument 1592)
1594	Salcey Lawn (Great Lawn) (Monument 1594)
1601/2	Oakley Bank Farm? (Monument 1601/2)
1616	Stokegap Lodge (Monument 1616)
1616/1	Stoke Gap Farm (Robinson) (Monument 1616/1)
1616/1/3	Garden (Monument 1616/1/3)
1617	Bairstowe's Lodge Park (Formerly Elm Lodge) (Monument 1617)
1624	Irthlingborough (Monument 1624)
1624/7	Irthlingborough Cemetery (Monument 1624/7)
1628	Bragborough Hall Park (Monument 1628)
1634	Hinton House Park (Monument 1634)
1635	Badby House Park (Monument 1635)
1636	Westcombe (Monument 1636)
1636/1	Westcombe Farm (Formerly Westcombe House) (Monument 1636/1)
1636/1/1	Westcombe Farm (Formerly Westcombe House) (Monument 1636/1/1)
1637	Newnham Hall Park (Monument 1637)
1642	Newnham Grange Park (Monument 1642)
1643	NN3015 (Monument 1643)
1643/1	Farthingstone Cemetery (Monument 1643/1)
1654	Pattishall House Park (Monument 1654)
1656	Blisworth Park (Formerly Known as Blisworth Gardens) (Monument 1656)
1657	Former Parkland at Courteenhall Grange (Monument 1657)
1658	Collingtree Grange Park (Monument 1658)
1659	Collingtree Lodge (Monument 1659)

1659/0/1	Possible Garden at Collingtree Lodge (Monument 1659/0/1)
1661	Wootton Grange Park (Monument 1661)
1664	Stowe Lodge Park (Monument 1664)
1666	Possible Park at Heyford Grange (Monument 1666)
1670	Harpole Hall Park (Monument 1670)
1679	Higham Ferrers (Monument 1679)
1679/8	Higham Ferrers Cemetery (Monument 1679/8)
1680	Former Allotments Near Kislingbury (Monument 1680)
1681	BRIGSTOCK (Monument 1681)
1681/4	Brigstock Cemetery (Monument 1681/4)
1697	Abington Park (Pre C20th Country Estate) (Monument 1697)
1698	Abington Park (Municipal Park) (Monument 1698)
1802	Funerary Site, Duston (Monument 1802)
1802/1	Cemetery, Duston (Monument 1802/1)
1827	Upton Lawn, Possible Garden/Parkland (Monument 1827)
1839	NN3027 (Monument 1839)
1839/1	The Counties Crematorium (Monument 1839/1)
1839/1/1	Gardens of Remembrance (Monument 1839/1/1)
1886	Towcester Road/Mereway Municipal Facilities (Monument 1886)
1892	Towcester Road Allotments (Monument 1892)
1893	Far Cotton Recreation Ground (Monument 1893)
1894	Delapre Park (Monument 1894)
1902	Municipal Allotment Facilities, Duston (Monument 1902)
1902/1	Upton Way Allotments (Monument 1902/1)
1902/2	Municipal Allotments, Duston (Monument 1902/2)
1960	Parkland at St Andrew's Hospital (Monument 1960)
1966	Burton Latimer (Monument 1966)
1966/18	Church Lane Cemetery (Monument 1966/18)
1973	Possible Park at Grendon House (Monument 1973)
1979	Agricultural Site (Monument 1979)
1979/1	Greenfield Lodge Farm (Monument 1979/1)
1979/1/2	Garden (Monument 1979/1/2)
2005	Overstone Park (Monument 2005)
2015	Danesholme Park (Formerly Danesholme Park) (Monument 2015)
2098	Nobottle House (Monument 2098)
2143	Ecton Hall Park (Monument 2143)
2158	Allotment Gardens at Hopping Hill & Dallington (Monument 2158)
2158/1	Hopping Hill Allotments (Monument 2158/1)
2158/2	Allotments (Monument 2158/2)
2160	NN3035 (Monument 2160)
2160/1	Dallington Cemetery (Monument 2160/1)
2168	NN7237 (Monument 2168)
2168/1	Dallington Allotments (Monument 2168/1)
2169	Hemington Shrunken Village (Monument 2169)
2169/2	Beaulieu Hall (Monument 2169/2)
2169/2/2	Formal Garden (Monument 2169/2/2)
2187	Recreational Facilities, Abington (Monument 2187)
2187/1	Abington Vale Allotments (Monument 2187/1)
2187/2	Abington Vale Allotments (Monument 2187/2)
2223	Headlands Allotments (Monument 2223)
2224	St John's, Weston Favell (Monument 2224)
2224/1	St John's Hospital (Monument 2224/1)
2224/1/1	St John's Hospital Garden (Monument 2224/1/1)
2278	C19th Hunting Site (Monument 2278)
2278/0/1	C19th Duck Decoy Pond (Monument 2278/0/1)
2280	Possible C20th Designed Landscape at Westone (Monument 2280)

2284	Spring Park (Monument 2284)
2307	NN3044 (Monument 2307)
2307/1	Welford Road Allotments (Monument 2307/1)
2327	Drayton Old Park (aka Sudborough Park) (Monument 2327)
2396	Biggin Hall Park (Monument 2396)
2426	NN3045 (Monument 2426)
2426/1	Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground (Monument 2426/1)
2429	NN3046 (Monument 2429)
2429/1	White Hills Cemetery, Harborough Road (Monument 2429/1)
2437	NN3047 (Monument 2437)
2437/1	White Hills Allotments (Monument 2437/1)
2438	Kingsthorpe Hollow Allotments (Monument 2438)
2448	Unnamed (Monument 2448)
2448/1	Kingsley Allotments (Monument 2448/1)
2457	Grafton Underwood (Monument 2457)
2457/2	Grafton Rectory (Monument 2457/2)
2457/2/2	Rectory Garden (Monument 2457/2/2)
246	Edgcote House Park (Monument 246)
2600	Warmington (Monument 2600)
2600/10	Warmington Cemetery (Monument 2600/10)
2604	NN3054 (Monument 2604)
2604/1	Allotments Off Boughton Green Road (Monument 2604/1)
2611	Unnamed (Monument 2611)
2611/1	Moulton Park Allotments (Monument 2611/1)
2613	Manfield Hospital/Eastfield Park (Monument 2613)
2617	Thorplands (Monument 2617)
2631	Fotheringhay Great Park (Monument 2631)
2631/1	Park Lodge (Monument 2631/1)
2631/1/1	Possible Park Lodge Gardens (Monument 2631/1/1)
2632	NN3060 (Monument 2632)
2632/1	Great Billing Recreation Ground (Monument 2632/1)
264	Sulgrave (Monument 264)
264/3	Sulgrave Manor (Monument 264/3)
264/3/2	Formal Garden of Manor House (Monument 264/3/2)
2646	Tansor (Monument 2646)
2646/2	Tansor Manor (Grange Farm) (Monument 2646/2)
2646/2/2	Tansor Manor Garden (Monument 2646/2/2)
2664	NN3064 (Monument 2664)
2664/1	Brookhill House (Monument 2664/1)
2664/1/1	Possible Garden And Orchard (Monument 2664/1/1)
2668	Post Medieval/Modern Settlement (Monument 2668)
2668/1	Wollaston Lodge (Monument 2668/1)
2668/1/2	Possible Designed Landscape at The Old Lodge (Monument 2668/1/2)
2754	Wollaston House Park (Monument 2754)
2800	Southwick Hall Park (Monument 2800)
2834	Wollaston Hall Park (Monument 2834)
2835	Possible Medieval/Post Medieval Deer Park (Parke Feelde) (Monument 2835)
2878	Desborough (Monument 2878)
2878/3	Rushton Road Cemetery (Monument 2878/3)
2923	Collyweston Deer Park (Monument 2923)
2992	Pitsford Hall Park (Monument 2992)
3005	Cottesbrooke Park (Monument 3005)
3015	Holly Lodge (Monument 3015)
3021	NN3069 (Monument 3021)
3021/1	Allotment Gardens at Moulton (Monument 3021/1)
3022	Moulton Grange Park (Monument 3022)

305	Thorpe Mandeville (Monument 305)
305/2	NN8277 (Monument 305/2)
305/2/2	Formal Gardens (Monument 305/2/2)
3075	Overstone Grange Park (Monument 3075)
3079	Harringworth Park (Monument 3079)
3124	Irchester (Monument 3124)
3124/2	Irchester Recreation Ground (Monument 3124/2)
3124/3	Irchester Allotments (Monument 3124/3)
3187	Wilby Hall Park (Monument 3187)
3192/1	Irthingborough Grange (Monument 3192/1)
3192/1/1	Possible Gardens at Irthingborough Grange (Monument 3192/1/1)
3213	NN5213 (Monument 3213)
3213/2/1	Garden at Irchester Grange (Monument 3213/2/1)
3249	Chester House Landscape Park (Monument 3249)
3250	Wollaston (Monument 3250)
3250/5	Possible Former Vicarage (Monument 3250/5)
3250/5/2	Garden at The Priory (Monument 3250/5/2)
3250/6	Modern Allotment (Monument 3250/6)
3250/7	Wollaston Cemetery (Monument 3250/7)
3253	Higham Park (Monument 3253)
3257	Rushden Park (Monument 3257)
326	Marston House Park (Monument 326)
3272	Bozeat (Monument 3272)
3272/4	Bozeat Cemetery (Monument 3272/4)
33	Aston Le Walls (Monument 33)
33/2	Aston Le Walls Manor (Monument 33/2)
3321	Castle Ashby Park (Monument 3321)
3328	Rushden House Park (Monument 3328)
3382	Boughton Park (Monument 3382)
3422	Allotments (Monument 3422)
3422/1	Allotments (Monument 3422/1)
3433	Little Houghton House Park (Monument 3433)
3471	Horton Hall Park (Monument 3471)
3487	Cleves Hill Manor House Park (Monument 3487)
3495	The Park (Bozeat Grange) (Monument 3495)
3697	Orton (Monument 3697)
3697/2	Manor Farm (Monument 3697/2)
3697/2/2	Possible Park/Garden Remains at Orton Manor (Monument 3697/2/2)
3737	Silsworth Lodge Park (Monument 3737)
3738	Earls Barton (Monument 3738)
3738/4	Earls Barton Cemetery (Monument 3738/4)
3738/5	Allotment Gardens at Earls Barton (Monument 3738/5)
3861	Foxhill Park (Monument 3861)
3884	Wellingborough (Monument 3884)
3884/5	Croyland Park (Monument 3884/5)
3884/6	Doddington Road Cemetery (Monument 3884/6)
3884/7	Doddington Road Allotments (Monument 3884/7)
3884/75	Swanspool Gardens (Monument 3884/75)
3884/76	Allotment Gardens Adjacent Breeze Hill Farm (Monument 3884/76)
3884/8	London Road Cemetery (Monument 3884/8)
3884/9	Finedon Road Allotments (Monument 3884/9)
3956	West Haddon Hall Park (Monument 3956)
3980	Rothwell (Monument 3980)
3980/6	Rothwell Recreation Ground (Monument 3980/6)
4015	Corby (Monument 4015)
4015/10	Hazel Wood (Monument 4015/10)

4015/10/1	Hazel Wood Boating Lake (Monument 4015/10/1)
4015/3	Possible C20th Park at Corby House/School (Monument 4015/3)
4015/4	West Glebe Park (Monument 4015/4)
4015/5	Corby Cemetery (Monument 4015/5)
4082	Grove Farm (Monument 4082)
4102	East Carlton (Monument 4102)
4102/2	The Old Rectory (Monument 4102/2)
4102/2/1	Rectory Garden (Monument 4102/2/1)
4126	East Carlton Park (Monument 4126)
4130	Possible Landscape Park at Flinthill (Monument 4130)
4172	NN3083 (Monument 4172)
4172/1	Creaton Sanatorium (Monument 4172/1)
4172/1/1	Possible Sanatorium Garden (Monument 4172/1/1)
426	Stanford Park (Monument 426)
4264	Harrington (Monument 4264)
4264/1	Harrington Manor (Monument 4264/1)
430	Badby Wood (Monument 430)
430/1	Badby Wood (Monument 430/1)
434	Yelvertoft (Monument 434)
434/3	Yelvertoft Cemetery (Monument 434/3)
4352	Haselbech Hall Park (Monument 4352)
4389	Lampport Hall Park (Monument 4389)
4436	Broomhill (Monument 4436)
4456	Spratton Grange Park (Monument 4456)
4465	NN3085 (Monument 4465)
4465/1	Spratton Cemetery (Monument 4465/1)
4538	MOULTON (Monument 4538)
4538/2	Moulton Cemetery (Monument 4538/2)
4566	Vigo Wood (Monument 4566)
4616	Stowe Park (Northamptonshire Extension) (Monument 4616)
4666	Gayton (Monument 4666)
4666/2	The Rectory (Monument 4666/2)
4666/2/1	Rectory Garden (Monument 4666/2/1)
4717	ROADE (Monument 4717)
4717/2	Road Vicarage (Monument 4717/2)
4717/2/2	Vicarage Garden (Monument 4717/2/2)
472	Kilsby (Monument 472)
472/2	Kilsby Cemetery (Monument 472/2)
4745	Alderton (Monument 4745)
4745/4	Alderton Manor (Monument 4745/4)
4745/4/5	Post Medieval Formal Gardens (Monument 4745/4/5)
4747	Grafton Park (Monument 4747)
4770	Easton Neston Park (Monument 4770)
478	Fawsley Park (Monument 478)
4808	Cold Ashby Hall Park (Monument 4808)
4825	Thornby Grange Park (Monument 4825)
4849	Guilsborough Grange Park (Monument 4849)
4851	Collingtree (Monument 4851)
4851/2	Village Allotments (Monument 4851/2)
4851/3	Collingtree Cemetery (Monument 4851/3)
4867	NN7251 (Monument 4867)
4867/1	Walgrave Cemetery (Monument 4867/1)
4868	Modern Burial Site, Broughton (Monument 4868)
4868/1	Broughton Cemetery (Monument 4868/1)
4869	Broughton Recreation Ground (Monument 4869)
4870	Orlbury Hall Park (Monument 4870)

4872	Pytchley Grange (Monument 4872)
4872/1	Pytchley Grange, Farm (Monument 4872/1)
4872/1/2	Possible Garden or Park at Pytchley Grange (Monument 4872/1/2)
4873	Burton Hall Park (Monument 4873)
4875	Modern recreational site (Monument 4875)
4875/1	Irthlingborough Allotments (Monument 4875/1)
4876	Hargrave Hall Park (Monument 4876)
4878	Raunds Grange (Monument 4878)
4879	NN3099 (Monument 4879)
4879/1	Ringstead Cemetery (Monument 4879/1)
4880	Shooter's Hill (Monument 4880)
4883	The Hemploe (Monument 4883)
4884	Haselbech Grange Park (Monument 4884)
4886	Modern Funerary Activity (Monument 4886)
4886/1	Probable C20th Cemetery & Crematorium (Monument 4886/1)
4886/1/1	Cemetery Garden (Monument 4886/1/1)
4887	Possible Parkland at Kettering Grange (Monument 4887)
49	Great Purston (Monument 49)
49/1	Purston Manor (Monument 49/1)
4908	Dallington Hall Park (Monument 4908)
4913	Parkland at Barton Seagrave Rectory (& Church) (Monument 4913)
4913/1	Recreation Ground (Monument 4913/1)
4914	Possible Landscape Park at The Grange (Formerly Barton Seagrave Lodge) (Monument
4915	NN3110 (Monument 4915)
4915/1	Denford North Lodge (Monument 4915/1)
4915/1/1	Denford North Lodge (Building 4915/1/1)
4916	Denford South Lodge (Monument 4916)
4917	Modern Settlement (Monument 4917)
4917/1	Elm Tree Lodge (Monument 4917/1)
4917/1/1	Possible C19th Garden (Monument 4917/1/1)
4918	NN3113 (Monument 4918)
4918/1	Wood Lodge (formerly Titchmarsh Lodge West) (Monument 4918/1)
4918/1/1	Possible Garden at Wood Lodge (Monument 4918/1/1)
4919	NN3114 (Monument 4919)
4919/1	Long Thong Farm (Monument 4919/1)
4919/1/1	Possible Modern Garden Remains (Monument 4919/1/1)
4920	NN3115 (Monument 4920)
4920/1	Welford Grange (Formerly Sulby House) (Monument 4920/1)
4920/1/1	Possible Garden at Welford Grange (Formerly Sulby House) (Monument 4920/1/1)
4927	Thorpe Underwood (Monument 4927)
4928	Rothwell Grange (Monument 4928)
4928/1	Grange Farm (formerly Rothwell Grange) (Monument 4928/1)
4928/1/3	Garden, Rothwell Grange (Monument 4928/1/3)
4929	NN3118 (Monument 4929)
4929/1	Suffolk Villa (Monument 4929/1)
4929/1/1	Garden at Suffolk Villa (Monument 4929/1/1)
4943	C20th Burial Site (Monument 4943)
4943/1	Rothwell Cemetery (Monument 4943/1)
4988	Possible Parkland at Rothwell Grange (Monument 4988)
4989	Post Medieval/Modern Settlement at Rothwell Lodge (Monument 4989)
4989/1	Rothwell Lodge (Monument 4989/1)
4989/1/1	Possible Garden Remains at Rothwell Lodge (Monument 4989/1/1)
4990	NN7254 (Monument 4990)
4990/1	Modern Allotments (Monument 4990/1)
5002	Hothorpe Hall Park (Monument 5002)
5004	Marston Trussell Hall Park (Monument 5004)

5046	Great Houghton (Monument 5046)
5046/4	Great Houghton Allotments (Monument 5046/4)
5046/6	Great Houghton Cemetery (Monument 5046/6)
51	Aynho Park (Monument 51)
5110	Moulton Park (Monument 5110)
5159	Rushton Hall Park (Monument 5159)
5197	Thorpe Lubenham Hall Park (Monument 5197)
5199	Little Oxendon (Modern Hamlet) (Monument 5199)
5199/1	Little Oxendon Farm (Monument 5199/1)
5199/1/1	Possible Modern Ornamental Gardens (Monument 5199/1/1)
5201	Arthingworth Lodge (Monument 5201)
5203	NN3128 (Monument 5203)
5203/1	South Lodge Farm (Monument 5203/1)
5203/1/1	NN31598 (Monument 5203/1/1)
5215	Possible Parkland at Church Farm (Monument 5215)
5217	Probable C20th Burial Site (Monument 5217)
5217/1	The New Cemetery, Station Road (Monument 5217/1)
5236	NN3132 (Monument 5236)
5236/1	Isham Cemetery (Monument 5236/1)
5237	The Park (Monument 5237)
5238	NN7261 (Monument 5238)
5238/1	Hemington House (Monument 5238/1)
5238/1/1	Possible Modern Garden (Monument 5238/1/1)
5239	Polebrook Hall Park (Monument 5239)
5240	The Laundry (Monument 5240)
5245	Possible Parkland Adjacent Oundle Workhouse (Monument 5245)
5253	Modern Burial Site (Monument 5253)
5253/1	Oundle Cemetery (Monument 5253/1)
5281	Modern Settlement (Monument 5281)
5281/1	Weldon Grange (Monument 5281/1)
5281/1/1	Possible Garden at Weldon Grange (Monument 5281/1/1)
5282	Oakley Grange (Monument 5282)
5282/1	Oakley Grange (Monument 5282/1)
5282/1/1	Possible Garden Remains (Monument 5282/1/1)
5300	NN7264 (Monument 5300)
5300/1	Pipewell Upper Lodge (Monument 5300/1)
5300/1/1	Possible Garden Remains (Monument 5300/1/1)
5349	Apethorpe Hall Park (Monument 5349)
5356	Stoke House Park (Monument 5356)
5364	Dingley Park (Monument 5364)
5388	C20th Funerary Site (Monument 5388)
5388/1	Shire Lodge Cemetery (Monument 5388/1)
5389	Weldon Rectory Park (Monument 5389)
5406/1	Overthorpe Hall (Formerly Overthorpe Lodge) (Monument 5406/1)
5406/1/1	Overthorpe Hall (Formerly Overthorpe Lodge) (Building 5406/1/1)
5406/1/2	Possible Stables &/or Farm Buildings (Building 5406/1/2)
5406/1/3	Informal Gardens Around Overthorpe Lodge (Monument 5406/1/3)
5406/1/4	Circular Building at Overthorpe Lodge (Building 5406/1/4)
5421	Nether Heyford (Monument 5421)
5421/4	Nether Heyford Cemetery (Monument 5421/4)
5430	Litchborough House Park (North) (Monument 5430)
5466	Possible Modern Agricultural Activity (Monument 5466)
5466/1	Bottom Lodge (Monument 5466/1)
5466/1/1	Possible Garden at Bottom Lodge (Monument 5466/1/1)
5599	Harlestone Park (Monument 5599)
5600	Wootton Hall Park (Monument 5600)

5630	Sedgebrook Hall (Monument 5630)
5632	NN3145 (Monument 5632)
5632/1	Warmington Grange (Monument 5632/1)
5632/1/1	Possible Garden/Park (Monument 5632/1/1)
5633	Deene Park (Monument 5633)
5634	Drayton House Park (Monument 5634)
5635	Elton Hall Park (Monument 5635)
5636	Great Harrowden Hall Park (Monument 5636)
5637	NN3147 (Monument 5637)
5637/1	Yarwell and Nassington Cemetery (Monument 5637/1)
5638	NN3148 (Monument 5638)
5638/1	Southwick Grange (Monument 5638/1)
5638/1/1	Possible Garden Remains (Monument 5638/1/1)
5648/1	Brackley Road Cemetery (Monument 5648/1)
592	Preston Capes Medieval Deer Park (Monument 592)
5978	Morehay Lawn (Monument 5978)
5979	C20th Funerary Activity (Monument 5979)
5979/1	Kings Cliffe Cemetery (Monument 5979/1)
5993	Ashton Wold Park (Monument 5993)
6069	Fineshade Abbey Park (Monument 6069)
6085	NN3155 (Monument 6085)
6085/1	Duddington Cemetery (Monument 6085/1)
6130/1	Collyweston Cemetery (Monument 6130/1)
614	Ashby Lodge (a.k.a. Ashby Gardens, High Park) (Monument 614)
6154	Rockingham Park (Monument 6154)
6413	Wakefield Lodge Park (Monument 6413)
6575	Catesby House Park (Monument 6575)
663	Weedon Lois (Monument 663)
663/0/18	Possible Garden Remains (Monument 663/0/18)
6711	Cranford Hall Park (Monument 6711)
6712	Cotterstock Hall Park (Monument 6712)
6713	Kelmarsh Hall Park (Monument 6713)
6714	Cosgrove Hall (Monument 6714)
6715	Brockhall Park (Monument 6715)
6716	Bulwick Hall Park (Monument 6716)
6717	Blatherwycke Park (Monument 6717)
6718	Barton Seagrave Hall Park (Monument 6718)
6734	The Racecourse (Monument 6734)
6782	East Haddon Hall Park (Monument 6782)
6784	NN7150 (Monument 6784)
6784/1	Dallington Park (Monument 6784/1)
6805	Whittlebury Lodge Park (Monument 6805)
6806	Everdon Hall Park (Monument 6806)
6807	Farthinghoe Park (Monument 6807)
6808	Eydon Hall Park (Monument 6808)
6810	Wadenhoe House Park (Monument 6810)
6811	Flore House Park (Monument 6811)
6813	Fermyn Woods (Monument 6813)
6816	Glendon Hall Park (Monument 6816)
6817	Great Billing Hall Park (Monument 6817)
6818	Oakley Hall Park (Monument 6818)
6819	Lilford Park (Monument 6819)
6820	Pipewell Hall Park (Monument 6820)
6822	Thorpe Malsor Hall Park (Monument 6822)
6823	Woodford House Park (Monument 6823)
6849	Knuston Hall Park (Monument 6849)

6851	Sulby Hall Park (Monument 6851)
6854	Thenford House Park (Monument 6854)
6855	Welton Manor (formerly Churchill House) (Monument 6855)
6856	Welton Place (Monument 6856)
6858	Rushden Hall Park (Monument 6858)
6869	Loddington Hall Park (Monument 6869)
687	Sibbertoft (& Westhorpe) (Monument 687)
687/5	The Orchard (Possible Post Medieval Garden) (Monument 687/5)
6870	Possible Park at Great Addington Manor (Monument 6870)
6878	Laxton Hall Park (Monument 6878)
6881	Thornby Hall Park (Monument 6881)
7000	Astrop Park (Monument 7000)
7042	Courteenhall Park (Monument 7042)
7045	Cransley Hall Park (Monument 7045)
706	Astwell (Monument 706)
706/2	Astwell Castle Park (Monument 706/2)
7080	Upton Hall Park (Monument 7080)
7082	Watford Park (Watford Court: Upper Park & Home Park) (Monument 7082)
7083	Ashby St Ledgers Manor Park (Monument 7083)
7084	Evenley Hall Park (Monument 7084)
7085	Steane Park (Monument 7085)
7091	Maidwell Hall Park (Monument 7091)
7093	Stanwick Hall Park (Monument 7093)
7198	Kettering (Monument 7198)
7198/3	London Road Cemetery (Monument 7198/3)
7198/354	Rockingham Road Pleasure Ground (Monument 7198/354)
7198/357	Wicksteed Park (Monument 7198/357)
7198/83	North Park Recreation Ground, Bath Road (Monument 7198/83)
7203	Rushden (Monument 7203)
7203/101	Allotment Gardens Off Woodland Road, Rushden (Monument 7203/101)
7203/102	Allotment Gardens Off Highfield Road, Rushden (Monument 7203/102)
7203/112	Allotments Off Newton Road, Rushden (Monument 7203/112)
7203/127	Spencer Park, Rushden (Monument 7203/127)
7203/146	Rushden Cemetery (Monument 7203/146)
7204	Thrapston (Monument 7204)
7204/40	Thrapston Cemetery (Monument 7204/40)
760	Farthingstone (Monument 760)
760/0/20	Little Court (Monument 760/0/20)
7662	Manor Farm, West Haddon (Monument 7662)
7663	Wilby Grange (Monument 7663)
768	Litchborough Park (Monument 768)
7686	Possible Parkland for Assart Farm (Monument 7686)
7688	Parkland at St Crispins Hospital (Monument 7688)
7954	Possible Park at Farthinghoe Manor (Monument 7954)
8001	Norton Park (Monument 8001)
8009	Blakesley Hall Park (Monument 8009)
8043	Finedon Hall Park (Monument 8043)
8047	Stoke Bruerne Park (Monument 8047)
8048	Possible Landscape Park at Kirby Hall (Monument 8048)
8053	Preston Hall Park (Monument 8053)
8057	Holdenby House Park (C19th Landscape Park) (Monument 8057)
8058	Thornton Park (a.k.a Kingsthorpe Park, Queen's Park) (Monument 8058)
8063	Former Park at Chacombe Priory (Monument 8063)
8066	Barnwell St Andrew's Manor (Monument 8066)
8067	Cosgrove Priory (Monument 8067)
8068	Brixworth Hall Park (Monument 8068)

8088	Boughton House Park (Monument 8088)
8527	Biddlesden Park (Monument 8527)
8567	Holdenby North Lodge (Monument 8567)
8567/1	North Lodge (Monument 8567/1)
8567/1/1	Possible Modern Parkland/Garden (Monument 8567/1/1)
8603	Mears Ashby Hall Park (Monument 8603)
87	Hinton-In-The-Hedges (Monument 87)
87/3	Manor Farm (Monument 87/3)
87/3/1	Modern Garden (Monument 87/3/1)
874	Greens Norton Park (Monument 874)
88	Astwell Medieval Deer Park (Monument 88)
884	Dodford Park (Medieval/Post Medieval Deer Park) (Monument 884)
952	Watford (Monument 952)
952/3	Watford Cemetery (Monument 952/3)
9565/1/1	Wilbye Grange (Monument 9565/1/1)
9804/1	Turweston House (Monument 9804/1)
9804/1/1	Turweston House (Building 9804/1/1)

Event ID: ENN104528 **Name:** Land East of Old Tiffield Road

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN104528	Land East of Old Tiffield Road	Event - Survey

External Reference:

Dates: 01/07/1997 - 31/07/1997, between

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Desk-Based Assessment

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

HERTFORDSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69014 49383 (MBR: 73m by 144m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Zeepvat R.J.. 1997. Land East of Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire.
(unchecked)

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: ENN104529 **Name:** Development adjacent A43

Event ID	Event	Event Type
ENN104529	Development adjacent A43	Event - Intervention
External Reference:	6849007	
Dates:	01/01/1988 - 31/12/1988, at some time	

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Observation (Watching Brief)

Event/Activity Refs - None recorded

Organisation:

Northamptonshire Heritage (Northamptonshire County)

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SP 6871 4940 (point)

SP64NE

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Notes: CADMAN G.E.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 19/41 (unchecked)
- (2) Note: CADMAN G.E.. 1988. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Associated Monuments

726/0/43 Roman Activity fronting Watling Street (Monument 726/0/43)

APPENDIX D: Northamptonshire County Council Monument Report

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151 - MNN140513	Modern Industrial & Commercial Activity	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

COMMERCIAL SITE (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1999 AD?)

INDUSTRIAL SITE (Modern - 1800 AD? to 1999 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). 3.1.4 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 689 494 (MBR: 340m by 186m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Station Yard, Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151/1	Groom & Tattersalls Foundry	Interpretational Group
1151/3	Towcester Cattle Market	Interpretational Group
1151/2	The Hesketh Hotel	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103478 Northamptonshire Foundries (Event - Survey. Ref: 8577005)

ENN19112 Old Tiffield Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949016)

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1151/1 - MNN101273 **Site** Groom & Tattersalls Foundry

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151/1 - MNN101273	Groom & Tattersalls Foundry	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

ENGINEERING WORKS ((at some time) Modern - 1924 AD to 1999 AD)
FOUNDRY ((at some time) Modern - 1924 AD to 1999 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Groom and Tattersalls. The foundry and mill shop were located at Station Yard for general founding working plus the manufacture of flour milling machinery etc. George Groom opened a foundry in Towcester in 1910, next to Towcester Station. In 1920 was linked with the London firm of Tattershall who were in the business of making milling machinery. The foundry is north of the town, on the east side of the road from the A5 to Tiffield (SP 690 494)
1910 George Groom, formerly of Eastcote
1920-1928- Groom & Tattershall Ltd
Later, part of J. A. Perkins of Northampton
Main products are flour milling machinery, food machinery, crane jibs and general foundry work.
Now trading as Tattershall Foundries Ltd.

{2} The southern and eastern parts of the site had had very substantial deposits of foundry waste dumped on it to form a level yard.

Sources

- (1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). 3.1.4 (checked)
- (2) Report: Murray J.. 1998. Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. p.7 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6905 4940 (MBR: 150m by 150m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Station Yard, Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151/1

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151	Modern Industrial & Commercial Activity	Interpretational Group
1151/1/1	Narrow Gauge Railway Serving Foundry	Interpretational Group
1151/1/2	Possible WWII Air Raid Shelter	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103478 Northamptonshire Foundries (Event - Survey. Ref: 8577005)

ENN19112 Old Tiffield Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949016)

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1151/1/1 - MNN37248 **Site** Narrow Gauge Railway Serving Foundry

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151/1/1 - MNN37248	Narrow Gauge Railway Serving Foundry	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

RAILWAY? (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1950 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Two narrow gauge iron rail tracks and iron sleepers traverse the site from north to south. They are situated under the concrete. They were used to allow former foundry carts to tip onto the southern half of the site. Much of the area is also covered in foundry waste.

Sources

(1) Report: Murray J.. 1998. Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 690 494 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151/1/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151/1 Groom & Tattersalls Foundry Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN19112 Old Tiffield Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949016)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1151/1/2 - MNN37249 **Site** Possible WWII Air Raid Shelter

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151/1/2 - MNN37249	Possible WWII Air Raid Shelter	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

AIR RAID SHELTER? (Modern - 1939 AD? to 1945 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} An entrance to a possible air raid shelter is shown on the site survey to the east, and depot staff suggested that it may have been in this vicinity.

Sources

(1) Report: Murray J.. 1998. Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. p.6 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 690 494 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151/1/2 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151/1 Groom & Tattersalls Foundry Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN19112 Old Tiffield Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949016)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1151/2 - MNN140514 **Site** The Hesketh Hotel

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151/2 - MNN140514	The Hesketh Hotel	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

HOTEL (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1950 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). 3.4.2 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68841 49441 (MBR: 125m by 140m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Watling Street East, Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151/2

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151 Modern Industrial & Commercial Activity Interpretational Group

1151/2/1 Degra House (Formerly The Hesketh Hotel) Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN7 Ordnance Survey Mapping (First Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968001)

ENN8 Ordnance Survey Mapping (Second Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968002)

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1151/2/1 - MNN101324 **Site** Degra House (Formerly The Hesketh Hotel)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151/2/1 - MNN101324	Degra House (Formerly The Hesketh Hotel)	Building

Monument Types and Dates

COMMERCIAL BUILDING (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1950 AD?)
OUTBUILDING (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1950 AD?)
STABLE? (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1950 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} The building is still in use (although some of the associated structures have gone), as 'Degra House' (a remand home). There were some associated buildings which may have been stables for the hotel, but these have now gone.

Sources

(1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). 3.4.2 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68851 49441 (MBR: 37m by 40m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Watling Street East, Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151/2/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151/2 The Hesketh Hotel Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN7 Ordnance Survey Mapping (First Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968001)
ENN8 Ordnance Survey Mapping (Second Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968002)
ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1151/3 - MNN101294 **Site** Towcester Cattle Market

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1151/3 - MNN101294	Towcester Cattle Market	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

LIVESTOCK MARKET (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1980 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Cattle market. The cattle market was located in close proximity to the station and Hesketh Hotel but has now been demolished.

Sources

(1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68858 49469 (MBR: 30m by 43m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Watling Street, Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1151/3

Active

Ratings and Scorings

Condition Destroyed 19/01/2006

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

1151 Modern Industrial & Commercial Activity Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN8 Ordnance Survey Mapping (Second Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968002)

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 1617 - MNN2994 **Site** Bairstowe's Lodge Park (Formerly Elm Lodge)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
1617 - MNN2994	Bairstowe's Lodge Park (Formerly Elm Lodge)	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

LANDSCAPE PARK? (Modern - 1750 AD? to 1999 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

(1) Map: . 1950. Ordnance Survey 2.5 Inch Series. SP65 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68352 49998 (MBR: 753m by 597m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish GREENS NORTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 1617 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating	Yes	10/03/2009
Condition	Poor	18/11/1996
Importance	Uncertain	18/11/1996

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Landuse	Arable	18/11/1996
Landuse	Built over	18/11/1996

Related Monuments - None Recorded

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN14802 THE LODGE (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6850005)

ENN104057 English Heritage Parks Register Enhancement Survey, 1995 (Event - Survey)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 4227 - MNN138333 **Site** Possible Romano-British Transport Route

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
4227 - MNN138333	Possible Romano-British Transport Route	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

SITE? (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Book: Towcester & District Local History Society. 1995. Towcester: The Story of An English Country Town. Figure 2 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 71825 54638 (MBR: 3989m by 11522m) SP75SW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	BLISWORTH, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	DUSTON, Northampton District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	EASTON NESTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	GAYTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	MILTON MALSOR, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	NORTHAMPTON, Northampton District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	ROTHERSTHORPE, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	TIFFIELD, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 4227

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

4227/1	Possible Romano-British Road Route (Towcester to Duston?)	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 447 - MNN3501 **Site** Watling Street (A5 Trunk Road)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
447 - MNN3501	Watling Street (A5 Trunk Road)	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

<<TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS SITE>> (Early Roman to Modern - 43 AD? to 1999 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 71086 47057 (MBR: 23802m by 36944m) SP74NW Line

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	CRICK, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	KILSBY, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	LILBOURNE, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	LONG BUCKBY, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	NETHER HEYFORD, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	NORTON, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	OLD STRATFORD, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	PAULERSPURY, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WATFORD, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WELTON, Daventry District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Scheduled Monument - 152	Site of Bannaventa	Active
DNN2674		

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Primary Record Number - 5	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 447	Active
Primary Record Number - 396	Active
Primary Record Number - 266	Active
Primary Record Number - 2215	Active
Primary Record Number - 2200	Active
Primary Record Number - 2067	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology	alluvium
Geology	boulder clay
Geology	Glacial gravel
Geology	Lower lias clay
Geology	Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

447/1	Watling Street Roman Road (Margary Routes 1e & 1f)	Interpretational Group
447/3	Disused section of Watling Street	Interpretational Group
447/2	Medieval Development of Watling Street	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN4582 Observation, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 5967004)
 ENN5119 Observation, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 6457001)
 ENN6107 Observation, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 7146008)
 ENN19308 Douue Brigge, Undated (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 5477004)
 ENN19320 Documentary Research, Undated (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 7840004)
 ENN5553 Observation, Pre 1933 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6850001)
 ENN5674 Finds, Pre 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948004)
 ENN8044 Finds, c.1840 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 7840002)
 ENN4101 Excavation, 1907-8 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5673001B)
 ENN12422 Road Development, 1930s (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849016)
 ENN4100 Watling Street, 1947 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5673001A)
 ENN4268 Excavation, 1961 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5771001)
 ENN15380 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164034)
 ENN15381 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164035)
 ENN19791 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164046)
 ENN19792 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164047)
 ENN4796 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6164022)
 ENN19797 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164052)
 ENN4687 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6065003)
 ENN4269 Watling Street excavation, 1977 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5772001)
 ENN4270 Excavation at Watling Street, 1977 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5772002)
 ENN4103 Survey, pre 1978 (Event - Survey. Ref: 5673003)
 ENN4775 Aerial Survey, 1980 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164001)
 ENN4799 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6164026)
 ENN100404 Finds, 1982 (Event - Intervention)
 ENN19800 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164055)
 ENN12264 Metal Detecting, 1984 (Event - Survey. Ref: 7146006)
 ENN4683 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164045)
 ENN19801 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164056)
 ENN17051 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164038)
 ENN18216 Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal, 1993 (Metal Detecting) (Event - Survey. Ref: 5772009)
 ENN13677 WATLING STREET (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5771002)
 ENN14601 WATLING STREET, CRICK (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5771004)
 ENN103892 Condition Survey (Event - Survey. Ref: 5871005)
 ENN15379 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164033)
 ENN13790 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164029)
 ENN13802 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164030)
 ENN100617 Watling Street At Dirft (Land Management. Ref: 5871005)
 ENN104323 Watling Street Byway, 2005 (Event - Intervention)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 447/1 - MNN11430 **Site** Watling Street Roman Road (Margary Routes 1e & 1f)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
447/1 - MNN11430	Watling Street Roman Road (Margary Routes 1e & 1f)	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

ROAD ROUTE (Early Roman to Modern - 43 AD? to 1999 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Correspondence about Dr J.Alexander's record of the presumed earlier line of Watling Street through Towcester; plans.

{2} Watling Street, Stoney Stratford to Towcester ie. Route 1e. And Towcester to High Cross ie. Route 1f.

{3} Towcester developed on either side of Watling Street, the Roman road which ran from south-eastern England to the north west of the country. In the Roman period the road from Alchester and Dorchester entered Towcester at the south-western corner and joined Watling Street just north of the present Park Street. It has been suggested that the intersection of these two early military routes may have been the main reason for the siting of the town.

(Ref 1.0) Riden concludes: 'Both in the Middle Ages and later Towcester was for the most part a one-street town, with most of its principal houses standing on one side or the other of Watling Street. The lanes which branched off Watling Street either had no building on them or only secondary development at the back end of plots fronting Watling Street.'

Sources

- (1) Letter: Woodfield C.. 1999. Correspondence. (part checked)
- (2) Uncertain: 1973. Margary 1973. p.173+183-87 (unchecked)
- (3) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.6, 1.0 (checked)
- (4) Report: JONES C.. 2005. An Archaeological Excavation, Watling Street Byway, Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. (unchecked)
- (5) Report: RPS CLOUSTON. 1994. Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal: Archaeological Evaluation (Appendices). (unchecked)
- (6) Report: RPS CLOUSTON. 1994. Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal: Archaeological Evaluation. (unchecked)
- (7) Report: Clay P.; Courtney P.; Cooper L.. 1996. An Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment and Survey for The Salcey to Deanshanger Pipeline Duplication, Phase 3. ULAS Report Series. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 63627 59435 (MBR: 23904m by 37039m) SP65NW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	ASHBY ST. LEDGERS, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	BROCKHALL, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	BUGBROOKE, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	COLD HIGHAM, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	CRICK, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	DODFORD, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	FLORE, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	GREENS NORTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	KILSBY, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	LILBOURNE, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	LONG BUCKBY, Daventry District, Northamptonshire

Civil Parish	NETHER HEYFORD, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	NORTON, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	OLD STRATFORD, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	PATTISHALL, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	PAULERSPURY, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	POTTERS PURY, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	STOWE IX CHURCHES, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WATFORD, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WEEDON BEC, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WELTON, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WHILTON, Daventry District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	WHITTLEBURY, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	YARDLEY GOBION, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	YELVERTOFT, Daventry District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Scheduled Monument - 152 DNN2674	Site of Bannaventa	Active
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Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 447/1		Active
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Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology	alluvium
Geology	boulder clay
Geology	Glacial gravel
Geology	Lower lias clay
Geology	Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

447	Watling Street (A5 Trunk Road)	Interpretational Group
447/1/1	Watling Street: Section at SP573725	Interpretational Group
447/1/2	Watling Street: Section at SP574723	Interpretational Group
447/1/6	Agger of Roman road	Interpretational Group
447/1/8	Inhumation From Base of Roman Ditch	Interpretational Group
447/1/9	Agger of Watling Street	Interpretational Group
447/1/13	Watling Street: Section between A5 & Cuttle Mill	Interpretational Group
447/1/14	Uncertain, undated feature	Interpretational Group
904/1/2	Agger of Roman Road	Interpretational Group
447/1/3	Watling Street: Section at SP578716	Interpretational Group
447/1/12	Roman Road	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Undated, Unstratified Finds	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Unstratified Roman Coin	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Unstratified Roman Coins	Interpretational Group
447/1/15	Possible Ford, Undated	Interpretational Group
447/1/16	Watling Street SP 5765 7173	Interpretational Group
447/1/10	Romano-British Road Surfaces	Interpretational Group
447/1/4	Watling Street: Section Immediately North of A428	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Unstratified Roman Coin	Interpretational Group

447/1/11	Watling Street Metalling	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Unstratified Roman Finds	Interpretational Group
447/1/17	Dow Bridge (C20th)	Interpretational Group
447/1/18	C14 bridge	Interpretational Group
447/1/19	Douue Brigge (Medieval)	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Unstratified Early Saxon Find	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Unstratified Late Roman Coins	Interpretational Group
447/1/24	Bridge Over River Ouse (That Part in Old Stratford C.P.)	Interpretational Group
447/1/20	Watling Street: Possible Side Ditches at SP647579	Interpretational Group
447/1/21	Roman Field System	Interpretational Group
447/1/23	North Bridge, Towcester	Interpretational Group
447/1/5	Section of Watling Street Through North Defences (Morphed Aerial Archaeology Interpretation)	Interpretational Group
447/1/22	Roman road (Morphed Aerial Archaeology Interpretation) checked	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Roman finds	Interpretational Group
447/1/0	Medieval to modern finds	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN4582 Observation, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 5967004)
- ENN5119 Observation, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 6457001)
- ENN6107 Observation, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 7146008)
- ENN19308 Douue Brigge, Undated (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 5477004)
- ENN19320 Documentary Research, Undated (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 7840004)
- ENN5553 Observation, Pre 1933 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6850001)
- ENN5674 Finds, Pre 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948004)
- ENN8044 Finds, c.1840 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 7840002)
- ENN4101 Excavation, 1907-8 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5673001B)
- ENN12422 Road Development, 1930s (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849016)
- ENN4100 Watling Street, 1947 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5673001A)
- ENN5745 Observation, 1950 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948073)
- ENN4268 Excavation, 1961 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5771001)
- ENN15380 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164034)
- ENN15381 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164035)
- ENN19791 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164046)
- ENN19792 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164047)
- ENN4796 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6164022)
- ENN19797 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164052)
- ENN4687 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6065003)
- ENN5746 Observation, 1976 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948074)
- ENN4269 Watling Street excavation, 1977 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5772001)
- ENN4270 Excavation at Watling Street, 1977 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5772002)
- ENN5747 Towcester Flood Alleviation Works, 1977-8 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948075)
- ENN4103 Survey, pre 1978 (Event - Survey. Ref: 5673003)
- ENN4775 Aerial Survey, 1980 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164001)
- ENN4799 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6164026)
- ENN100404 Finds, 1982 (Event - Intervention)
- ENN5730 Watching Brief, 1983 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948060)
- ENN19800 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164055)
- ENN12264 Metal Detecting, 1984 (Event - Survey. Ref: 7146006)
- ENN12295 Allen's Yard Excavation, 1984 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948134)

ENN19801 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164056)
ENN17051 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164038)
ENN18216 Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal, 1993 (Metal Detecting) (Event - Survey. Ref: 5772009)
ENN13677 WATLING STREET (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5771002)
ENN14601 WATLING STREET, CRICK (Event - Intervention. Ref: 5771004)
ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))
ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))
ENN103892 Condition Survey (Event - Survey. Ref: 5871005)
ENN15379 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164033)
ENN13790 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164029)
ENN13802 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6164030)
ENN20164 Watling Street, Documentary Survey (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948200)
ENN100617 Watling Street At Dirft (Land Management. Ref: 5871005)
ENN104323 Watling Street Byway, 2005 (Event - Intervention)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 447/1/15 - MNN29117 **Site** Possible Ford, Undated

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
447/1/15 - MNN29117	Possible Ford, Undated	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FORD (Unknown date)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} 1930s road widening scheme to north of Towcester; work at Hesketh Bridge revealed hurdles; possible ford across leat or vertical revetting; undated.

Sources

- (1) Note: 1993. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)
- (2) Note: GIGGINS B.L.. 1990. CORRESPONDENCE. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6892 4919 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 447/1/15 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology	alluvium	24/05/1994
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Related Monuments

447/1	Watling Street Roman Road (Margary Routes 1e & 1f)	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN12422 Road Development, 1930s (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849016)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 447/1/23 - MNN115887 **Site** North Bridge, Towcester

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
447/1/23 - MNN115887	North Bridge, Towcester	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BRIDGE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}. The north bridge continued to be associated with the former hospital. In 1509 a local butcher left 6s 8d to the highway at 'spittull brigge'.

(Ref 3.6) There is a little evidence which shows concern to keep the town's streets and bridges in good repair. In April 1366 twelve leading townsmen, together with 'all the community of Towcester', gave notification that they had appointed proctors to collect money for the repair of the bridge called the North Bridge next to the hospital of St Leonard at the end of Towcester.

Sources

(1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.4.2, 3.6 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68931 49190 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 447/1/23 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

447/1 Watling Street Roman Road (Margary Routes 1e & 1f) Interpretational Group

5761/1 St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital) Ownership

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 4770/0/10 - MNN116296 **Site** Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
4770/0/10 - MNN116296	Avenue Of Trees Running West From Main House	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

CAUSEWAY? (Post Medieval to Modern - 1540 AD? to 1899 AD?)
DRIVE? (Post Medieval to Modern - 1540 AD? to 1899 AD?)
AVENUE (Post Medieval to Modern - 1600 AD? to 1999 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A section of avenue is also preserved within the field which had previously linked Easton Neston House to Watling Street, the remaining section measuring 190m long and 6-8m long widening to 10m at its eastern end. The western end of the avenue had been intersected at 30m by a cutting. The cutting appeared to have been caused by the erosion of the two adjacent plough ridges. At the lower eastern end the avenue crosses Tiffield Brook as an embankment measuring 70m long and up to 25m long constructed over a brick culvert.

{2} The avenue is a raised earthwork up to 2m high formerly flanked by a double line of trees. It was part of a great avenue running both east and west from Easton neston House, extending for nearly 4km in total, and is probably contemporary with the 17th-18th century house.

{3} Trenches cut across former avenue and causeway running WNW from Easton Neston House. The causeway was considerably higher than the adjacent ground level, but no buried soil recognised in section. There was a broad shallow ditch on either side of causeway - approx 4m wide and 60cm deep and filled with silty soil.

Sources

- (1) Report: Zeevat R.J.. 1999. South Northants District Council Depot Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northants: Archaeol. (checked)
- (2) Note: Kenney J.; Oswald A.. 1993-4. Medieval Field Systems at Easton Neston. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.180 (checked)
- (3) Notes: JACKSON D.A.. 1996. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)
- (4) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.5 (unchecked)
- (5) Uncertain: 1991. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6936 4944 (MBR: 1292m by 334m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish EASTON NESTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Registered Park or Garden (II*) - GD2034 Easton Neston Active
DNN6556

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 4770/0/10 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

4770/0

Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

ENN20265 Documentary (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6949017)

ENN14638 Trial Trenching, 1996 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949010)

ENN100514 SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate (Event - Survey. Ref: 4624003)

ENN100515 SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, 1999 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 4642002)

ENN100516 SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate (Event - Intervention. Ref: 4624001)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 5480/0/0 - MNN25465 **Site** Unstratified Romano-British Finds

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
5480/0/0 - MNN25465	Unstratified Romano-British Finds	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Finds made in the 1940s. Roman pottery including a complete vessel.

Sources

(1) Series: Royal Commission on The Historical Monuments of England. 1982. An Inventory of The Historical Monuments in The County of Northampton. p.150 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6903 4985 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 5480/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

5480/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN104410 SHERDS (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) POTTERY

FNN104411 VESSEL (1) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5805 Finds, 1940s (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949001)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 5761/1 - MNN11518 **Site** St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
5761/1 - MNN11518	St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital)	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

HOSPITAL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)
LEPER HOSPITAL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} The leper hospital of St Leonard, probably located on the north side of the north bridge, was in existence by 1200. Unlike many leper hospitals which were converted to ordinary infirmaries following the decline of leprosy in the late medieval period, it appears to have gone out of use by the mid 15th century. The robbed out remains of a substantial medieval wall and associated surfaces uncovered to the south of the River, may represent the site of the former leper hospital .

(Ref 2.0)The leper hospital would have been built beyond the main area of habitation, but its closure at some stage before the 1440s enabled Towcester to expand in this direction.

(Ref 3.4.2)The leper hospital of St Leonard was in existence by 1200 when the county sheriff Simon de Pateshull rendered account of a royal gift of 40 shillings to the Leprous Brethren of Towcester. In 1285-6 the court of the hospital was given as one of the boundaries of an acre of land in Towcester field. The hospital is more closely located by a document of 1366 which recorded the collection of money for the repair of the North Bridge 'next the hospital of St Leonard at the end of Towcester.' A location north of the bridge would appear likely, for leper hospitals were usually sited away from the main areas of habitation. The hospital did not feature in the visitations carried out by William Alnwick, Bishop of Lincoln, in the years 1436-49, nor did it receive a bequest from Archdeacon Sponne in 1447. It therefore seems likely that it had ceased to function before the mid 15th century. The incidence of leprosy declined in the late medieval period and many leper hospitals became ordinary infirmaries, but it would appear that this did not happen at Towcester.

Sources

- (1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 1.0, 2.0, 3.4.2 (unchecked)
- (2) Book: Knowles; Hadcock. 1953. Medieval Religious Houses. p.314 (unchecked)
- (3) Series: Serjeantson R.M.; Ryland W. (Editors). 1906. The Victoria History of the Counties of England: Northamptonshire. (unchecked)
- (4) Document: Calendar of Pipe Rolls. 2 John 1 (unchecked)
- (5) Index: Ordnance Survey. 1950s/1960s. Ordnance Survey Record Card Index. SP64NE23 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6892 4920 (MBR: 78m by 78m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 5761/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating	Yes	24/03/2009
MPP Group Value (Clustering)		2
MPP Group Value (Association)		2
MPP Survival		1
MPP Potential		1
MPP Documentation (Historical)		2

MPP Documentation (Archaeological)	1
MPP Diversity (Features)	1
MPP Amenity Value	1
MPP Total Score	17

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology alluvium

Related Monuments

727	Towcester	Interpretational Group
5761/1/1	Chapel of St Leonard	Interpretational Group
5761/1/2	Cobbled surface	Interpretational Group
5761/1/3	Medieval wall and cobbled surface	Interpretational Group
447/1/23	North Bridge, Towcester	Ownership

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5544 St. Leonard's hospital (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6849006)
 ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))
 ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 5761/1/1 - MNN115888 **Site** Chapel of St Leonard

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
5761/1/1 - MNN115888	Chapel of St Leonard	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

CHAPEL (Early Medieval to Late Medieval - 1200 AD to 1436 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}The chapel of St Leonard's is mentioned in 1384-5, and the names of two wardens in the late 1380s are known.

Sources

(1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.4.2 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68938 49221 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 5761/1/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

5761/1 St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital) Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 5761/1/2 - MNN140779 **Site** Cobbled surface

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
5761/1/2 - MNN140779	Cobbled surface	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FEATURE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A cobbled layer running north to south on the same alignment as the present day Watling Street. The western edge of the feature was exposed and it had a slight concave shape, more than 2.1m wide and going into the east baulk of the trench. It was one course thick (0.2m) and comprised sub-angular limestone pieces and sub-rounded cobbles, with occasional late medieval or post-medieval brick fragments. This layer was also seen in trench 4.

This surface may relate to the medieval leper hospital of St. Leonard recorded in documents as being next to the North Bridge. It is unlikely to have been anything else as no other buildings would have been built next to the leper hospital. The marginal nature of this area may account for its being granted for the site of a leper hospital.

Sources

- (1) Report: Atkins R.. 2001. Watling Street, Towcester, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Archaeological Evaluation. pp.11, 15 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68946 49149 (MBR: 18m by 16m) SP64NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 5761/1/2 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

5761/1 St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital) Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 5761/1/3 - MNN140781 **Site** Medieval wall and cobbled surface

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
5761/1/3 - MNN140781	Medieval wall and cobbled surface	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FEATURE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

WALL (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} The remains of a wall were located in the middle of the trench; it was 1.06m wide and 0.44m high. Only the core of the wall survived. It comprised three courses of irregular limestone pieces (average size 0.2m x 0.25m). Five sherds of 13th to 14th century medieval pottery and 13 roof tiles fragments were recovered from its grey clay matrix. After disuse the wall seems to have been robbed of its faced stones. Two vertical sided robber trenches, 0.55m and 0.6m wide respectively, were observed in section on either side of the remaining core. A single large faced limestone block, 0.35m x 0.25m x 0.2m, recovered from the upcast soil was possibly part of the original wall facing.

On the west side of the trench was a cobbled surface running roughly north to south. It was partly exposed and was more than 1.9m in width and 0.5m thick. The structure consisted mostly of limestone sub angular stones with a few roof tile fragments. Two 17th century pottery sherds were found in the clean off but these may be intrusive from a neighbouring layer. The small amount of soil between the stones was a grey brown silt clay which seems to have acted as a bond.

These features may relate to the medieval leper hospital of St. Leonard recorded in documents as being next to the North Bridge. It is unlikely to have been anything else as no other buildings would have been built next to the leper hospital. The marginal nature of this area may account for its being granted for the site of a leper hospital.

Sources

- (1) Report: Atkins R.. 2001. Watling Street, Towcester, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Archaeological Evaluation. pp.12, 15 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68930 49152 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 5761/1/3 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

5761/1 St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital) Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105758 SHERDS (5) (Medieval - 1250 AD to 1350 AD) SANDY COARSEWARE,
POTTERSURY WARE

FNN105759 ROOF TILE (>10) (Early Medieval to Modern - 1100 AD to 1800 AD) TILE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 5995/0/3 - MNN133446 **Site** Open Fields Project: Areas of Survival of Ridge & Furrow

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
5995/0/3 - MNN133446	Open Fields Project: Areas of Survival of Ridge & Furrow	Monument
Earthwork (Aerial Photography)		

Monument Types and Dates

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

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Archive: Hall D.; Palmer R.. 2001. Midland Open Fields Project: Digital Archive. (part checked)
- (2) Book: Hall D.N.. 2001. Turning The Plough - Midland Open Fields: Landscape Character and Proposals for Management. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68902 49024 (MBR: 212m by 230m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 5995/0/3 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating	Yes	06/07/2005	
Form of Survival	Upstanding	06/07/2005	Midland Open Fields Project, 1995-99 - 7968005

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Landuse	Permanent Pasture	06/07/2005
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Related Monuments

5995/0	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103937 Midland Open Fields Project, 1995-99 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 7968005)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 6035/1 - MNN135670 **Site** Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway (Towcester to Blisworth)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
6035/1 - MNN135670	Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway (Towcester to Blisworth)	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

RAILWAY ROUTE (Modern - 1866 AD to 1960 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} The London to Birmingham Railway opened in 1838. The Northampton and Banbury Junction Railway Company opened their connecting line in 1866.

Sources

- (1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). 3.5 (checked)
- (2) Plan: 1920. Railway Clearing House pre-1923 Junction Diagrams. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69440 51708 (MBR: 5163m by 6341m) SP65SE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	BLISWORTH, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	GAYTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	TIFFIELD, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 6035/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating Yes 23/03/2009

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

6035/1/4	Cast Iron Bridge	Interpretational Group
6035/1/1	Uncertain Remains of Railway Line at Towcester	Interpretational Group
6035/1/2	Towcester Railway Station	Interpretational Group
6035/1/3	Section of Disused Railway Line	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18922 Observation, 1998 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6848026)
ENN19239 Parcel 320, Old Greens Norton Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849029)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 6035/1/1 - MNN101328 **Site** Uncertain Remains of Railway Line at Towcester

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
6035/1/1 - MNN101328	Uncertain Remains of Railway Line at Towcester	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

UNCERTAIN (Modern - 1838 AD? to 1960 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} London to Birmingham Railway opened in 1838. Station opened in the town in 1872. Towcester to Blisworth Line, Northampton and Banbury Junction Railway Company opened 1866. Towcester to Olney Line of Stratford and Midland Junction Railway Company opened 1891. The passenger service was a disaster and lasted only 4 months, but was later used for freight and special days. The lines later became merged in London and Midland Scottish railway company. In 1838, however, the railway opened at Blisworth, some four miles to the north-east of Towcester, and the 1840 Directory noted the absence of coach traffic through the town. The impact of the railway is attested in a newspaper article written in 1869. 'How thoroughly the town was once a town of inns may be sufficiently seen in the (southern) suburb. Those lofty gateways which now lead to tumble-down workshops or to small tenements for the poorer classes, led, in old time, to spacious yards for the reception of various merchandise, and were surrounded with stabling, with warehouses and dormitories.'

{2} At the south end of the trench the industrial levels abutted a bank of stiff blue clay, interpreted as the tail of the railway embankment.

Sources

- (1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). 3.5 (checked)
- (2) Report: Woodfield C.; Woodfield P.. 1998. Report on an Archaeological Evaluation on Parcel 320 adjoining Watling Street and Old Grens Norton Road. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68727 49147 (MBR: 2050m by 977m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 6035/1/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

6035/1	Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway (Towcester to Blisworth)	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN7 Ordnance Survey Mapping (First Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968001)
- ENN8 Ordnance Survey Mapping (Second Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968002)

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))
ENN19239 Parcel 320, Old Greens Norton Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849029)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 6035/1/2 - MNN101330 **Site** Towcester Railway Station

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
6035/1/2 - MNN101330	Towcester Railway Station	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

RAILWAY STATION (Modern - 1866 AD? to 1960 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Railway Station. The railway station to the north of the town has been demolished, but part of the alignment survives.

Sources

(1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68915 49432 (MBR: 43m by 65m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Old Tiffield Road, Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 6035/1/2 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Condition Destroyed 16/10/2006

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

6035/1	Northampton & Banbury Junction Railway (Towcester to Blisworth)	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN7 Ordnance Survey Mapping (First Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968001)

ENN8 Ordnance Survey Mapping (Second Edition) (Event - Survey. Ref: 7968002)

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 6043/0/0 - MNN25969 **Site** Prehistoric finds

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
6043/0/0 - MNN25969	Prehistoric finds	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Prehistoric - 500000 BC to 42 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Stone axe in good condition. Sanded, fine-grained metamorphic rock, possibly jadeite.

Sources

- (1) Note: The Council For British Archaeology. 1992. Implement Petrology Report. (unchecked)
- (2) Illustration: Finds Drawing. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 693 497 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 6043/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

6043/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN104412 AXE (1) (Prehistoric - 500000 BC to 42 AD) JADEITE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5808 Finds, 1992 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949004)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 6048/0/7 - MNN132472 **Site** Open Fields Project: Areas of Survival of Ridge & Furrow

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
6048/0/7 - MNN132472	Open Fields Project: Areas of Survival of Ridge & Furrow	Monument
Earthwork (Aerial Photography)		

Monument Types and Dates

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

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Archive: Hall D.; Palmer R.. 2001. Midland Open Fields Project: Digital Archive. (part checked)
- (2) Book: Hall D.N.. 2001. Turning The Plough - Midland Open Fields: Landscape Character and Proposals for Management. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69404 49437 (MBR: 382m by 427m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 6048/0/7 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating	No	23/03/2009	
Form of Survival	Destroyed	06/07/2005	Midland Open Fields Project, 1995-99 - 7968005

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Landuse	Permanent Pasture	06/07/2005
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Related Monuments

6048/0	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103937 Midland Open Fields Project, 1995-99 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 7968005)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7012/0/0 - MNN34861 **Site** Manuring scatter

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7012/0/0 - MNN34861	Manuring scatter	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

POTTERY SCATTER (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} 16 medieval sherds and 143 post-medieval sherds were collected from the Greens Norton Road site, along with 5 Roman sherds. Miscellaneous medieval and post medieval items were also found.

Sources

(1) Report: WEBSTER M.. 1992. Archaeological Evaluation at Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6863 4947 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7012/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7012/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105778 SHERDS (Large quantity) (Early Roman to Post Medieval - 43 AD to POTTERY 1749 AD)

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18234 Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6949013)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7012/0/0 - MNN140777 **Site** Manuring scatter

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7012/0/0 - MNN140777	Manuring scatter	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

POTTERY SCATTER (Late Iron Age to Post Medieval - 100 BC to 1749 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A sherd of Roman pottery and a fragment of post-medieval brick were found in a layer of orange brown alluvium in trench 1. A dark brown silt and clay layer in trench 3 contained medieval or later roof tile fragments as well as two residual Iron Age pottery sherds.

Sources

(1) Report: Atkins R.. 2001. Watling Street, Towcester, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Archaeological Evaluation. p. 10 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68999 49079 (MBR: 97m by 120m) SP64NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7012/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7012/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105753 SHERDS (1) (Late Roman - 200 AD to 400 AD)	GROGGED WARE
FNN105754 SHERDS (1) (Late Medieval to Modern - 1400 AD to 1800 AD)	BRICK
FNN105755 SHERDS (2) (Late Iron Age to Early Roman - 100 BC to 199 AD)	GROGGED WARE, POTTERY
FNN105756 ROOF TILE (Some) (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1749 AD?)	TILE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7012/0/1 - MNN115120 **Site** Area of Ridge & Furrow

SMR Number 7012/0/1 - MNN115120 **Site Name** Area of Ridge & Furrow **Record Type** Monument

Monument Types and Dates

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Much of the field containing the site is covered by ridge and furrow which runs on an east west alignment to the brook. The ridges were approximately 0.25m to 0.30m high in an S-shaped formation.

{2} The area contained parts of three major furlongs. Cultivation ridges were well preserved over much of the area, reaching a maximum of 0.5m in height. The three original furlongs had undergone alterations some relating to changes in the course of a stream, which affected the ploughing regime causing the formation of new headlands. Relatively little can be concluded from such a small part of a much larger field system.

{3} Medieval and post medieval pottery was evenly spread across the field suggesting that the material was largely dumped in rubbish or manure scatters. A minor Roman pottery scatter comprised heavily abraded material and is most likely to have been part of an earlier manuring.

Sources

- (1) Report: Zeevat R.J.. 1999. South Northants District Council Depot Tove Valley Industrial Estate, Towcester, Northants: Archaeol. (checked)
- (2) Note: Kenney J.; Oswald A.. 1993-4. Medieval Field Systems at Easton Neston. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.180 (checked)
- (3) Report: WEBSTER M.. 1992. Archaeological Evaluation at Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. fig.1 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6912 4961 (MBR: 242m by 369m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7012/0/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Condition Destroyed 16/10/2006

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7012/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18233 Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6949012)

ENN18234 Old Tiffield Road and Greens Norton Road, 1992 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6949013)

ENN20265 Documentary (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6949017)

ENN100514 SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate (Event - Survey. Ref: 4624003)

ENN100515 SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate, 1999 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 4642002)

ENN100516 SNDC Depot, Tove Valley Industrial Estate (Event - Intervention. Ref: 4624001)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7012/0/11 - MNN115886 **Site** Spittle Meadow

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7012/0/11 - MNN115886	Spittle Meadow	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

MEADOW (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)
RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}The Spittle meadow recorded in 1606 was located in the southern corner of Caldecot parish.

{2} The topsoil strip to the north of the River Tove revealed truncated ridge and furrow, the remnant of a medieval field system.

Sources

- (1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.4.2,
- (2) Report: McAree D.. 2003. Archaeological Watching Brief: A5 Watling Street, Towcester, Northamptonshire April 2002. p.3 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68666 49195 (MBR: 497m by 423m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7012/0/11 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating No 23/03/2009

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7012/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))
- ENN103729 Flood defences at Watling Street, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849034)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7012/0/12 - MNN140794 **Site** Remains of ridge and furrow

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7012/0/12 - MNN140794	Remains of ridge and furrow	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} In trench A, two shallow linear disturbances were probably the vestiges of a medieval or later furrow; two fragments of modern brick or tile were recovered. Trench D contained a feature that was probably the base of a later cultivation furrow. Several modern finds were present in its infilling.

Sources

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Location

National Grid Reference

SP 688 495 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7012/0/12 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7012/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726 - MNN3659 **Site** Lactodorum

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726 - MNN3659	Lactodorum	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

INDUSTRIAL SITE (Early Iron Age to Late Saxon - 800 BC? to 1065 AD?)
RELIGIOUS RITUAL AND FUNERARY? (Early Iron Age to Late Saxon - 800 BC? to 1065 AD?)
TOWN (Early Iron Age to Late Saxon - 800 BC? to 1065 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Article in the Sunday Telegraph (11/2/96) "The past pops up in Towcester" providing synopsis of "The story of an English Country Town".

{2} Towcester is probably the most extensively recorded of the 14 nucleated settlements included in this survey that definitely or probably acted as local or regional centres in the Roman period. Located astride Watling Street between the major settlement at Whilton Lodge (Bannaventa) to the north west and Fenny Stratford (Magiovinium) to the south east, Towcester was, along with Irchester and Water Newton (Durobrivae) one of largest and most significant small towns in the county. Lying on both a key strategic route through the province and at a junction with roads to a number of other small towns in the region, Towcester acted as a local craft, commercial and religious centre that probably also played a role as a focus of local administration and taxation.

Towcester's layout seems to owe much to local considerations of topography and drainage and the need to accommodate an emergent pattern of regional roads joining Watling Street. Significant parts of the core area were well established by the later first century AD and occupation covered all the identified suburbs by the mid-late second century AD. The majority of the known settlement lay to the west of Watling Street, occupying a spur of land surrounded on three sides by low lying marshy ground on the floodplains of the Tove and Silverstone Brook. Across the watercourses to both north and south further ribbon development suburbs developed along Watling Street, though their extent and form is still poorly understood. Further suburbs along the modern Brackley Road and Alchester Road extended ribbon development into the surrounding agricultural landscapes to the west and south west of the town. A reasonable amount can be said about the town's historical development though knowledge is patchy for some areas. Watling Street and immediately neighbouring areas appear to have been laid out in the third quarter of the first century AD, quite probably in a way that was designed to intersect with a pre-existing Late Iron Age focus of settlement and possibly religious significance located on and immediately to the west of the floodplain of the Tove. During the late first to early second century the remaining routes between Watling Street and other emerging centres such as Brackley/Evenley, Alchester, Irchester and/or Duston were formalised and additional buildings constructed close to their frontages. During the course of the second century in particular, the construction of stone founded probable strip buildings gradually filled the road frontages with simple shops, workshops and houses. Close to the core of the town the later first century saw the development of a number of important religious buildings alongside other substantial buildings of uncertain function but which may have been a mansio, bath house, large private residence or even a public building. In the later second century AD the core spur of land and the junction of the Alchester Road, Watling street and possibly Brackley road were enclosed within a large earthen rampart and ditch defensive circuit. These defences may have incorporated an integral stone wall at this time or that may have been added at an as yet unknown date later in the Roman period. In the fourth century the town's defences were further augmented with bastions or corner towers. The construction of these defences clearly cut through a number of existing areas of settlement and may also have cut through several side roads in the town, cutting off parts of the interior from the surrounding land. The overall effect of this is not clear but there is some suggestion from the south western quarter that this led to the dereliction of some areas behind the main road frontages. Around the fringes of the settlement a series of enclosures defined small agricultural plots and stock yards that periodically seem to have been used for small clusters of burials close to their boundaries. The settlement was clearly occupied up to the end of the fourth century

(Ref 1.0) TOPOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY. Towcester lies on a low rise largely on Upper Lias clay but with a small area of river gravel on the southern boundary of the settlement, within a loop formed by the confluence of the River Tove to the north and west with Silverstone Brook to the south. The choice of site was clearly dominated not by the normal factors of permeable geology and good agricultural land which dominate the distribution of medieval and earlier settlement in Northamptonshire. The choice of the site of Towcester seems likely to have been determined to a large degree by the river crossing of the major road where it passed through the broader valley area. This might explain why the Saxon focus probably shifted from Towcester to Greens Norton only returning when defensive and commercial factors once more became dominant. The vast majority of the catchment of the Tove, which dominates the hinterland of the town, is a boulder clay covered plateau. This was always poor quality agricultural land which for much of the past remained

covered by extensive areas of woodland. In contrast, the valley of the Tove itself has exposed areas of permeable geology where pre-Iron Age activity was concentrated and where right through to the post medieval period settlement and agricultural wealth was concentrated.

(Ref 2.1) Prehistoric origins for the settlement at Towcester have long been suspected. It has been suggested, largely on the basis of scattered finds of residual Iron Age pottery, that the pre-Roman settlement was as extensive as the Roman town. There is also a suggestion, based on the duro element of the Roman place-name (OE fort on low ground), that the settlement may have been fortified, although no trace of an early defensive circuit has been found. However, surviving features relating to this pre-Conquest settlement appear to have been largely confined to the east of the present town in the area between the line later taken by Watling Street and the floodplain of the River Tove.

(Ref 2.2) The earliest subsequent occupation can be dated to the mid-late first century AD when roadside boundary ditches and enclosures seem to have been laid out close to the newly constructed major route of Watling Street in what subsequently becomes the core of the town. Clear evidence for buildings and occupation dating to the mid-first century AD is, perhaps, surprisingly scant. Evidence for the early development of the settlement is largely confined to the widespread presence of residual mid-first century material in contexts usually dated to the Flavian period (the AD70s). The true period of development of the large nucleated settlement at Towcester occurred, as elsewhere, during the last quarter of the first century and the first half of the second century AD. Although we know very little about the nature of occupation along Watling Street within the core of the town, the ubiquity of late first and second century pottery recovered from many of the present properties suggests that the main frontages were flourishing. By the mid second century most of the known area of the town was already occupied.

(Ref 3.3) The range and number of buildings recorded across the Roman town of Towcester represent an important if often fragmentary corpus nationally. Several potentially very important public buildings have been suggested to lie within the defended area of the town. Most unfortunately are known from early or highly fragmentary observations and thus remain difficult to interpret with any certainty. They nevertheless represent a suite of substantial and clearly well appointed buildings that are rare within small towns nationally and very rare from the county.

(Ref 3.4) Evidence for craft production and the study of trade at Towcester is abundant though of variable quality. Towcester, having had more published excavations than any other Roman small town in the county is comparatively well served with specialist reports on artefactual and ecofactual evidence to support study of its economic activity. This is though partly hampered by the early date of some of the main excavations and their uneven distribution focused as they are predominantly on the west and south west of the town. The quantified assemblages from the core of the town indicate that in the second century at least nearly 50 percent of Towcester's pottery was of regional (>20km away) or imported origin. This figure is well above that found at contemporary rural sites and is high even by urban standards (c.f. Cooper forthcoming). Whilst, as everywhere in Britain, this proportion drops away significantly during the third and fourth centuries it strongly indicates the significance of the town as a focus for wider pottery supply and exchange, probably linked to trade in a wider range of largely archaeologically invisible agricultural products.

(Ref 3.5.2) Literally hundreds of burials have been noted from many locations across the town. Unfortunately, most are either poorly or completely undocumented in detail and so cannot be interpreted with confidence. Despite this there are clearly areas around the outskirts of the town that were foci for burial if not necessarily formal cemeteries of the kind excavated at Ashton and elsewhere. No burials have been found in trial trenching anywhere along the eastern side of the A5 during work carried out in 1986 or the 1990's.

(Ref 3.1) At present the direction of any side roads to the east or south-east of Watling Street towards Irchester are unknown and it is difficult now to see where such a route would run given that no such evidence was encountered in the recent excavations on the floodplain of the River Tove east of the town defences. The small scale and early date of most archaeological interventions in this area, alongside the degree of destruction caused by the continued medieval and post-medieval occupation of this part of the town mean that our knowledge of any roads or track ways in this area is very limited.

(Ref 3.6) The location of the town at Towcester within the confluence of the Tove and Silverstone Brook combined with the survival of pockets of deeply buried and sometimes waterlogged deposits suggests that the potential for study of the immediate environment or land use strategies in its vicinity is good. Unfortunately the early of several of the key excavations combined with the small scale evaluation based nature of subsequent work mean that few paleoenvironmental analyses have been carried out.

(Ref 2.3) The latest recorded coins from the town, however, are all late fourth century issues, which suggests that urban life was beginning to break down before the official end of Roman administration in AD410. Although there is structural evidence for occupation well into the late 4th century at several locations, especially along the Alchester Road suburbs, evidence for subsequent Anglo-Saxon occupation into the fifth century AD is absent. There is generally an absence of

evidence for activity during the Early-Middle Saxon period, finds from the area , suggest that occupation may have shifted away from the former Roman town by the early 6th century, though other evidence is unclear.

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Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6907 4886 (MBR: 1186m by 1997m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Conservation Area	Towcester conservation area	Active
DNN12377		

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Primary Record Number - 311	Active
Primary Record Number - 1798	Active
Primary Record Number - 2739	Active
Primary Record Number - 292	Active
Primary Record Number - 296	Active
Primary Record Number - 2980	Active
Primary Record Number - 3044	Active
Primary Record Number - 3045	Active
Primary Record Number - 3046	Active
Primary Record Number - 3047	Active
Primary Record Number - 305	Active
Primary Record Number - 307	Active
Primary Record Number - 1292	Active
Primary Record Number - 309	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 726	Active
Primary Record Number - 312	Active
Primary Record Number - 3447	Active
Primary Record Number - 3451	Active
Primary Record Number - 3748	Active
Primary Record Number - 3749	Active
Primary Record Number - 4015	Active
Primary Record Number - 4204	Active
Primary Record Number - 4205	Active
Primary Record Number - 4501	Active
Primary Record Number - 4586	Active
Primary Record Number - 4587	Active

Primary Record Number - 5126 Active
Primary Record Number - 308 Active

Ratings and Scorings

MPP Group Value (Clustering)	0
MPP Professional Judgement	No
MPP Group Value (Association)	0
MPP Survival	0
MPP Potential	0
MPP Documentation (Historical)	0
MPP Documentation (Archaeological)	0
MPP Diversity (Features)	0
MPP Amenity Value	0
MPP Total Score	0

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology	alluvium	
Geology	Glacial gravel	
Geology	River gravel	
Geology	Upper lias clay	10/02/1994
Geology	clay	11/09/1996

Related Monuments

726/0		Interpretational Group
726/1	Possible Romano-British Cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/3	Possible Roman cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/4	Towcester Roman Town Defences	Interpretational Group
726/5	Roman road route	Interpretational Group
726/6	Possible undated cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/8	Possible undated cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/9	Possible undated cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/12	Roman temple	Interpretational Group
726/13	Late Iron Age & Early Romano-British Cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/10	Roman cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/11	Undated cemetery	Interpretational Group
726/16	Possible Roman Cemetery south of walled area	Interpretational Group
726/19	Roman building	Interpretational Group
726/17	Roman building, possibly a bathhouse	Interpretational Group
726/27	Roman metal working site	Interpretational Group
726/26	Roman metal working site	Interpretational Group
726/2/10	Roman metal working site	Interpretational Group
726/20	Northern Suburb of Roman Town	Interpretational Group
726/29	Roman metal working site	Interpretational Group
726/2/7	Roman metal working site	Interpretational Group
726/18	Roman building, possibly a temple	Interpretational Group
726/22	Roman building, possibly a bathhouse	Interpretational Group
726/23	Possible Roman temple	Interpretational Group
726/24	Possible Roman Temple	Interpretational Group
726/25	Roman settlement site	Interpretational Group
726/30	Roman enclosure	Interpretational Group
726/31	Plot 4/7	Interpretational Group
726/33	Iron working site	Interpretational Group
726/34	Kings Sutton Road	Interpretational Group
726/2	Phase 2 Occupation (170-270AD)	Interpretational Group
726/21	Phase 4 Occupation 330-370AD	Interpretational Group

726/35	Plot 4/2	Interpretational Group
726/28	Building 4/5	Interpretational Group
726/37	Plot 4/1	Interpretational Group
726/38	Phase 3 Occupation 270-330AD	Interpretational Group
726/39	Phase 1 Occupation c170AD	Interpretational Group
726/14	Plot 4/3	Interpretational Group
726/36	Possible Roman Cemetery	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN5528 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6848008)
- ENN5692 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948021)
- ENN5703 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948032)
- ENN5705 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948034)
- ENN5709 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948039)
- ENN5717 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948046)
- ENN5720 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948049)
- ENN5721 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948050)
- ENN5723 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948052)
- ENN5726 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948056)
- ENN5732 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948060)
- ENN5734 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948061)
- ENN5750 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948078)
- ENN5753 Earthwork Survey, Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948080)
- ENN5754 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948081)
- ENN5766 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948093)
- ENN5797 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948124)
- ENN5691 Fieldwalking, Pre 1973 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948020)
- ENN5772 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948100)
- ENN5699 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948028)
- ENN5542 Towcester Railway Station, 1864 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849004)
- ENN5695 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948024)
- ENN5806 Finds, 1870s (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6949002)
- ENN5777 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948105)
- ENN5679 St Lawrence's Church, 1883 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948009)
- ENN5759 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948086)
- ENN5744 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948072)
- ENN5527 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6848007)
- ENN5530 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6848010)
- ENN5758 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948085)
- ENN5760 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948087)
- ENN5774 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948102)
- ENN5685 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948014)
- ENN5686 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948015)
- ENN5719 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948048)
- ENN5745 Observation, 1950 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948073)
- ENN5767 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948094)
- ENN5543 Finds, 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849005)
- ENN5540 Finds, 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849002)
- ENN5714 Towcester Grammar School Site 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948043)
- ENN5749 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948077)
- ENN5672 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948002)
- ENN5687 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948016)
- ENN5712 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948041)
- ENN5725 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948055)

- ENN5735 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948062)
 ENN5739 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948068)
 ENN5768 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948095)
 ENN5769 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948096)
 ENN5710 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948040)
 ENN5727 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948057)
 ENN5690 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948019)
 ENN5707 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948036)
 ENN5684 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948013)
 ENN5776 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948104)
 ENN5519 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6847004)
 ENN5801 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948128)
 ENN5809 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6949005)
 ENN5669 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6947005)
 ENN5680 Building Development, 1974-6 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948010)
 ENN5681 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948010)
 ENN5789 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948116)
 ENN5539 Land west of Watling Street, 1975 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849001)
 ENN5541 Old Road (?) Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849003)
 ENN5670 Park Street, 1976 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948001)
 ENN5716 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948045)
 ENN5746 Observation, 1976 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948074)
 ENN17631 DOE LISTING: WATLING ROAD EAST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948152)
 ENN5741 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948070)
 ENN5773 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948101)
 ENN5778 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948106)
 ENN5779 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948107)
 ENN5517 Fieldwalking, 1977 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6847002)
 ENN5701 Trial Trenching, 1977 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948030)
 ENN5708 Fieldwalking, 1977 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948037)
 ENN5736 Water Lane/Silverstone Brook Crossing 1977/78 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948064)
 ENN5747 Towcester Flood Alleviation Works, 1977-8 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948075)
 ENN5706 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948035)
 ENN5667 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6947003)
 ENN5688 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948017)
 ENN5689 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948018)
 ENN5700 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948029)
 ENN5675 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948005)
 ENN5526 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6848006)
 ENN5724 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948053)
 ENN5748 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948076)
 ENN5751 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948079)
 ENN5752 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948079)
 ENN5756 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948083)
 ENN5757 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948084)
 ENN5761 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948088)
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 ENN5763 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948090)
 ENN5764 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948091)
 ENN5770 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948097)
 ENN5771 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948098)
 ENN5775 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948103)
 ENN5730 Watching Brief, 1983 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948060)
 ENN5740 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948069)
 ENN5729 Bury Mount, 1984 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948058)
 ENN5733 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948060)

ENN12295 Allen's Yard Excavation, 1984 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948134)
 ENN5737 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948065)
 ENN5547 A43 Towcester Bypass (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849009)
 ENN5802 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948129)
 ENN5803 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948130)
 ENN18288 ST. LAWRENCE'S RECTORY (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948183)
 ENN18287 Meeting Lane, 1986 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948182)
 ENN5790 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948117)
 ENN18070 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6849020)
 ENN5552 Finds, 1987 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849014)
 ENN5791 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948118)
 ENN18071 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6849021)
 ENN5546 Petrofina Garage, 1988 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849008)
 ENN5781 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948109)
 ENN5785 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948113)
 ENN5548 Petrofina garage, 1989 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849010)
 ENN5783 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948111)
 ENN5784 Towcester Meadow, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948112)
 ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)
 ENN18623 Evaluation at Towcester, 1990 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849028)
 ENN5787 Meeting Lane, 1991 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948114)
 ENN5800 158 Watling St / Masonic Yard, Towcester 1991 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948127)
 ENN20166 The Masonic Lodge (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948202)
 ENN18243 Payne's Nursery, 1991 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849012)
 ENN5788 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948115)
 ENN5795 Towcester Retail Development, 1992 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948122)
 ENN18238 EVALUATION AT SPONNE SCHOOL (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948177)
 ENN18250 Towcester Defences Documentary Survey (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948181)
 ENN5551 Finds, 1993 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849013)
 ENN18235 Evaluation of Mandalay House (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849019)
 ENN12871 Brown's Yard, 1995 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948140)
 ENN18240 Evaluation Next to 15A Park Street, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948178)
 ENN18241 EARTHWORK SURVEY AT NELSON'S YARD (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948179)
 ENN18242 TRIAL EXCAVATION AT NELSON'S YARD (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948180)
 ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))
 ENN14722 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948144)
 ENN18237 WATCHING BRIEF, METHODIST CH, BRACKLEY RD (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948176)
 ENN5682 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948011)
 ENN16782 Northampton Road, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948148)
 ENN17331 Towcester Racing Stables, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948151)
 ENN18375 Towcester Baptist Church 38-40 Watling Street, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948184)
 ENN18425 STAGE 2 WATER LANE/RICHMOND ROAD (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948185)
 ENN18579 Archaeological Evaluation Off Water Lane, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948186)
 ENN18598 STAGE 3 EVALUATION OFF WATER LANE AND RI (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948187)
 ENN18647 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948189)
 ENN19525 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948191)
 ENN19559 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948192)
 ENN19583 Bell Plantation, finds 1998 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849031)
 ENN19112 Old Tiffield Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949016)
 ENN19239 Parcel 320, Old Greens Norton Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849029)
 ENN19624 TOWCESTER MEETING HOUSE LANE ENHANCEMENT (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948195)
 ENN20049 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948198)
 ENN20050 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948199)
 ENN20164 Watling Street, Documentary Survey (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948200)
 ENN20165 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948201)
 ENN100678 Bell Plantation, finds 1999 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849035)

ENN101501 Bell Plantation, finds 2000 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849032)
ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)
ENN103592 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949018)
ENN103639 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949019)
ENN103827 Radstone Technology Site, 2004 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948215)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN19079 **Site** Unstratified Roman Coins

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/0 - MNN19079	Unstratified Roman Coins	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Finds of 1954, 14 Roman coins.

{3} Coins mainly late C3rd and 4th, to Magnetius, plan of location (Elm Lodge).

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Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6875 4961 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN34639	COIN (1) (Late Iron Age to Early Roman - 41 AD to 54 AD)	METAL
FNN34646	COIN (>10) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	METAL
FNN34653	COIN (1) (Late Roman - 364 AD to 378 AD)	METAL

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5540 Finds, 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849002)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN19084 **Site** Unstratified Roman Coins

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/0 - MNN19084	Unstratified Roman Coins	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Area centred on SP68984983 produced Romano-British coins. Location plan. The area is now built over. Northampton Museum have no information other than that Dr Alexander is probably in Oxford.

{2} Area centred on SP68984983 produced Romano-British coins. Location plan.

Sources

(1) Index: Ordnance Survey. 1950s/1960s. Ordnance Survey Record Card Index. SP64NE17 (unchecked)

(2) Manuscript: Alexander J.. 1954. Manuscript Notes and Plan. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6898 4938 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN34662 COIN (Some) (Early Roman - 138 AD to 161 AD) METAL

FNN34664 COIN (Some) (Late Roman - 367 AD to 383 AD) METAL

FNN34665 COIN (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) METAL

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5543 Finds, 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849005)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN19088 **Site** Unstratified Roman Find

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/0 - MNN19088	Unstratified Roman Find	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Early Roman - 43 AD to 199 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{2}Roman denarius struck during the Civil War of AD69, probably struck in Cologne. The coin carries a strong military message with emphasis on FIDES EXERCITVVM and FINDS PRAETORIANORVM. The latter message could suggest that the coins were especially produced for issue to Praetorian cohorts. Found on the A43 verge in February 1993.

{4} Gives grid ref. as SP 68704949.

Sources

- (1) SMR Report Form: Cadman, G.. 1993. SMR Report Form. 25/03/1993. (unchecked)
- (2) Note: Curteis M.. 1993. Objects for Identification. (unchecked)
- (3) Book: SUTHERLAND. Roman Imperial Coinage. Vol.1 No. 121 pp.201,13 (unchecked)
- (4) Note: Curteis M. 1993-4. Towcester. Northamptonshire Archaeology. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6870 4942 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN35749 COIN (DENARIUS) (1) (Early Roman to Unknown - 69 AD) METAL

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5551 Finds, 1993 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849013)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN26570 **Site** Unstratified Romano-British Vessel

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/0 - MNN26570	Unstratified Romano-British Vessel	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} An urn was found further north some time between 1870 and 1880 at SP690492.

Sources

- (1) Series: Royal Commission on The Historical Monuments of England. 1982. An Inventory of The Historical Monuments in The County of Northampton. p.154 (checked)
- (2) Index: Ordnance Survey. 1950s/1960s. Ordnance Survey Record Card Index. SP64NE (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 690 492 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105780 URN (1) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) UNSPECIFIED

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5806 Finds, 1870s (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6949002)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN26563 **Site** Unstratified Iron Age Coin

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/0 - MNN26563	Unstratified Iron Age Coin	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Iron Age - 800 BC to 42 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Findspot of a Gold Stater of Andoco found December 1987

Sources

(1) Report: Musgrave E.C.; Tingle M. (editors). 1991. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1990. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.109 Towcester (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6892 4953 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

724/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN104413 COIN (STATER) (1) (Iron Age - 800 BC to 42 AD) GOLD

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5552 Finds, 1987 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849014)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN37001 **Site** Middle Iron Age & Romano-British Pottery, Unstratified

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/0 - MNN37001	Middle Iron Age & Romano-British Pottery, Unstratified	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

POTTERY SCATTER (Middle Iron Age to Late Roman - 400 BC to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} 14 sherds of middle iron age pottery including one with La Tene curvilinear decoration from Towcester, the Bell Plantation. One other parallel found in Towcester from Bury Mount (The Defences of Towcester by C. Woodfield, Northamptonshire Archaeology). Also 11 Roman sherds were found of C1st -2nd date. The owner recalls 'much pottery' in the area.

{2} 1 Middle Iron Age potsherd found

{3} 21 sherds of Iron Age and Roman pottery. Much more pottery also picked up by the site owner. Possibly the same finds as described in {1} above.

Sources

- (1) Note: Woodfield C.. 1999. Finds from the Bell Plantation, Towcester. (unchecked)
- (2) Correspondence: Woodfield C.. 2000. Bell Plantation, Towcester. 23/04/2000. (unchecked)
- (3) Correspondence: Woodfield C.. 1999. Bell Plantation, Towcester, SP689495. 13/12/1999. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 689 495 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN38889 SHERDS (>10) (Middle Iron Age - 400 BC to 101 BC)	POTTERY
FNN104415 SHERDS (>10) (Early Roman - 43 AD to 199 AD)	POTTERY
FNN105760 SHERDS (1) (Middle Iron Age - 400 BC to 101 BC)	POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN19583 Bell Plantation, finds 1998 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849031)
 ENN100678 Bell Plantation, finds 1999 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849035)
 ENN101501 Bell Plantation, finds 2000 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849032)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN36602 **Site** Unstratified Roman finds

SMR Number 726/0/0 - MNN36602 **Site Name** Unstratified Roman finds **Record Type** Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}The site produced no structural evidence of Roman settlement or occupation. A number of finds were discovered dating from the Roman period but these were assumed to have been deposited here by water action.

Sources

- (1) Report: Woodfield C.; Woodfield P.. 1998. Report on an Archaeological Evaluation on Parcel 320 adjoining Watling Street and Old Grens Norton Road. (unchecked)
- (2) Plan: Woodfield C.; Woodfield P.. 1998. PLAN. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6881 4927 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN38620 SHERDS (6-10) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) GROGGED WARE,
COARSE

POTTERY

FNN105762 ANIMAL REMAINS (4) BONE
FNN105763 ARROWHEAD? (1) IRON
FNN105764 SPEAR? (1) IRON
FNN105765 FURNACE LINING? (1) (Early Saxon to Modern - 410 AD to 1900 AD) UNSPECIFIED
FNN105766 SLAG? (Some) (Early Saxon to Modern - 410 AD to 1900 AD) UNSPECIFIED

Associated Events/Activities

ENN19239 Parcel 320, Old Greens Norton Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849029)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/1 - MNN19078 **Site** Romano-British Burials & Associated Finds

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/1 - MNN19078	Romano-British Burials & Associated Finds	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

INHUMATION (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Finds of 1975 from building development, consisting of pottery and coins, also a C1st bronze brooch. Finds were recovered from the south-west side of Watling Street opposite the former Railway Station. RCHME cited grid reference SP68774935, this grid reference differs from other records and the map location attached to this monument record.

{3} North of the town across the Tove Woodfield suggests the presence of a northern cemetery running broadly from the old railway station to Elm Lodge. Roman inhumations were recorded to the west of Watling Street in 1975 during construction at SP 6877 4935. However, the general nature of the burials suggests these are more likely to be small groups of boundary burials.

Sources

- (1) Uncertain: Northampton Museum Records. (unchecked)
- (2) Series: Royal Commission on The Historical Monuments of England. 1982. An Inventory of The Historical Monuments in The County of Northampton. p.154/Site 3 (checked)
- (3) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. Section 3.5.2 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 688 495 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN34624	BROOCH (1) (Early Roman - 43 AD? to 99 AD?)	BRONZE
FNN34625	SHERDS (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	POTTERY
FNN103036	SKELETON (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	HUMAN BONE
FNN104414	COIN (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	METAL

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5539 Land west of Watling Street, 1975 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849001)

ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/10 - MNN140780 **Site** Roman ditch

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/10 - MNN140780	Roman ditch	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A Roman ditch which cut the natural clay and ran at a NNE to SSW angle across the trench. It was 1m wide and 0.68m deep with a "U" shaped profile. Its fill was a dark grey brown silty clay which contained three Roman pottery sherds dated to the 2nd century AD.

Although there was some evidence for Roman activity this does not imply that this area was part of the northern suburbs. The overall paucity of finds and features indicate only low level activity.

Sources

- (1) Report: Atkins R.. 2001. Watling Street, Towcester, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Archaeological Evaluation. p.11, 15 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68936 49157 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/10 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105757 SHERDS (3) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 100 AD to 200 AD) GREYWARE, SAMIAN

Associated Events/Activities

ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/123 - MNN31429 **Site** Prehistoric/Romano-British Land Divisions

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/123 - MNN31429	Prehistoric/Romano-British Land Divisions	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BOUNDARY DITCH (Lower Palaeolithic to Late Roman - 500000 BC to 409 AD)
ENCLOSURE? (Lower Palaeolithic to Late Roman - 500000 BC? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A series of ditches ran parallel to Watling Street at intervals of 25, 45 and 65m to the east. Other ditches ran at right angles, they presumably represent ancient land divisions. These features suggest urban settlement along Watling Street similar to that found along the Alchester Road.

Sources

- (1) Report: Dix B.(ed). 1986-87. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1985-6. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.156 Towcester (checked)
- (2) SMR Report Form: Jackson D.. 1986. SMR report form. 10/04/1986. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6880 4956 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/123 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5547 A43 Towcester Bypass (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849009)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/137 - MNN35470 **Site** Roman Boundary Ditch

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/137 - MNN35470	Roman Boundary Ditch	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BOUNDARY (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}Trench excavated along Watling Street. The only ditch not aligned to Watling street and considerably later in date than the other boundary ditches cut an earlier stone building. Pottery assemblage dated from the late 2nd to the 4th century.

Sources

- (1) Notes: SHAW M. & WILLIAMS A.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 19/41 (unchecked)
- (2) Note: SHAW M.. 1988. SUPPLEMENTARY FILE. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6879 4941 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/137 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5546 Petrofina Garage, 1988 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849008)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/138 - MNN35471 **Site** Roman Activity

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/138 - MNN35471	Roman Activity	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

UNCERTAIN (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A trench was located along Watling Street. Additional areas of complex stratigraphy, 0.15-0.2m deep, were not investigated, but several phases of activity were probably represented. At the north-west end of the site, for instance, a layer of red, burnt stones overlay a separate area of cobbles and a crushed ironstone surface in addition to other deposits.

Sources

- (1) Notes: SHAW M. & WILLIAMS A.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 19/41 (unchecked)
- (2) Note: SHAW M.. 1988. SUPPLEMENTARY FILE. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6878 4945 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/138 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5546 Petrofina Garage, 1988 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849008)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/38 - MNN115877 **Site** Possible Romano-British Road

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/38 - MNN115877	Possible Romano-British Road	Monument
Possibly forms part of Towcester to Duston route Mon 4227/1.		

Monument Types and Dates

ROAD? (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} In the 1880's Dryden noted an extensive spread of material running north east from the railway station (north of the present town) towards Gayton in the general direction of Duston. Woodfield (see ref 2) suggests this marks the course of another branch road from Watling Street to the north-east outside the town but the absence of modern archaeological intervention leaves its course and date open to investigation.

Sources

- (1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.4 (checked)
- (2) Book: Towcester & District Local History Society. 1995. Towcester: The Story of An English Country Town. Figure 2 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 68828 49485 (MBR: 110m by 5m) SP64NE Line

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/38 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/4 - MNN19082 **Site** Possible Romano-British Rubbish Heap

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/4 - MNN19082	Possible Romano-British Rubbish Heap	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Several coins and fragments of glass were found as well as pottery.

{2} 100 vessels were found in the cutting to the north-east of the station.

{4} Finds of 1864 during development of the railway station. A possible Romano-British rubbish heap at SP68914941. Finds held in Northampton Museum.

Sources

- (1) Series: Royal Commission on The Historical Monuments of England. 1982. An Inventory of The Historical Monuments in The County of Northampton. p.154/Site 3 (checked)
- (2) Journal: DRYDEN H.. 1883. The Antiquary. The Antiquary. p.87 (unchecked)
- (3) Archive: Dryden H.E.L.. Dryden Collection. (unchecked)
- (4) Index: Ordnance Survey. 1950s/1960s. Ordnance Survey Record Card Index. SP64NE16 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6891 4941 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/4 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN34654	COIN (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	METAL
FNN34655	UNASSIGNED (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	GLASS
FNN34657	SHERDS (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	POTTERY
FNN34659	VESSEL (Large quantity) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	UNSPECIFIED

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5542 Towcester Railway Station, 1864 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849004)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/43 - MNN19051 **Site** Roman Activity fronting Watling Street

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/43 - MNN19051	Roman Activity fronting Watling Street	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

UNASSIGNED (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Observation during development, on 29/6/88 & 5/7/88, at SP 68714940. Undated, but probably Roman, ditches or gullies were found. Unstratified finds of 7 pot sherds and 2 tile fragments. Possibly associated with tenements fronting onto Watling Street to the east.

{2} Observation 50m west of Watling street. Ditch and two gullies found. Features undated though there was some Roman pottery unstratified. The paucity of archaeological material suggests that the area lay outside or was peripheral to any Roman activity fronting Watling Street.

Sources

- (1) Note: CADMAN G.E.. 1988. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)
- (2) Notes: CADMAN G.E.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 19/41 (unchecked)
- (3) Note: Dix B. 1992. Towcester. Northamptonshire Archaeology. P124 (Checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6871 4940 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/43 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN104529 Development adjacent A43 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849007)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/44 - MNN29947 **Site** Late Roman Activity

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/44 - MNN29947	Late Roman Activity	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

UNCERTAIN (Late Roman - 300 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Roman remains present, but severely damaged by later development

{2} Residual pottery suggests that occupation remains of the 2nd or 3rd centuries may survive in the vicinity.

{4} Trial trenching was carried out in the grounds of Mandalay House which lies to the north suburbs of the Roman Town of Lactodorum. Roman remains were located but were in a poor state of preservation.

Sources

- (1) SMR Report Form: Soden I.. 1993. SMR Report Form. 13/09/1993. (unchecked)
- (2) Notes: SODEN I. 1994. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 23 (unchecked)
- (3) Report: Soden I.. 1993. An Archaeological Evaluation at Mandalay House, Towcester, Northants 1993.
(unchecked)
- (4) Note: Shaw M. 1993-4. Towcester (Mandalay House). Northamptonshire Archaeology. P187

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6883 4941 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/44 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18235 Evaluation of Mandalay House (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849019)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/5 - MNN140778 **Site** Possible Roman surface

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/5 - MNN140778	Possible Roman surface	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FEATURE (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} An undated cobbled surface at least 3m wide. It ran north to south, made up of compact flat c.30% cobbles and 70% limestone pieces. The cobbled surface had a very slight concave shape, it had been disturbed and/ or partly robbed on the east side so its full width is unknown.

Although there was some evidence for Roman activity, in the form of an undated cobbled spread, this does not imply that this area was part of the northern suburbs. The overall paucity of finds and features indicate only low level activity.

Sources

- (1) Report: Atkins R.. 2001. Watling Street, Towcester, Flood Alleviation Scheme, Archaeological Evaluation. pp.10, 15 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68951 49138 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/5 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN101518 Flood Alleviation Scheme, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849033)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/76 - MNN33345 **Site** Roman Boundaries

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/76 - MNN33345	Roman Boundaries	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BOUNDARY (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}A large trench was excavated along Watling street. It found a series of boundary ditches, c1-2m wide, of which some were arranged either roughly parallel or at right-angles to the modern line of Watling Street. Pottery from them was chiefly of the 2nd century AD.

Sources

- (1) Note: SHAW M.. 1988. SUPPLEMENTARY FILE. (unchecked)
- (2) Notes: SHAW M. & WILLIAMS A.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 19/41 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6878 4940 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/76 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5546 Petrofina Garage, 1988 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849008)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/77 - MNN31403 **Site** Roman Boundary Ditches

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/77 - MNN31403	Roman Boundary Ditches	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BOUNDARY (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Watching brief undertaken in Nov/ Dec 1989 during construction of a petrol station. A series of small boundary ditches/ gullies were encountered along with Romano-British pottery.

{2} Beside Watling street to the north of the Roman walled town. A series of small boundary ditches/gullies and other features related to those previously excavated were encountered along with Roman pottery. No further buildings were identified.

Sources

- (1) Note: CADMAN G.E.. 1990. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)
- (2) Notes: CADMAN G.E.. 1990. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 20/51 (unchecked)
- (3) Note: Dix B. 1992. Towcester, Watling Street. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p125 (Checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6879 4941 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/77 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5548 Petrofina garage, 1989 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849010)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/0/85 - MNN32837 **Site** Unstratified Roman Finds

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/0/85 - MNN32837	Unstratified Roman Finds	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Trial excavation December 1991 M Shaw. 7 Trenches excavated. None contained any features of definite Roman date and few sherds of residual Roman pottery were recovered. It would appear therefore that the area was not occupied at that period. The presence of layers of alluvium would suggest that the area was prone to regular flooding, which would have acted as a deterrent to occupation.

Sources

- (1) SMR Report Form: SHAW M.. 1992. SMR Report Form. 31/12/1991. (unchecked)
- (2) Report: SHAW M.. 1992. ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION AT PAYNE'S NURSERY, TOWCESTER. (unchecked)
- (3) Notes: SHAW M.. 1992. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 39 (unchecked)
- (4) Note: Dix B. 1992. Towcester, Payne's Nursery. Northamptonshire Archaeology. P125 (Checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6898 4914 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/0/85 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology alluvium

Related Monuments

726/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18243 Payne's Nursery, 1991 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849012)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/1 - MNN8517 **Site** Possible Romano-British Cemetery

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/1 - MNN8517	Possible Romano-British Cemetery	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

CEMETERY? (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Reputed Roman burial place at grid reference SP68794954. The site is crossed by Old Road? No surface evidence, tumulus or cemetery features are visible.

Sources

- (1) Series: Royal Commission on The Historical Monuments of England. 1982. An Inventory of The Historical Monuments in The County of Northampton. p.154 (part checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6879 4953 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings

MPP Group Value (Clustering)	2
MPP Group Value (Association)	3
MPP Survival	2
MPP Potential	2
MPP Documentation (Historical)	0
MPP Documentation (Archaeological)	2
MPP Diversity (Features)	1
MPP Amenity Value	2
MPP Total Score	30

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726	Lactodorum	Interpretational Group
726/1/1	Roman Inhumations	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5541 Old Road (?) Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849003)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number	726/1/1 - MNN19115	Site	Roman Inhumations
SMR Number	726/1/1 - MNN19115	Site Name	Roman Inhumations
		Record Type	Monument

Monument Types and Dates
INHUMATION (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{Uncertain sources}

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6879 4953 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/1/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology Upper lias clay

Related Monuments

726/1 Possible Romano-British Cemetery Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN103658 SKELETON (Some) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) HUMAN BONE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5541 Old Road (?) Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849003)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20 - MNN31402 **Site** Northern Suburb of Roman Town

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20 - MNN31402	Northern Suburb of Roman Town	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

LINEAR SETTLEMENT? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Trial excavation of 1986. D. Jackson/M. Shaw identified three ditches parallel to Watling Street. Other ditches at right angles denoting probable land divisions. Buildings suggested by gravel surfaces, slots and postholes. Finds of C1st to C4th pottery and a lead ingot.

{4} (Ref 2.2) To the west, the Alchester Road, apparently constructed in the later first century AD, was also soon flanked by settlement along its frontages at least as far as Allen's Yard.

(Ref 3.3.3) North of the river Tove a series of evaluations close to the junction of the A5 and A43 have identified a northern suburb for the Roman town. Although mostly small scale trenches these excavations have identified sufficient evidence to suggest the likely form of buildings in this area. No complete building plans have been recovered but limited pre-emptive excavations in 1986 and 1988 during the construction of a petrol filling station and trial trenching and geophysics south east of the main roundabout in 1990 both suggest that this area is characterised by stone founded strip buildings in a ribbon development close to Watling street from the second to fourth centuries.

(Ref 3.4) Small quantities of pieces of worked but unfinished antler objects and off cuts recorded in the Alchester Road suburbs (4th century contexts) suggest a wider trade in the production of goods from secondary animal products. The spinning of textiles is only really attested from a small assemblage of associated artefacts largely of fourth century date along the Alchester road. The consumption of domestic fowl, geese and duck is also attested in Towcester and the recovery of hare from three of the excavations and roe deer from Alchester road indicates some limited consumption of hunted game from the second to fourth centuries. Evidence of significant grain (or more likely flour) storage within the town comes from the beetle and seed assemblages from the Alchester road suburbs

(Ref 3.6) The only major published report is from the Alchester road suburb and provides a useful summary of local environmental conditions in the middle to later Roman to the south west of the town close to Silverstone Brook. Together they predominantly suggest locally damp conditions mostly associated with human domestic, storage and stock stalling environments. There was little evidence for nearby cultivation but rather species of open grassland that may have been introduced to the site as hay.

{5} The Romano-British features were likely to be either part of a minor settlement or the periphery of a larger settlement occupied between the 2nd and 4th centuries. In particular, the possible corner of a small enclosure at the southern end of Site C may suggest that further features would have lain in the area to the south-west and now under a recently constructed car showroom. This would place the main focus of settlement closer to the modern A5 road, which follows the course of Roman Watling Street. The settlement may therefore be the westernmost fringe of activity related to the northern suburbs fronting onto Watling Street. The alignments of the ditches suggest that there might have been two or more phases of ditch system.

Sources

- (1) Note: SHAW M. 1988. Supplementary File. (checked)
- (2) Journal: SHAW M. 1986. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.156 (unchecked)
- (3) Unpublished Report: JACKSON D.. 1986. Trial Trenching on Towcester Bypass. (unchecked)
- (4) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. Section 2.2, 3.3.3, 3.4, 3.6 (checked)
- (5) Report: Lewis, B.. 2003. Archaeological Watching brief at Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester. p.6 (unchecked)
- (6) SMR Report Form: Jackson D.. 1986. SMR report form. 10/04/1986. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6883 4947 (MBR: 347m by 357m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726	Lactodorum	Interpretational Group
726/20/1	Roman Buildings	Interpretational Group
726/20/2	Romano-British Buildings	Interpretational Group
726/20/3	Romano-British Metalling	Interpretational Group
726/20/4	Romano-British Metalling	Interpretational Group
726/20/5	Possible Romano-British Iron Working Site	Interpretational Group
726/20/8	Roman pits	Interpretational Group
726/20/6	Possible Roman enclosure	Interpretational Group
726/20/7	Roman ditches	Interpretational Group
726/20/9	Possibly Roman ditches	Interpretational Group
726/20/10	Possibly Roman features	Interpretational Group
726/20/11	Uncertain undated features	Interpretational Group
726/20/13	Uncertain undated features	Interpretational Group
726/20/12	Possible Roman boundary ditch	Interpretational Group
726/20/14	Roman ditches	Interpretational Group
726/20/15	Possibly Roman features	Interpretational Group
726/20/16	Roman features	Interpretational Group
726/20/17	Possible Roman buildings	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5547 A43 Towcester Bypass (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849009)

ENN5546 Petrofina Garage, 1988 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849008)

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

ENN18623 Evaluation at Towcester, 1990 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849028)

ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

ENN103592 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949018)

ENN103639 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949019)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/1 - MNN31430 **Site** Roman Buildings

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/1 - MNN31430	Roman Buildings	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BUILDING (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Trench located along the length of Watling Street located a stone building with pitched foundations. It was 7m wide and was irregularly located in respect of the present line of Watling Street. This building was cut by the one ditch not aligned to Watling Street. This ditch contained pottery from the late 2nd to 4th century.

{2} North of the river Tove a series of evaluations close to the junction of the A5 and A43 have identified a northern suburb for the Roman town. Although mostly small scale trenches these excavations have identified sufficient evidence to suggest the likely form of buildings in this area. No complete building plans have been recovered but limited pre-emptive excavations in 1986 and 1988 during the construction of a petrol filling station and trial trenching and geophysics south east of the main roundabout in 1990 both suggest that this area is characterised by stone founded strip buildings in a ribbon development close to Watling street from the second to fourth centuries.

Sources

- (1) Notes: SHAW M. & WILLIAMS A.. 1989. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. 19/41 (unchecked)
- (2) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. Section 3.3.3 (unchecked)
- (3) Note: SHAW M.. 1988. SUPPLEMENTARY FILE. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6879 4941 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN5546 Petrofina Garage, 1988 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849008)
- ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/11 - MNN140788 **Site** Uncertain undated features

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/11 - MNN140788	Uncertain undated features	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH? (Unknown date)
FEATURE (Unknown date)
PIT? (Unknown date)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} At the southern end of the trench a possible linear feature lay adjacent to a partially exposed feature which might represent a discrete pit or the rounded terminal of a separate ditch or gully. An area of limestone and gravel rubble occurred at a distance of c.1.50m to the north and though extending to within about 2m of another linear disturbance its purpose remains unknown. A separate spread of rubble located 10-15m to the north may have filled the top of a ditch which could be a continuation of 726/20/12 in trench A. An additional ditch or gully was located beyond. Although fragments of animal bones were visible in the surface of its dark brown loam infilling, no dating evidence was recovered.

Sources

(1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.4 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6881 4949 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/11 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105772 ANIMAL REMAINS (Some) BONE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/12 - MNN140790 **Site** Possible Roman boundary ditch

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/12 - MNN140790	Possible Roman boundary ditch	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BOUNDARY DITCH? (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A15 appears to have been a major linear feature. For most of its recognised course the width of the feature entirely filled the bottom of trench A but where its sides were visible their orientation ran approximately north west to south east on an alignment which was not exactly perpendicular to Watling Street. The feature may have been continued eastwards to at least as far as trenches C and F and its overall location could coincide with that of a linear boundary indicated by geophysical survey. Differences of soil colour and texture visible in the exposed surface suggest the presence of separate layers of infilling, as might be expected in a major boundary ditch. At one point, however, the ditch appears to have been crossed by a later feature and elsewhere a series of recent land-drains cut its surface.

Sources

- (1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.4 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6886 4951 (MBR: 18m by 8m) SP64NE Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/12 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

ENN18623 Evaluation at Towcester, 1990 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849028)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/13 - MNN140789 **Site** Uncertain undated features

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/13 - MNN140789	Uncertain undated features	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH? (Unknown date)
FEATURE (Unknown date)
PIT (Unknown date)
POST HOLE? (Unknown date)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Trench C contained the following features:
A shallow disturbance, up to 0.40m deep, partly exposed at the northern end of the trench. No finds were recovered.
A possible post hole, c.0.30-0.50m in diameter.
An approx. circular pit denoted by a patch of light brown loamy clay, c.2.4m in diameter
A possible posthole, c.0.50m in diameter and containing a very dark brown, ?humic infill
An elongated feature, c.0.50m wide and partly exposed beside the eastern trench-edge which might represent an oval pit or the terminal of a narrow ditch or gully.

Sources

(1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants.
Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.4 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6886 4952 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/13 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/14 - MNN140791 **Site** Roman ditches

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/14 - MNN140791	Roman ditches	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Several groups of features in the western half of the trench were separated by a series of cross-ditches running north-south. Two of these ditches produced Roman pottery and tile. A more substantial ditch was located c. 50m to the east. It was 1.50m wide and its sloping sides terminated on a flat base at a depth of 0.30m. It contained Roman pottery and tile.

Sources

(1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.5 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6888 4954 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/14 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105773	SHERDS (>10) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	POTTERY
FNN105774	TILE (3) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	TILE
FNN105775	BOWL? (Part of) (Late Roman - 301 AD to 400 AD)	POTTERY
FNN105776	JAR? (Part of) (Late Roman - 301 AD to 400 AD)	POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/15 - MNN140792 **Site** Possibly Roman features

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/15 - MNN140792	Possibly Roman features	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Several groups of features occurred in the western half of the trench in between the ditches of 726/20/14. In one area a number of post- and stakeholes, each up to 0.25m deep may have been associated with a larger pit. Various small patches of disturbance in the area between the two groups of ditches probably denote scattered postholes and pits. It is uncertain if they were all contemporary as apart from a single sherd of non-diagnostic pottery, the only dating evidence is Roman tile. An additional feature in this area was the curved terminal of a small gully.

Sources

- (1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.5 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6888 4954 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/15 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/16 - MNN140793 **Site** Roman features

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/16 - MNN140793	Roman features	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)
GULLY (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Trench E also contained a narrow gully, c.0.40m wide and up to 0.25m deep with a flat base, and a probable ditch running north-south but cut by the gully. The ditch was 2.5m wide and 0.40m deep.

Sources

(1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.6 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6888 4949 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/16 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105777 SHERDS (Large quantity) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 50 AD to 200 AD) POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/17 - MNN140797 **Site** Possible Roman buildings

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/17 - MNN140797	Possible Roman buildings	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BUILDING? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} No definite buildings were uncovered but the presence of gravel surfaces and some slots/ foundation trenches and postholes as well as the quantity of finds uncovered perhaps suggests that there had originally been buildings fronting onto Watling Street.

Sources

- (1) SMR Report Form: Jackson D.. 1986. SMR report form. 10/04/1986. (unchecked)
- (2) Report: Dix B.(ed). 1986-87. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1985-6. Northamptonshire Archaeology.
p.156 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68782 49524 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/17 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105779 SHERDS (Some) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 50 AD to 400 AD) POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN5547 A43 Towcester Bypass (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849009)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/2 - MNN115813 **Site** Romano-British Buildings

SMR Number 726/20/2 - MNN115813 **Site Name** Romano-British Buildings **Record Type** Monument

Monument Types and Dates

BUILDING (Early Roman to Late Roman - 100 AD to 399 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} The densest concentration of features lay nearest to the road where the discovery of a robbed out wall and other possible structural elements suggests the former presence of buildings within plots extending back from the main highway.

A1 may represent part of a robbed wall, particularly as it was located in the same position as a possible building identified by geophysical survey. The feature was 1.70m wide and 0.40m deep, with sides slanting steeply onto a flat base c.1m wide. A narrow linear feature to the east, A2, proved to be insubstantial and was c.0.5m wide and 0.2m deep. Nearby an approximately parallel line of flat-laid pieces of limestone appeared to mark the western boundary of a possible surface.

{2} North of the River Tove a series of evaluations close to the junction of the A5 and A43 have identified a northern suburb for the Roman town. Although mostly small scale trenches these excavations have identified sufficient evidence to suggest the likely form of buildings in this area. No complete building plans have been recovered but limited pre-emptive excavations in 1986 and 1988 during the construction of a petrol filling station and trial trenching and geophysics south east of the main roundabout in 1990 both suggest that this area is characterised by stone founded strip buildings in a ribbon development close to Watling street from the second to fourth centuries.

Sources

- (1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. Intro; p.3 (unchecked)
- (2) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. Section 3.3.3 (checked)
- (3) Note: DIX B.. 1992. Towcester, Old Tiffield Road. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.125 (checked)
- (4) Uncertain: 1991. SMR REPORT FORM. (unchecked)
- (5) Newsletter: Pike A. (Ed.) 1991. South Midlands Archaeology: CBA Group 9 Newsletter. p.72-3 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6883 4950 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/2 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105767	SHERDS (>10) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 100 AD to 400 AD)	SAMIAN, POTTERY
FNN105768	TEGULA (2) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	TILE
FNN105769	MORTARIUM (1) (Late Roman - 200 AD to 400 AD)	POTTERY
FNN105770	ARCHITECTURAL FRAGMENT (Some) (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)	UNSPECIFIED
FNN105771	BOWL (Part of) (Late Roman - 200 AD to 400 AD)	POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)
 ENN18623 Evaluation at Towcester, 1990 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849028)
 ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number	726/20/3 - MNN115815	Site	Romano-British Metalling
SMR Number	726/20/3 - MNN115815	Site Name	Romano-British Metalling
		Record Type	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

HARD STANDING? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)
TRACKWAY? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} An area of stone and brown clay loam, 6m wide, may possibly represent the metalled surface of an area of hardstanding or a trackway. A series of trenches dug to the east proved that it had not continued in that direction.

{2} Areas of gravel and limestone hard standing found in both the 1990 excavations and subsequent work south of Mandalay House may be all that remains of timber structures alongside these buildings. No buildings of first century date have been recorded within the limited areas assessed although plenty of late first - early second century material has been recorded.

Sources

- (1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants. Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.6 (unchecked)
- (2) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. Section 3.3.3 (checked)
- (3) Note: DIX B.. 1992. Towcester, Old Tiffield Road. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.125 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68881 49495 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/3 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)
ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/4 - MNN115818 **Site** Romano-British Metalling

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/4 - MNN115818	Romano-British Metalling	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

HARD STANDING? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

TRACKWAY? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A surface of densely packed pebbles may be interpreted as the accumulation of dirt or 'trample' above a hardstanding or pathway. Similar but smaller patches of pebbles were observed elsewhere in the trench, but lacking any compaction.

{2} Areas of gravel and limestone hard standing found in both the 1990 excavations and subsequent work south of Mandalay House may be all that remains of timber structures alongside these buildings. No buildings of first century date have been recorded within the limited areas assessed although plenty of late first - early second century material has been recorded.

Sources

(1) Report: Soden I.. 1993. An Archaeological Evaluation at Mandalay House, Towcester, Northants 1993.

Trench 1 (unchecked)

(2) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive

Urban Survey: Towcester. Section 3.3.3 (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68835 49418 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/4 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18235 Evaluation of Mandalay House (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849019)

ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/5 - MNN115875 **Site** Possible Romano-British Iron Working Site

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/5 - MNN115875	Possible Romano-British Iron Working Site	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

IRON WORKING SITE? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Further evidence for iron working of indeterminate form in the northern suburb along Watling Street is cited by Woodfield.

{2} A notable find was a lead ingot.

Sources

- (1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.4 (checked)
- (2) Report: Dix B.(ed). 1986-87. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1985-6. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.156 (unchecked)
- (3) SMR Report Form: Jackson D.. 1986. SMR report form. 10/04/1986. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68840 49499 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/5 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN5547 A43 Towcester Bypass (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849009)
- ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/6 - MNN140772 **Site** Possible Roman enclosure

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/6 - MNN140772	Possible Roman enclosure	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)
ENCLOSURE? (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} To the south there was a linear ditch, 0.35m wide. It was cut by a curvilinear ditch, 0.45m wide which may have formed the northern end of a small enclosure lying largely outside the development area.

Sources

(1) Report: Lewis, B.. 2003. Archaeological Watching brief at Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester. pp.3-6 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 68984 49614 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/6 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105749 SHERDS (Medium quantity) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 150 AD to 350 AD)
GROGGED WARE, NENE VALLEY WARE, GREYWARE, SAMIAN, POTTERY
FNN105751 TILE (1) (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) TILE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103592 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949018)
ENN103639 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949019)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/7 - MNN140773 **Site** Roman ditches

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/7 - MNN140773	Roman ditches	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} To the north there was a further isolated ditch aligned east-west. To the north of this were remnants of a series of linear and curvilinear ditches on a general east-west alignment. Ditch 25 was traced for 17m and contained Roman pottery. Shorter lengths of parallel ditch lay to the north and south of it. To the north of these there was a curving ditch with a series of three shallow gullies to its immediate north. At the northern end of site C there was a more substantial ditch aligned north south. Parallel to this and slightly to the east were two other short lengths, again suggesting that further lengths had been lost to truncation. The alignment of the ditches suggest that there might have been two or more phases of ditch system.

Sources

(1) Report: Lewis, B.. 2003. Archaeological Watching brief at Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester. pp.3-7 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 69027 49672 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/7 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN105752 SHERDS (Medium quantity) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 150 AD to 350 AD)
OXIDISED WARE, GROGGED WARE, GREYWARE, POTTERY

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103592 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949018)

ENN103639 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949019)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/8 - MNN116692 **Site** Roman pits

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/8 - MNN116692	Roman pits	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

PIT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A cluster of three small pits lay just to the north of ditch 27. One pit contained fired clay but no datable finds. Individual pits lay along the north western part of the site; they all had some Roman pottery within their fills.

Sources

(1) Report: Lewis, B.. 2003. Archaeological Watching brief at Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester. p.3-4 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6899 4965 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/8 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN103340 SHERDS (Medium quantity) (Early Roman to Late Roman - 100 AD? to 400 AD?)
OXIDISED WARE, GROGGED WARE, NENE VALLEY WARE, GREYWARE

Associated Events/Activities

ENN103592 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949018)

ENN103639 Tove Valley Business Park, Towcester (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949019)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 726/20/9 - MNN140786 **Site** Possibly Roman ditches

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
726/20/9 - MNN140786	Possibly Roman ditches	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)
ROAD? (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} A possible linear feature, A%, was partly exposed at the western end of the trench where it lay within c.1m of another feature, A6. Both were aligned approximately parallel with Watling Street and the space between them was characterised by compacted small stones or gravel which could have formed part of a larger metallated surface. A separate feature, A7, ran across the metalling and at right angles to the two ditches or gullies. While it appeared to cut A6, it seems itself to have been cut by A5. Because of their potential significance for relative dating none of these features was excavated.

Sources

(1) Report: STEADMAN S.; DIX B.. 1990. Archaeological Evaluation at Towcester, Northants.
Northamptonshire Archaeology Fieldwork Reports. p.3 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6880 4949 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 726/20/9 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

726/20 Northern Suburb of Roman Town Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18622 Land north of Old Tiffield Road, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6849011)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 727 - MNN3660 **Site** Towcester

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
727 - MNN3660	Towcester	Monument

There is as yet no significant evidence which would indicate that the town was occupied in the early-middle Saxon period, although the discovery of a few early-middle Saxon sherds from near the castle may indicate a settlement very close. There was however significant occupation on the permeable geologies of the Tove valley in this area, for an early Saxon cemetery has been found a short distance to the north west of the town. By 1086 there were two royal estate centres in the Tove valley, one at Greens Norton and the other at Towcester. The intermixing of the dependencies of these estate centres and of their dependent hundreds suggests that the two represent a splitting of a single late Saxon and possibly earlier estate centre. This was probably at Norton, whose name seems to reflect its position to the north of the Roman town. The re-establishment of occupation and an estate centre at Towcester may have been a result of the refortification of the Roman town as a burh against the Danes in 917 by Edward the Elder. At this time Towcester probably represented the most defensible location on the Danish frontier. The defeat of a Danish attack on the town in that year represented the key action in the reconquest of this part of the Danelaw by the kings of Wessex. Whereas before 917 Towcester and Norton were probably part of a Mercian province attached to Kings Sutton, after the reconquest they became part of the new shire attached to Northampton. Towcester itself may only have been reoccupied from this time onwards. Slight evidence of late Saxon activity has been recovered in the town, in the form of boundary ditches in the Allen's Yard area. This may have been part of the laying out of an agricultural settlement at Towcester, within the Roman defences. There is no evidence that the settlement was raised to urban status with the creation of the burh, although this remains a possibility. If so then the laying out of the late Saxon ditches may have been part of this process.

It is uncertain whether the refurbished Roman defences continued to function into the early medieval period, but in the late 11th or earlier 12th century a motte and bailey castle was constructed at Towcester in the south eastern part of the defended area. This will have been constructed both as an estate centre but perhaps most importantly to control the road network at a key location where the Oxford to Northampton road crossed Watling Street. It will have been constructed by the king or by the Earl of Clare who subsequently acquired the manor.

The market is not recorded until 1220, but it had already been in existence for some time. It is possible that a market existed here in 1086 and was simply not mentioned in Domesday, however the other Domesday markets encompass the handful of what appear to have been the most important administrative centres of the Saxon period, evenly distributed across the county. It is therefore likely that the market did not exist in 1086. If so then it must have been established soon after. The town clearly developed as a significant local marketing centre, benefiting not only from its function as an estate centre in the Tove valley and so at the heart of the best agricultural land in the area, it also had the important added advantage of lying at a key junction in the national road network. The town maintained its marketing functions through the medieval period and survived the recession of the 14th century to re-emerge as a successful small town in the post medieval period.

This role as a local commercial centre was maintained through the post medieval period and up to the present day. It benefited substantially from the expansion of travel in the 17th century and especially from the development of coaching. During the 18th and early 19th centuries Towcester flourished as an important staging post on what was by then the single most important road in England, the coaching route from London to Holyhead. A substantial amount of the economy of the town was based on passing trade and a number of coaching inns were established along Watling Street through the centre of Towcester. The coaching routes declined rapidly following the establishment of the railway network across the country. Despite the loss of a major element of its trade Towcester retained its status as a market town and as a centre for local administration. There was some limited industry in the town including lace making and wool stapling in the 18th century and a small boot and shoe trade in the 19th century, but this remained secondary to its commercial role.

The town is also unique in the county in having the Roman and late Saxon through to modern town superimposed on exactly the same site. Despite this re-use, the archaeology of the town from the late Iron Age to the post medieval has been demonstrated to survive in good condition in various locations and it clearly has a very high archaeological potential. There is also a good survival of historic buildings in the town, with a handful from the medieval period and many more from the post medieval and industrial periods. Although its documentary record is nowhere near as good as that for Oundle, Brackley or even Daventry, it clearly has a high potential for the investigation of urbanisation from the Roman through to the present. There is as yet no significant evidence which would indicate that the town was occupied in the early-middle Saxon period, although the discovery of a few early-middle Saxon sherds from near the castle may indicate a settlement very close. There was however significant occupation on the permeable geologies of the Tove valley in this area, for an early Saxon cemetery has been found a short distance to the north west of the town. By 1086 there were two royal estate centres in the Tove valley, one at Greens Norton and the other at Towcester. The intermixing of the dependencies of these estate centres and of their dependent hundreds suggests that the two represent a splitting of a single late Saxon and possibly earlier estate centre. This was probably at Norton, whose name seems to reflect its

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Monument Types and Dates

BURH (Late Saxon to Early Medieval - 850 AD? to 1099 AD?)

TOWN (Late Saxon to Modern - 850 AD? to 1999 AD)

BOROUGH (Medieval to Modern - 1066 AD? to 1999 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{12}Towcester was the centre of a late Saxon royal estate and this administrative function persisted into the medieval period when it served as head of the hundred. The Domesday entry recorded that Towcester was held by the king and that it comprised 7½ hides, with land for 22 ploughs. Only 12 ploughs were accounted for in 1086: two ploughs which were held in demesne, and ten ploughs which were held by 15 villeins. There were 12 acres of meadow, and a wood two leagues long and one league wide. This large entry undoubtedly included the subsidiary hamlets known from the medieval period: Wood Burcote, Caldcot, Athorpe, Foscot, together with Handley (?) which was part of Whittlebury Forest, and possibly a small fee in Silverstone which was dependent upon Towcester in the 13th century.

Riden has found little sign of 'planning' in the layout of the plots on either side of Watling Street and concludes that no part of Towcester shows any indication of being a medieval 'new town', nor even of being an expanded town, as was Brackley. He writes: 'There is little evidence that either the population or the built-up area of Towcester expanded or shrank to any extent between the end of the Middle Ages and the early 20th century'. He concludes that it is probably safe to accept the map of 1848 and the 1882 OS map as a guide to the size and shape of the medieval built-up area.

The 'fraternity and gylde of Our Lady and St George' was named in a will made in 1519, and is mentioned in other early 16th century documents. No evidence survives for the guild's activities.

(Ref 2.0)The absence of relevant documents makes it impossible to reconstruct the topographical development of Towcester with any certainty. No detailed rentals and surveys survive from the medieval period and the earliest maps of the town date only from the first half of the 19th century. Moreover, these maps lack schedules.

(Ref 3.5.3)Towcester's location at the junction of important routeways allowed the place to function as a thoroughfare town. The inhabitants benefited by providing facilities for travellers and their horses, men like the officials of Merton College, Oxford, who in November 1299 journeyed to Surrey via Brackley, Towcester and Northampton. They spent 3s 6¼d at Towcester, on a meal of bread, ale, beef, chicken and eggs, and on candles, fuel, coal and straw for their beds. Fodder for the horses cost over one shilling, and two pence was spent on hay. (For further details on victuallers see report).

The number of houses was 424 in 1801, 465 in 1811 and 529 in 1821. In 1831 there were 542 inhabited houses in Towcester, Caldecote, Handley and Wood Burcote. By 1881 the number had increased to 624. The work of P. Riden has shown that there were about 250 houses on Watling Street in the 1850s. He has suggested that if the older property on Park Street is added to this number and if it is assumed that there was always some secondary building behind the larger plots, then there were perhaps some 300 houses in medieval Towcester. This would imply, he suggests, a population of at least 1000 and possibly as many as 1500. The tax figures do not support this total. (For population figures and militia lists see report).

(Ref 3.5.4)The town was surrounded by a number of very small shrunken places including Fosote, Duncote, Caldecote, Hulcote, Heathencote and Wood Burcote, whose names indicate their secondary or subsidiary status. Towcester is considered to have been historically the market town for the northern half of Cleley Hundred, and it has been claimed that the dependence of villages in the Hundreds of Towcester and Greens Norton continued into the 19th century.

(Ref 3.5.1)The medieval taxation records included the hamlets of Abthorpe, Fosote, Caldecote and Wood Burcote with Towcester itself, thus making it difficult to establish the population and wealth of the urban settlement. In 1301 Towcester was assessed cum membris (i.e. with the hamlets). A total of 111 taxpayers were listed, of whom 45 (40.54%) lived in Abthorpe, Fosote and Caldecote. This would leave 66 taxpayers (just under 60%) for Towcester, although there is a slight possibility that the names of other hamlets have been lost in the damaged left hand margin of the document. One or two of these 66 taxpayers are known from other sources to have lived in Wood Burcote. Almost all those assessed to pay the largest amounts lived in the town. (for further detailed accounts of taxation including Hearth Tax see Report).

(Ref 3.5.2)The numbers of hearths listed in 1674 indicate the potential dangers of fire. Two years later a large fire destroyed over 85 bays of building belonging to the townsmen who petitioned for relief, and many more belonging to other inhabitants. The miller Edward Padbury claimed that three bays of his house had been destroyed and that he had lost goods valued at £12. By 1681 his property seems to have been repaired; his inventory recorded a kitchen buttery, parlour, brewhouse, kitchen chamber, and buttery chamber. The experience of such fires may have prompted the regulations recorded in a 17th-century court roll. Any inhabitant with a wooden chimney was to amend it within 20 days or refrain from lighting a fire. The keeping of wood in kilns was also forbidden. Such regulations did not prevent further calamities.

(Ref 3.4.3)In the Middle Ages the open fields may have extended almost up to the edge of the town on the west and the south; on the east there was meadow land, and more meadow land to the north, beyond which lay the open fields of Caldecote. The three major fields recorded in 1700 were to the south and west of the town and would seem to have been the fields of Towcester and Burcote. Caldecote would therefore have had a separate system, as is suggested by the names recorded in 1606.

(References to non site specific Butchery in and around Towcester see report section 3.5.3).

(References to other Industries attributed to Towcester through inhabitants surnames see report section 3.5.4).

(References to possible non site specific ironworking see report section 3.4.1).

(References to fuel consumption in Towcester and references to two unlocatable Woods, Rokenhull and Dokwellehay see report section 3.7.1).

Reference to a fire in 1749 started in the stable of the George Inn (unlocatable) which caused significant damage to Towcester, through the loss of 36 houses, barns and outbuildings, the damage to Towcester was valued at £2000.

{18} Map of 1840 showing Earl of Pomfret's lands in Towcester; circa 1840; shows town & field boundaries & roads.

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- (6) Book: OGILBY. 1675. Itinerary. (unchecked)
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- (8) Map: . 1884. MAP. (unchecked)
- (9) Map: . 1884. MAP. (unchecked)
- (10) Map: . 1900. MAP. (unchecked)
- (11) Map: . 1900. MAP. (unchecked)
- (12) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 1.0, 2.0, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.4.3, 3.5.4
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- (14) Map: Poor Law Union. 1855. Towcester Poor Law Union Map. 1 Inch to 30 Feet. (unchecked)
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 692 486 (MBR: 1004m by 1227m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations

Conservation Area	Towcester conservation area	Active
DNN12377		

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 727	Active
Primary Record Number - 4116	Active
Primary Record Number - 314	Active
Primary Record Number - 311	Active
Primary Record Number - 310	Active
Primary Record Number - 306	Active
Primary Record Number - 3045	Active
Primary Record Number - 292	Active
Primary Record Number - 2760	Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology	alluvium	
Geology	River gravel	
Geology	Upper lias clay	
Geology	Upper lias clay	10/02/1994
Geology	Npton sand & ironstone	05/01/1995
Geology	alluvium	08/06/1995

Related Monuments

727/2	Saxon to medieval town defences	Interpretational Group
727/4	St. Lawrence's church	Interpretational Group
727/6	Saxon to medieval town defences	Interpretational Group
727/19	Possible Medieval/Post Medieval Pest House & Cemetery	Interpretational Group
5761/1	St Leonard's Hospital (Medieval Leper Hospital)	Interpretational Group
727/7	Medieval to modern industrial site	Interpretational Group
727/8	Medieval to modern industrial site	Interpretational Group
727/9	Medieval to modern industrial site	Interpretational Group
727/10	Civil War Defences	Interpretational Group
727/0		Interpretational Group
727/3	Bury Mount	Interpretational Group
727/12	Terraced House	Interpretational Group
727/13	(The Old Wheatsheaf) 158 WATLING STREET EAST	Interpretational Group
727/14	104 & 106 Watling Street East (The Brave Old Oak Public House)	Interpretational Group
727/15	96 WATLING STREET EAST	Interpretational Group
727/16	Chantry College/Charity School	Interpretational Group
727/18	86 Watling Street East Town Hall/Cornmarket	Interpretational Group
727/20	Ye Olde Watling Well Hotel	Interpretational Group
727/21	former inn 131 Watling Street West	Interpretational Group
727/22	163/5 WATLING STREET WEST	Interpretational Group
727/23	177 AND 179 WATLING STREET WEST (DOLPHIN INN)	Interpretational Group
727/26	Pomfret Arms Inn/Hotel	Interpretational Group
727/27	INDEPENDENT CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL MEETING LANE	Interpretational Group
727/28	Vicarage/Moat Lane	Interpretational Group
727/29	Watermill, Moat Lane (Formerly Church Mill/ Lord's Mill/ Castle Mill)	Interpretational Group
727/30	Medieval manor site	Interpretational Group
727/51	Phipps Brewery	Interpretational Group
727/52	Baptist Chapel	Interpretational Group
727/54	Phoenix Works	Interpretational Group
727/56	Manfield Boot and Shoe Works	Interpretational Group
727/31	The Tabard (Talbot): Sponne House	Interpretational Group
727/66	Modern gasworks	Interpretational Group
727/53	Towcester Poor Law Union Workhouse	Interpretational Group
727/63	Baptist Chapel	Interpretational Group
727/61	Wesleyan Chapel	Interpretational Group
727/62	Oddfellows Hall	Interpretational Group
727/57	Mission Hall	Interpretational Group
727/24	Towcester Fair	Interpretational Group

727/32	Towcester Market	Interpretational Group
727/73	'Le Aungell'	Interpretational Group
727/74	The Bell Tenement	Interpretational Group
727/75	The Swan	Interpretational Group
727/33	Nether End/Nether Manor?	Interpretational Group
727/34	'Court burn and Courtyard'	Interpretational Group
727/35	North Mill Field	Interpretational Group
727/36	Sawpit Lane	Interpretational Group
727/37	Bakehouse Lane	Interpretational Group
727/38	The Bell	Interpretational Group
727/40	Watling Street medieval tenements	Interpretational Group
727/41	Watling Street medieval tenements	Interpretational Group
727/42	Watling Street medieval tenements	Interpretational Group
727/43	Medieval tenement	Interpretational Group
727/44	Spitall End	Interpretational Group
727/68	Settlement evidence	Interpretational Group
727/48	Park Lane (?) medieval tenement	Interpretational Group
727/49	Park Lane (?) medieval tenement	Interpretational Group
727/69	Medieval tenement	Interpretational Group
727/70	Medieval tenement	Interpretational Group
727/71	Medieval tenement	Interpretational Group
727/72	Medieval tenement	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

- ENN5544 St. Leonard's hospital (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6849006)
- ENN5676 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948006)
- ENN5677 Towcester (8), Undated (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948007)
- ENN5678 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948008)
- ENN5704 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948033)
- ENN5743 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948071)
- ENN5780 Bury Mount Documentary Survey (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948108)
- ENN12417 Towcester, Documentary (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6949006)
- ENN12563 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948136)
- ENN12564 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948137)
- ENN12565 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948138)
- ENN14799 TOWCESTER CEMETERY (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6848020)
- ENN5782 Observation, 1824 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948110)
- ENN5686 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948015)
- ENN17634 DOE LISTING: WATLING STREET EAST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948155)
- ENN17642 DOE LISTING: WATLING STREET WEST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948158)
- ENN17645 DOE LISTING: PARK STREET (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948160)
- ENN17652 DOE LISTING: VICARAGE, MOAT LANE (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948165)
- ENN5714 Towcester Grammar School Site 1954 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948043)
- ENN5798 GPO Telephone Exchange (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948125)
- ENN17632 DOE LISTING: 90 WATLING STREET EAST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948153)
- ENN5683 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948012)
- ENN17633 DOE LISTING: 132 WATLING STREET EAST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948154)
- ENN5671 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948001)
- ENN5746 Observation, 1976 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948074)
- ENN17631 DOE LISTING: WATLING ROAD EAST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948152)
- ENN17636 DOE LISTING: WATLING STREET WEST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948157)
- ENN17646 DOE LISTING: PARK STREET (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948161)
- ENN17647 DOE LISTING: BRACKLEY ROAD (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948162)
- ENN17648 DOE LISTING: 33 BRACKLEY ROAD (Event - Survey. Ref: 6848022)

ENN17649 DOE LISTING: GILBERT SCOTT COURT (Event - Survey. Ref: 6848023)
 ENN17650 DOE LISTING: CHURCH, MEETING LANE (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948163)
 ENN17651 DOE LISTING: CHURCH COTTAGE, CHURCH LANE (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948164)
 ENN17653 DOE LISTING: WALL, MOAT LANE (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948166)
 ENN17656 DOE Listing: Moat Lane (North Side), 1976 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948169)
 ENN5742 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948070)
 ENN5755 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948082)
 ENN5696 Aerial Survey, 1979 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948025)
 ENN5799 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948126)
 ENN12295 Allen's Yard Excavation, 1984 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948134)
 ENN5731 Cinema site, Towcester 1984 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948060)
 ENN17657 DOE LISTING : MARKET SQUARE (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948170)
 ENN18255 Finds, 1987 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849024)
 ENN17644 DOE LISTING: 223 WATLING STREET WEST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948159)
 ENN17655 DOE Listing: Cemetery, Moat Lane (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948168)
 ENN5785 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948113)
 ENN5784 Towcester Meadow, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948112)
 ENN5792 St Lawrence's Church Tower, 1990 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948119)
 ENN5786 Meeting Lane (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948114)
 ENN17635 DOE LISTING: 118 WATLING STREET EAST (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948156)
 ENN18238 EVALUATION AT SPONNE SCHOOL (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948177)
 ENN18250 Towcester Defences Documentary Survey (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948181)
 ENN5804 Bury Mount Documentary Survey, 1993 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948131)
 ENN12725 203 WATLING STREET (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948139)
 ENN18236 EXCAVATION REAR OF 203 WATLING STREET (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948175)
 ENN18232 Newspaper Clipping-Towcester Castle (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948174)
 ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))
 ENN100763 Extensive Urban Survey (Roman Period), 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Roman))
 ENN16895 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948149)
 ENN17331 Towcester Racing Stables, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948151)
 ENN18002 LAND TO THE REAR OF 6 AND 8 WATLING STRT (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948172)
 ENN18375 Towcester Baptist Church 38-40 Watling Street, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948184)
 ENN18579 Archaeological Evaluation Off Water Lane, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948186)
 ENN19657 SPONNE SCHOOL (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6848028)
 ENN19659 LAND TO THE REAR OF 6-8 WATLING STREET (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948196)
 ENN19112 Old Tiffield Road (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6949016)
 ENN19585 Air Raid Shelter Moat Lane (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948193)
 ENN19586 AIR RAID SHELTER, MOAT LANE (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948194)
 ENN19624 TOWCESTER MEETING HOUSE LANE ENHANCEMENT (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948195)
 ENN20165 (Event - Interpretation. Ref: 6948201)
 ENN100486 Sponne School (Event - Intervention. Ref: 6948212)
 ENN103292 Land at Towcester Racecourse (Event - Intervention. Ref: 7047012)
 ENN103293 Land at Towcester Racecourse, 2003 (Event - Survey. Ref: 7047013)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 727/0/0 - MNN140796 **Site** Saxon finds

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
727/0/0 - MNN140796	Saxon finds	Find Spot

Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Early Medieval/Dark Age - 410 AD to 1065 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Part of an Anglo-Saxon small-long brooch found 1987 in a heap of soil scraped up just east of Watling Street during the construction of a new bypass.

Sources

(1) Report: Musgrave E.C.; Tingle M. (editors). 1991. Archaeology in Northamptonshire 1990. Northamptonshire Archaeology. p.113 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 688 495 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 727/0/0 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

727/0 Interpretational Group

Associated Finds

FNN35781 BROOCH (1) (Early Medieval/Dark Age - 410 AD to 1065 AD) METAL

Associated Events/Activities

ENN18255 Finds, 1987 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849024)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 727/29/4 - MNN115989 **Site** Mill Leat

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
727/29/4 - MNN115989	Mill Leat	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

LEAT (Medieval to Modern - 1066 AD? to 1950 AD?)
BOUNDARY DITCH? (Post Medieval - 1540 AD? to 1749 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Evaluation carried out by the Cotswold Archaeological Trust; a post medieval leat associated with Towcester Mill; it forms the current boundary between the town and the meadow.

{2} At least two phases of dumping were noted alongside the mill leat. More discussion on p.27.

{4} Mill leat feeding Church Mill.

Sources

- (1) SMR Report Form: 1992. SMR Report Form. (checked)
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- (3) Correspondence: 1991. Letter. (checked)
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- (5) Draft: COTSWOLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST. 1992. Towcester Retail Development, Northamptonshire, Stage 1: Archaeological Assessment. (unchecked)
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Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69091 49082 (MBR: 510m by 415m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 727/29/4 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes

Geology	Upper lias clay	05/07/2007
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Related Monuments

727/29	Watermill, Moat Lane (Formerly Church Mill/ Lord's Mill/ Castle Mill)	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN104272 Towcester Retail Development, Stage 1, 1992 (Event - Survey)
ENN104273 Towcester Retail Development, Stage 1, 1992 (Event - Survey. Ref: 6948123)
ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 727/35 - MNN115929 **Site** North Mill Field

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
727/35 - MNN115929	North Mill Field	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

MEADOW (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}The field book of 1606 described 8 unequal fields one of which being North Mill Field possibly measuring (6 ?roods). It has been suggested that the field may have topped up Docklemill Field to 49 roods, making a fairly equal distribution.

Sources

(1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.4.2 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 69006 49135 (MBR: 134m by 121m) SP64NE Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 727/35

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

727	Towcester	Interpretational Group
727/35/1	North Mill	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 727/35/1 - MNN115932 **Site** North Mill

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
727/35/1 - MNN115932	North Mill	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

MILL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1}In 1086 there was a mill at Towcester which rendered 13s 4d a year. This may have been the North Mill which was in existence prior to 1173 when Roger de Clare granted it to the Knights Templar as parcel of their preceptory at Dingley. It later passed with all the property of that order to the Hospital of St John.

By the early 16th century the North Mill was at least partly in private hands, for in 1512 Robert Wale of Northampton granted half his mill in Towcester called the North mill to a local townsman. At the view of frankpledge held in March 1542 two millers were in trouble for taking excessive toll. The miller who held the king's mill called 'le Churche mylnes' was fined one shilling; the miller who held the mill called 'le North mylne' was fined sixpence. The North Mill had passed to the Crown after the Dissolution, and in 1574 it was granted to Robert Dudley, earl of Leicester. A rental of the manor of Towcester drawn up in 1609 recorded only the North Mill, for which £5 a year was received. Presumably the Church Mill was held by Sir George Fermor, then lord of the manor.

An indication of the location of the North Mill is provided by a deed of 1285-6, in which two boundaries of an acre in Towcester's field were given as 'the court of the hospital' and 'the little ditch of Mulnewey'. The hospital stood 'at the end of Towcester', next to the North Bridge.

Sources

(1) Report: Taylor J.; Foard G.; Laughton J.; Steadman S.; Ballinger J.. 2002. Northamptonshire Extensive
Urban Survey: Towcester. 3.1.2.2 (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 69012 49138 (point) SP64NE

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 727/35/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

727/35 North Mill Field Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN100382 Extensive Urban Survey, 1995-2000 (Event - Survey. Ref: (Medieval & Post Medieval))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7357/1 - MNN135674 **Site** Stratford & Midland Junction Railway (& Constituent Companies) (Towcester to Olney)

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7357/1 - MNN135674	Stratford & Midland Junction Railway (& Constituent Companies) (Towcester to Olney)	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

RAILWAY (Modern - 1891 AD to 1960 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

[Uncertain sources.]

Sources

(1) Plan: 1920. Railway Clearing House pre-1923 Junction Diagrams. (unchecked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 70944 50560 (MBR: 15296m by 4089m) SP75SW Line

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	EASTON NESTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	HACKLETON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	QUINTON, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	ROADE, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	SHUTLANGER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire
Civil Parish	TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7357/1

Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating Yes 11/05/2009

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7357/1/1	Easton Neston Railway Bridge	Interpretational Group
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Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7376 - MNN101325 **Site** Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7376 - MNN101325	Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

<<TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS SITE>> (Post Medieval to Unknown - 1706 AD)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

- (1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). (unchecked)
- (2) Report: Starmer G.. 2002-2003. Survey of Two Former Turnpike Roads in Northamptonshire.

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 64938 57300 (MBR: 27693m by 28601m) SP65NW Line

Administrative Areas

County Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names

Towcester, Northants

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7376

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7376/1	Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike	Interpretational Group
7376/2	Section of Original Route of The Holyhead Road	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))
ENN103775 Survey of Two Former Turnpike Roads, 2002-3 (Event - Survey)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7376/1 - MNN102925 **Site** Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7376/1 - MNN102925	Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

TOLL ROAD (Post Medieval to Modern - 1706 AD to 1876 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Turnpike roads. Old Stratford to Dunchurch (1706). A toll gate was at Pointers corner and in 1812 a weighing engine was established there. A large number of inns and taverns were established due to the opening of this road. The Trust was repealed in 1876. The Watling Street from London to Dublin (via Holyhead) (1762) ran through the town.

{2} The first turnpike in the county was that between Old Stratford and Dunchurch, in Warwickshire. The act for this was passed in the 1706-7 session and was one of the first two acts which set up ad hoc bodies of trustees (ie the first of the Turnpike Trusts) instead of providing for the local Justices to be in charge of the specified roads as in previous acts.

{3} The turnpike was authorised by an Act passed during the 1706-7 session of Parliament. There were four toll gates: Old Stratford; Heathencote, near Towcester (sometimes referred to as Pointer's Corner); Stowe Hill (south of Weedon Road); and Drayton Lane, near Daventry which was augmented in later years by Braunston ticket gate.

The 1801 Act of Union with Ireland brought the need for more rapid communication with that country. Following years of lobbying, a parliamentary committee was set up in 1810 to inquire into ways of obtaining this rapid communication and Thomas Telford was engaged to make a survey of possible routes between London and Holyhead. In 1815 the first of a long series of Holyhead Road Acts was passed by which nine commissioners were appointed and £20,000 granted for improvements, although these were on the section between Shrewsbury and Bangor. The route of the Holyhead Road onwards to London was not decided until 1817 when the Select Committee decided that the route through Shrewsbury, Coventry and Daventry was preferable to the other line by Chester and Oxford.

In 1819 the Select Committee produced its sixth report which criticised the state of the first 100 miles from London, and one of the eight parts standing in need of considerable improvement was the whole road from Towcester to Dunchurch. Telford made seven improvements on the road through Northamptonshire.

Development of other modes of transport had varying effects on the traffic on this road. The Oxford Canal opened from Longford, near Coventry as far as Napton in 1774 and crossed the turnpike in three places near Braunston. The Grand Junction Canal, opened between Braunston and Blisworth in 1800, crossed the turnpike at Weedon and at Stowe Hill. There was also a canal crossing of the road at Old Stratford when the branch of the canal to Buckingham opened in 1801. Although the proximity of the turnpike to the canal at these crossings prompted the establishment of wharves nearby, these developments were mainly for handling coal and other heavy bulk commodities. They seem to have had little effect on the main through traffic on the Holyhead Road, although it would have been used for some local traffic dealing with goods transhipped from the canal.

More significant was the opening of the London and Birmingham Railway in 1838. This crossed the road at Weedon and by a tunnel at Stowe Hill. Transshipment arrangements at Weedon station and yard enabled quicker transport of goods to and from the military depot there than by using the road. More importantly, through traffic between Birmingham and London of passengers and lighter goods was diverted from the Holyhead Road to the railway. As more railways were built, the original purpose of the turnpike providing a through route was no longer valid: local roads became more important as they connected their localities with railway stations. The Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike's Act expired on 31 January 1876.

By the end of the WWI mechanical road transport had developed to be useful for long distance journeys and traffic on the Holyhead Road steadily increased necessitating improvements in widening and easing gradients as near Stowe Hill. The route of the A45 at Daventry was moved westwards from the town centre (and later this route had to be by-passed by a route even further to the west).

The opening of the M1 and M45 motorways in 1951 diverted traffic from the Holyhead Road in Northamptonshire but developments at Old Stratford (in connection with the development of Milton Keynes), on the north west side of Towcester (for improvements on the A43 road) and on the north-west side of Daventry have significantly altered the character of the road at these places.

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Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 6640 5460 (MBR: 27793m by 28701m) SP65SE Area

Administrative Areas

County Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7376/1

Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7376	Old Stratford to Dunchurch Turnpike	Interpretational Group
7376/1/1	Daventry Milepost	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

ENN103775 Survey of Two Former Turnpike Roads, 2002-3 (Event - Survey)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 7377/1 - MNN102926 **Site** Towcester to Cotton End Turnpike

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
7377/1 - MNN102926	Towcester to Cotton End Turnpike	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

TOLL ROAD (Modern - 1795 AD to 1873 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Turnpike roads: Towcester to Cotton End, Hardingstone (1795) went out of use in 1873.

Sources

(1) Report: Ballinger J.. 1999. Extensive Urban Survey: Towcester (Industrial). (checked)

Location

National Grid Reference

Centroid SP 72883 54231 (MBR: 6386m by 10866m) SP75SW Area

Administrative Areas

County Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 7377/1

Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating Yes 13/05/2009

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

7377	Towcester to Cotton End	Interpretational Group
7377/1/1	Blisworth Milepost	Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN6 Extensive Urban Survey (Industrial Period), 1998-9 (Event - Survey. Ref: Industrial (7968050))

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 8658 - MNN7941 **Site** WWII Military Activity

SMR Number 8658 - MNN7941	Site Name WWII Military Activity	Record Type Monument
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Monument Types and Dates

MILITARY SITE (Modern - 1939 AD? to 1945 AD?)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6885 4930 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 8658 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Current Assets Rating No 24/03/2009

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

8658/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN19504 Towcester North Bridge Road Block (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849030)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 8658/0/1 - MNN36855 **Site** WWII Road Block

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
8658/0/1 - MNN36855	WWII Road Block	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

ROAD BLOCK (Modern - 1939 AD to 1945 AD)

Description and Sources

Description

{1} Situated at Towcester on the A5 by the North Bridge and immediately south of the then overhead railway bridge near the old Greens Norton turning. The configuration of the roads has now changed. This was one of the road blocks to be constructed by the County Council by mid-July, 1940, on behalf of Central Midland Command on a site approved by the C.R.E. Warwickshire District. When authority for the area was transferred to Northern Command, construction was suspended. Most road blocks were either complete, however, or had enough materials supplied so that they could be completed. The carriageway was not permanently blocked but could be blocked quickly in an emergency if the need arose. The site is now destroyed.

Sources

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Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6885 4930 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 8658/0/1 Active

Ratings and Scorings

Condition	Destroyed	12/09/1998	Towcester North Bridge Road Block - 6849030
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Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

8658/0 Interpretational Group

Finds - None recorded

Associated Events/Activities

ENN19504 Towcester North Bridge Road Block (Event - Survey. Ref: 6849030)

Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

SMR Number 8955 - MNN140784 **Site** Possible site of undated activity

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
8955 - MNN140784	Possible site of undated activity	Monument

Monument Types and Dates

SITE? (Unknown date)

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Location

National Grid Reference

SP 6910 4946 (point) SP64NE Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish TOWCESTER, South Northants District, Northamptonshire

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

Other Statuses and Cross-References

Sites & Monuments Record - 8955 Active

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

Related Monuments

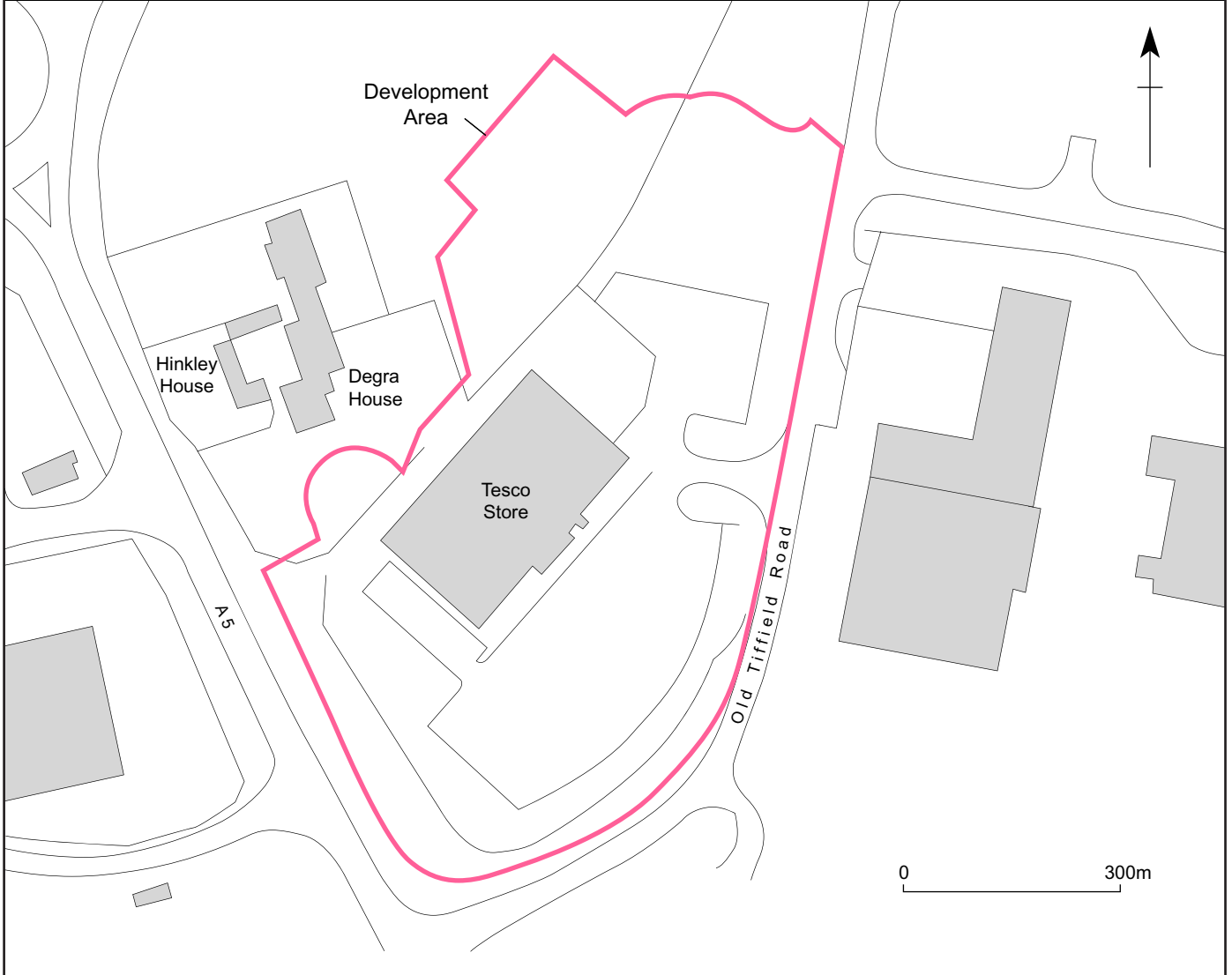
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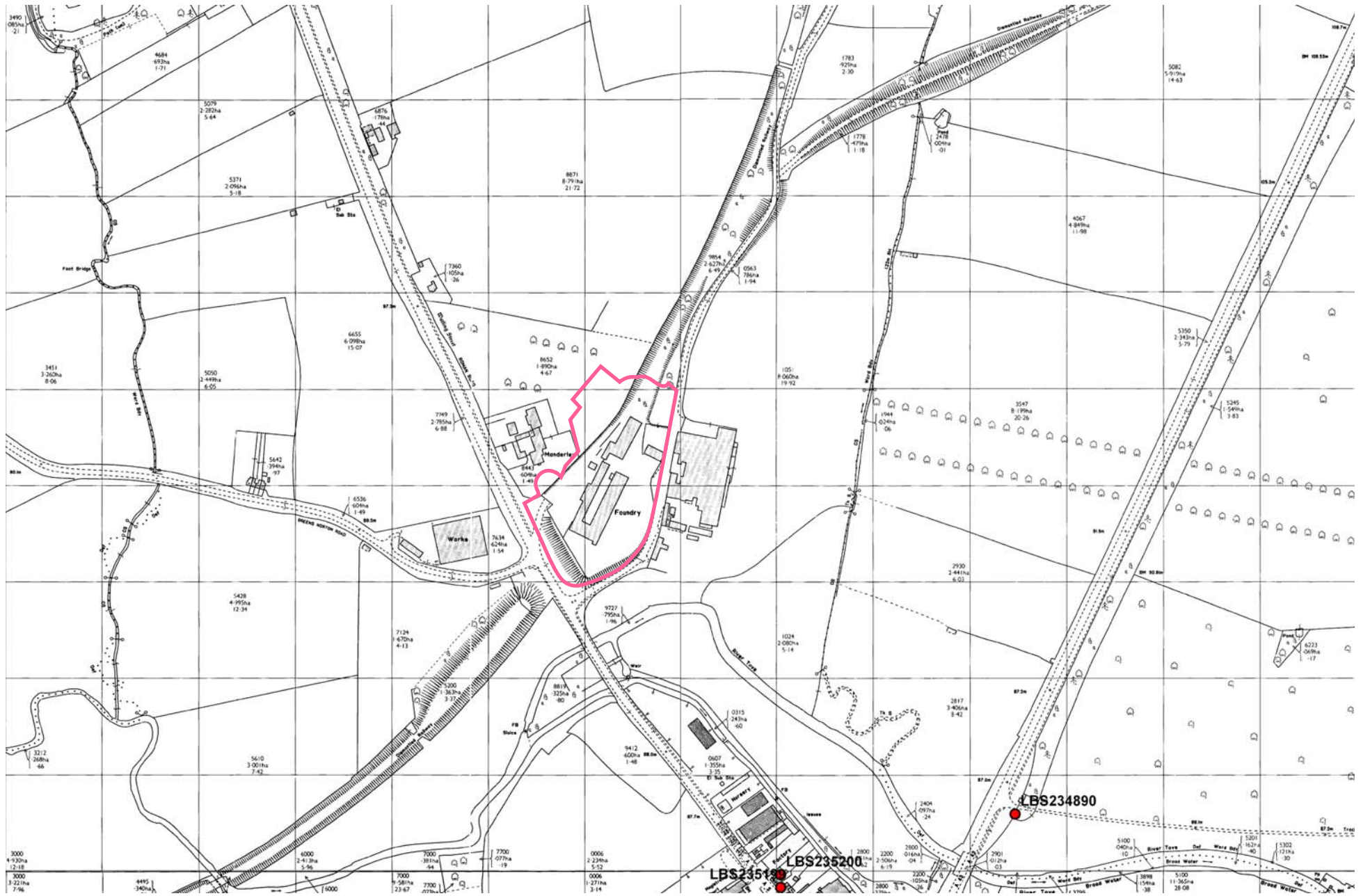
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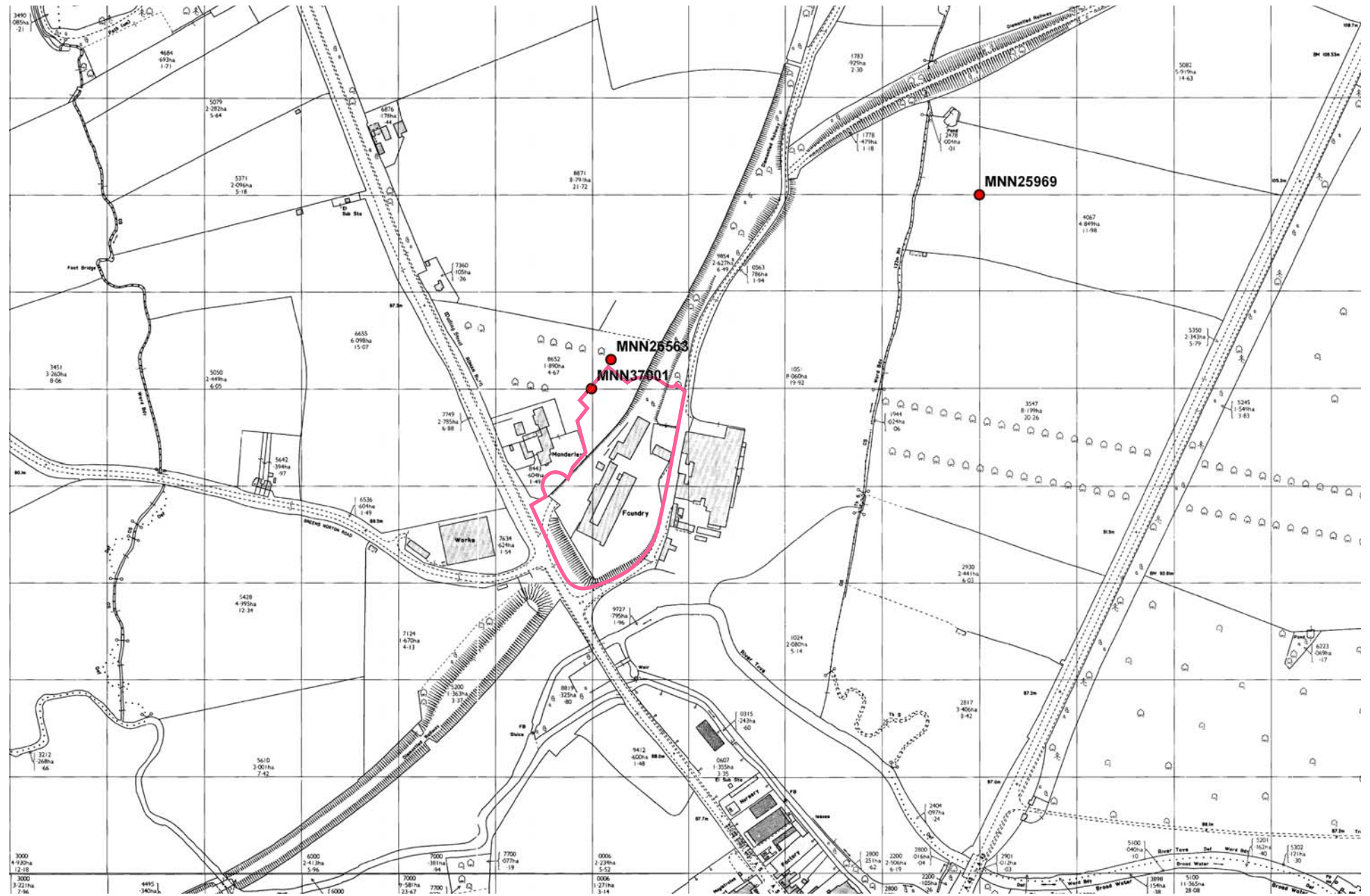
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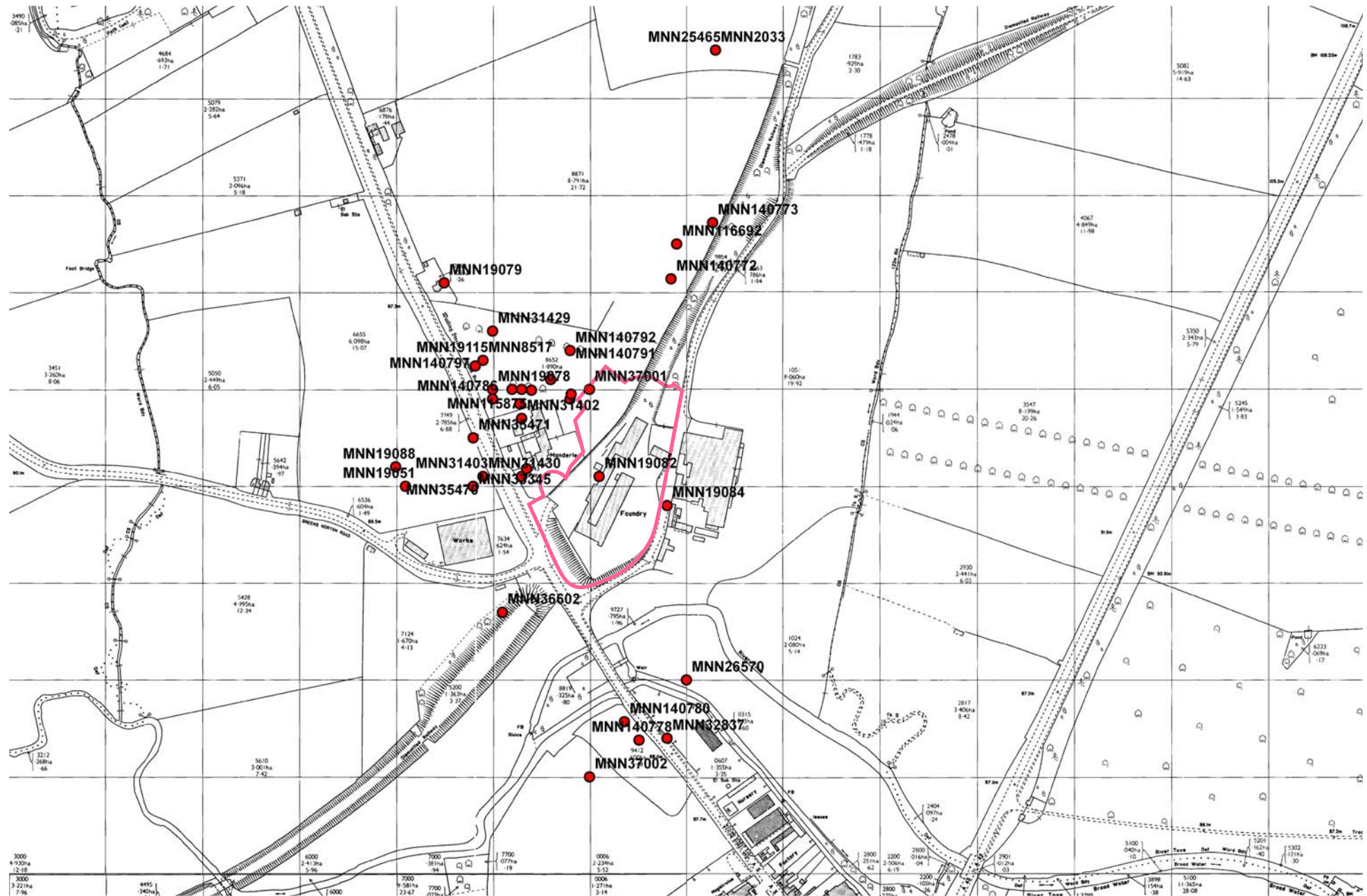
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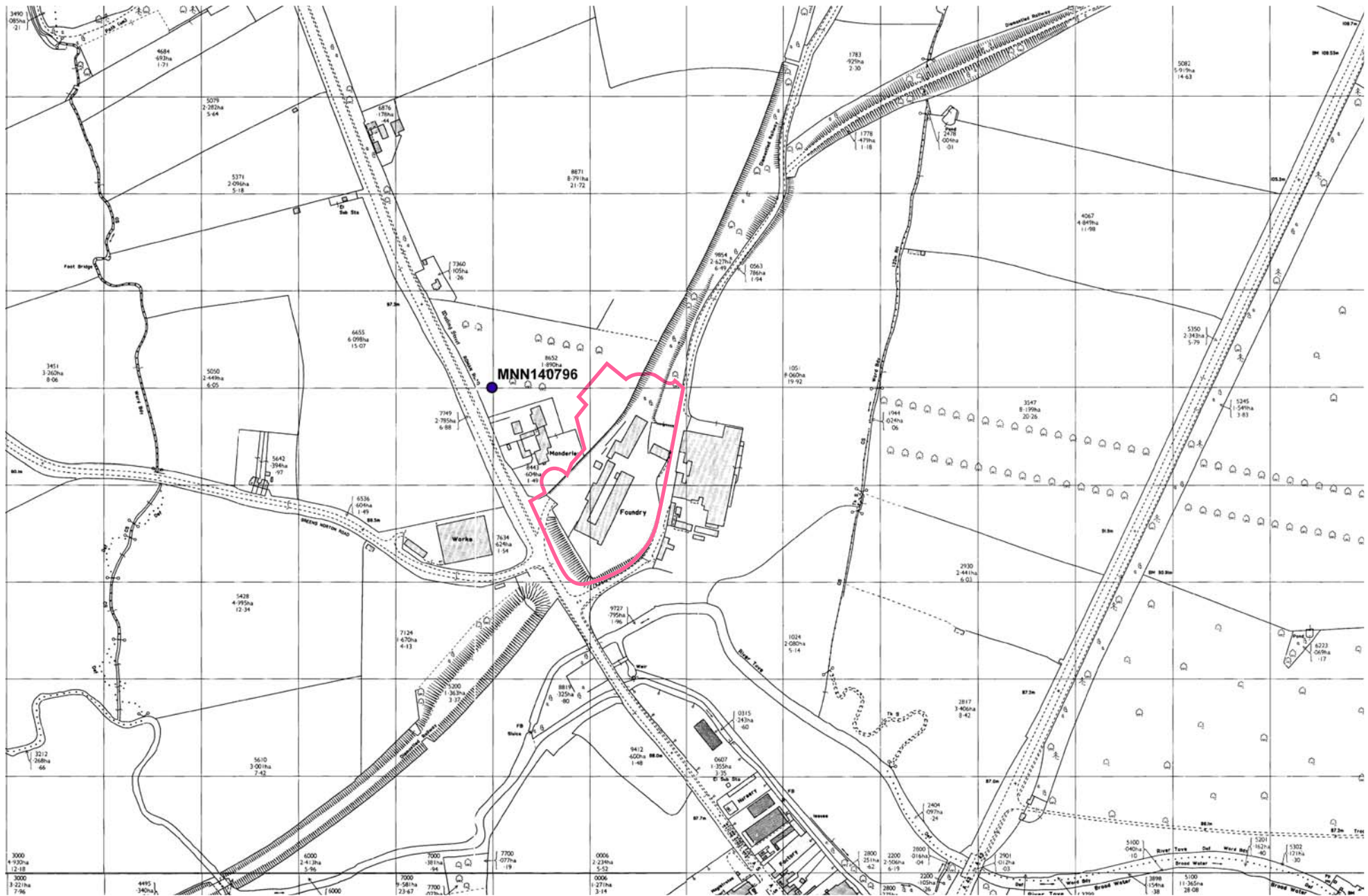
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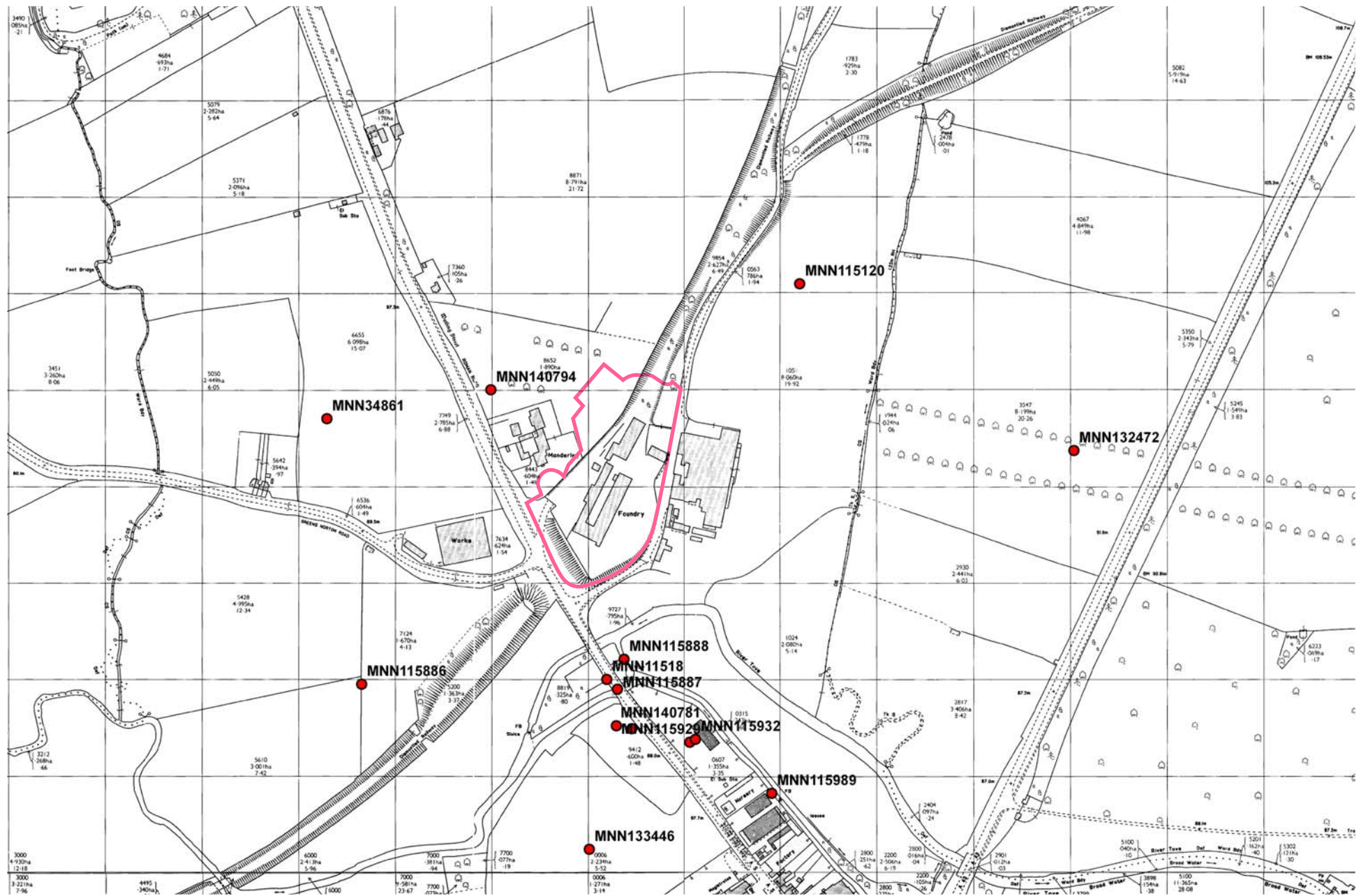


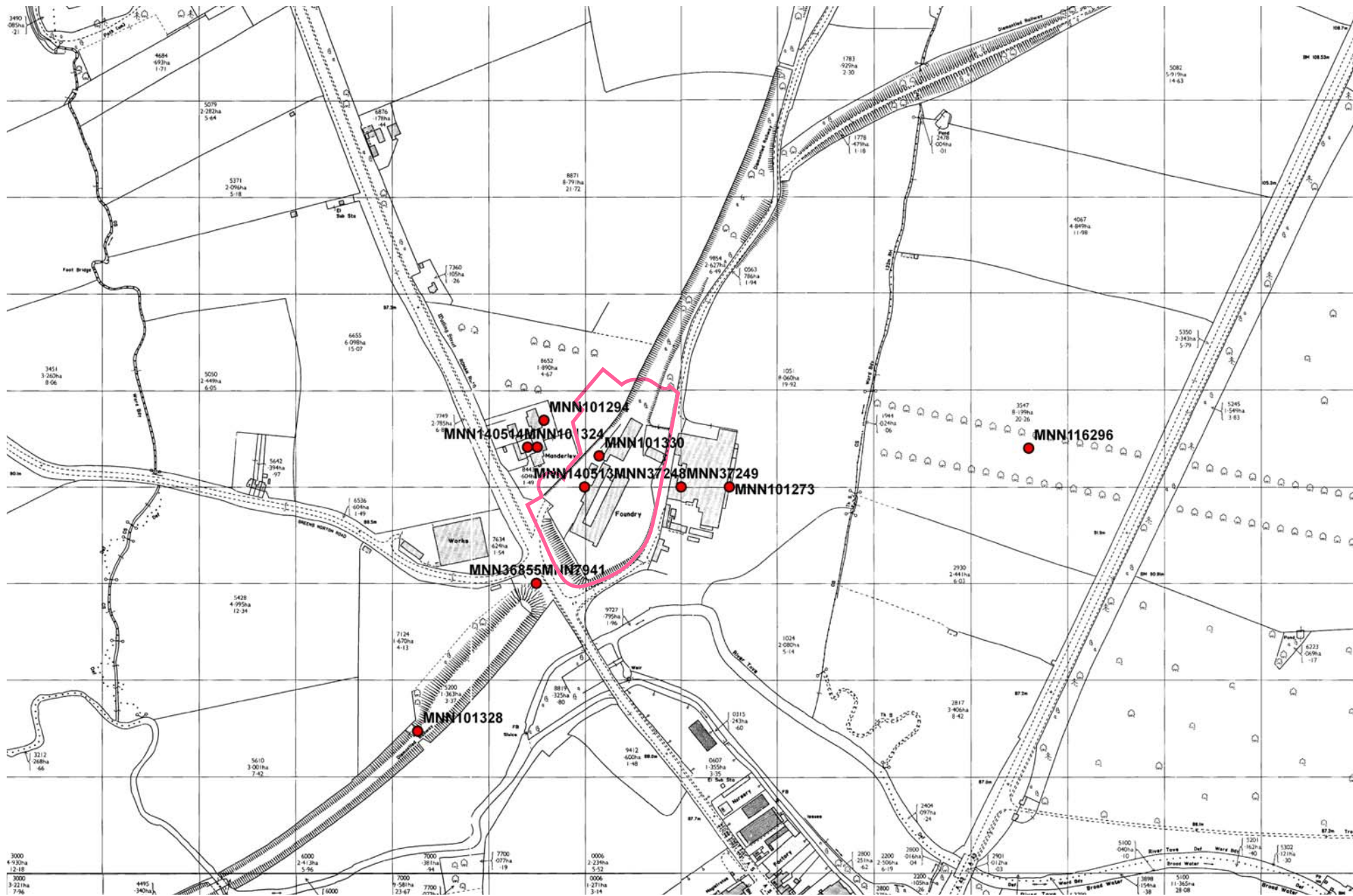


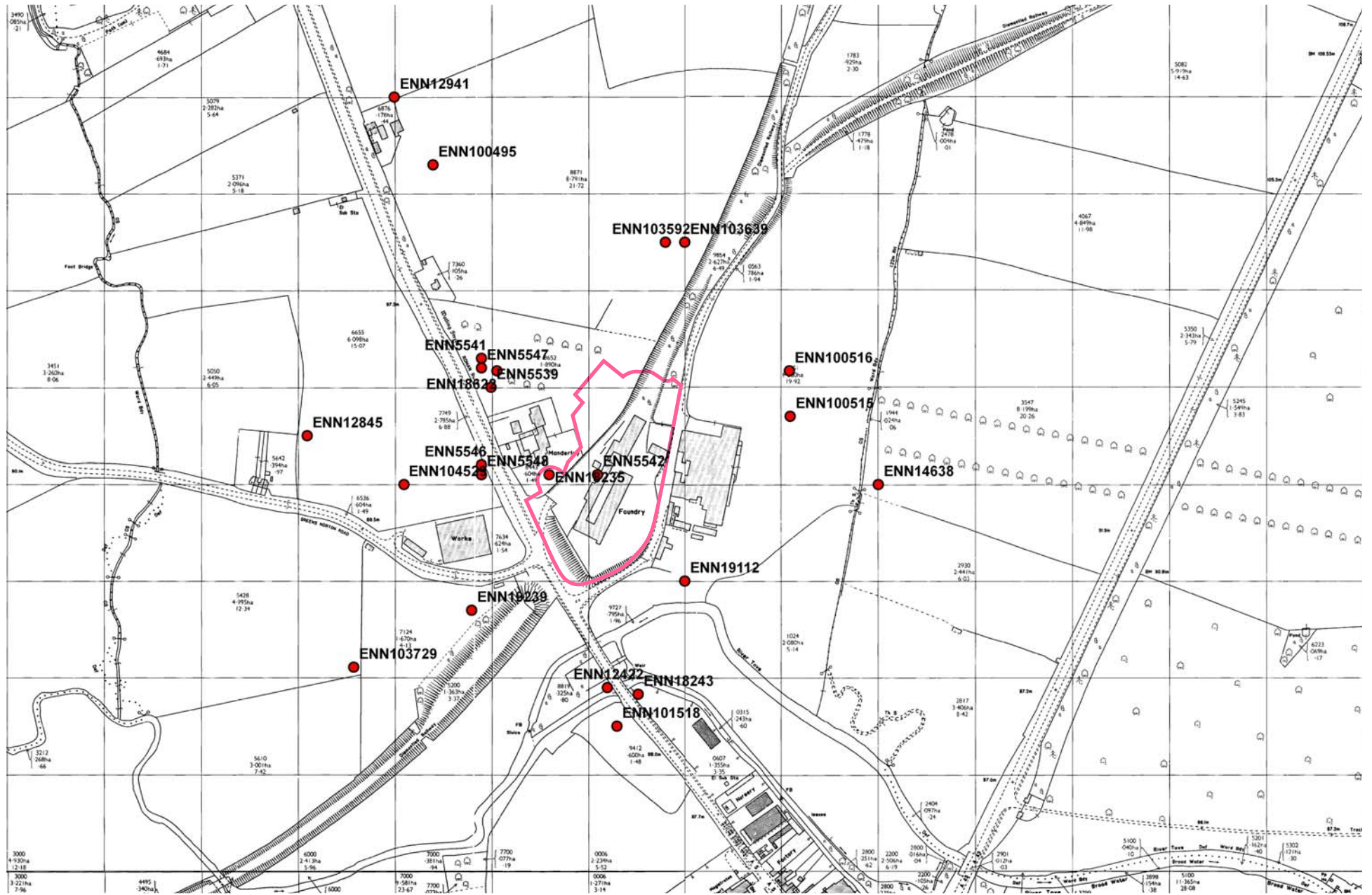












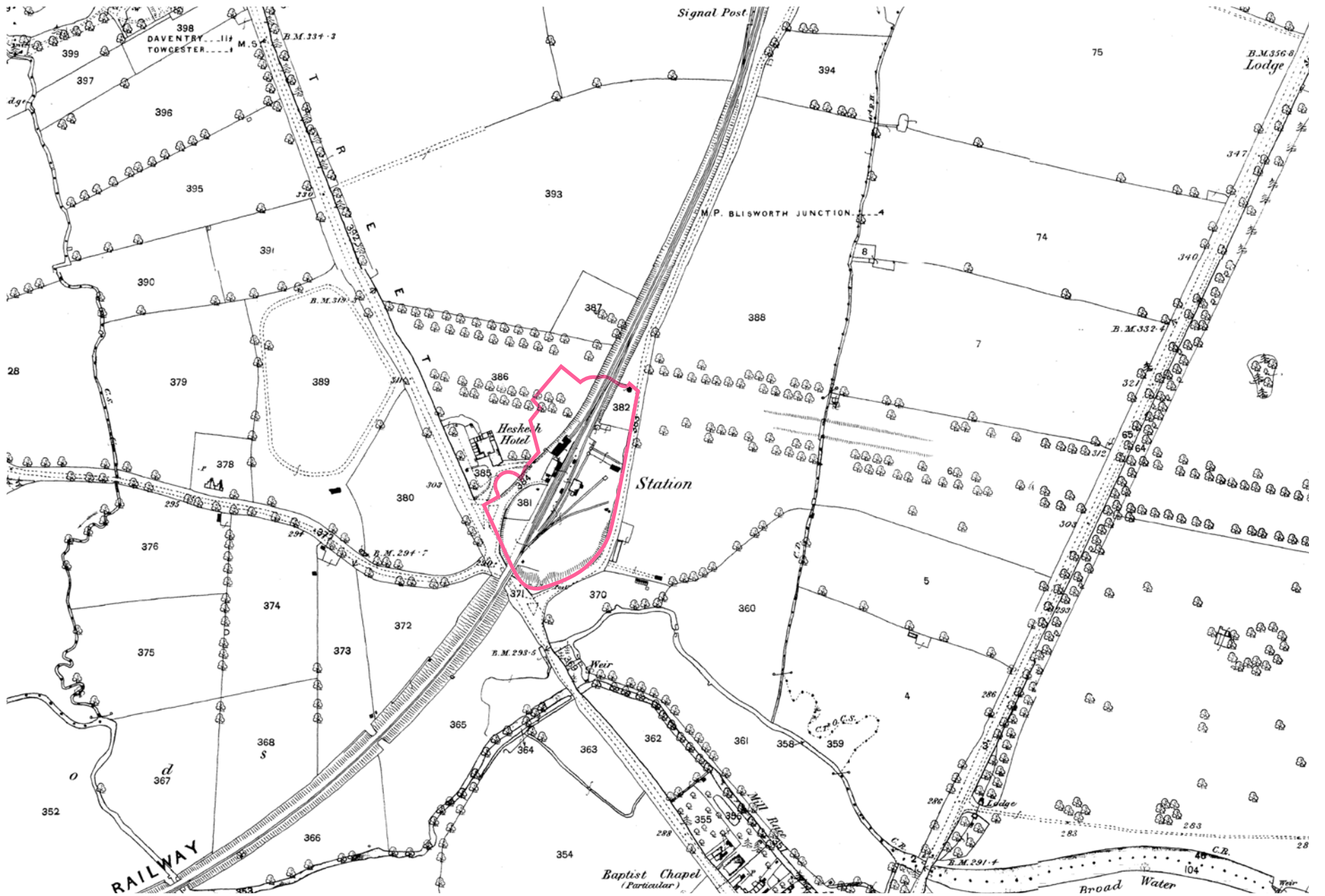


Figure 9: Ordnance Survey County Series 1:12500 map, 1st edition 1884

