

NORTHERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES LTD
THE OLD GARAGE, HUSTHWAITE, NORTH YORKSHIRE
Negative Watching Brief Report

Site name: The Old Garage **Grid reference:** SE 51700 75123

Parish: Husthwaite **District:** Hambleton **County:** North Yorkshire

Administrative authority: North Yorkshire County Council **Development:** Residential

Client: Lindsay Walker

Site supervisor: Therese Falk **Project manager:** Oliver Cooper

Fieldwork Date(s): 07/11/19 **NAA project number:** 1511 **Site code:** OGH19

NAA report number: 19/119 **Report date:** 27/11/19

Reasons for watching brief

Husthwaite is a well-preserved example of a medieval linear settlement. A heritage appraisal (NAA 2017) concluded that there is potential for medieval remains relating to the early uses of the plot to be present. It was also considered likely that below ground remains of early post-medieval buildings could survive on the site. Since such remains were likely to be subject to disturbance as a result of the proposed development, it was recommended that this was discussed with the NYCC archaeologist, and the agreed mitigation strategy was to excavate two trenches to evaluate the potential for survival of archaeological remains.

The proposed development site was located to the north and east of Cleveland House, situated on the north side of Low Street (Figs 1, 2). Much of the site was occupied by a large concrete platform which was constructed in the 1960s and used to support a corrugated steel shed, with a garden area to the west. Two trial trenches were excavated, located to the north and west of the concrete platform (Fig. 3).

Results

Trench 1

Trench 1 was excavated on level ground within the garden area of the proposed development site. It was located 9m north of an extant outbuilding and was orientated north to south. The trench measured 3m by 2m and was excavated to a depth of 1m. An initial layer of 0.4m deep

topsoil consisting of sandy silt was removed to expose a 0.2m deep levelling deposit composed of silty clay mixed with small stones and crushed brick. Underlying the levelling deposit was a layer of colluvial subsoil, comprising clayey silt and measuring 0.4m in depth. Natural boulder clay with sandy veins was encountered at a depth of 1m. No archaeological features or finds were present.



Plate 1: east facing section of Trench 1.

Trench 2

Trench 2 was excavated 1m north of the concrete platform, across a track leading to the north end of the site and was orientated east to west. The trench measured 2.5m by 1.2m and was excavated to a depth of 1.1m. The surface of the trench was covered by a 0.1m thick layer of compacted limestone sub-base, which was followed by a 0.4m deep topsoil layer consisting of sandy silt. Underlying the topsoil was a deep layer of colluvial subsoil, composed of clayey silt and measuring 0.6m in thickness. Natural boulder clay with sandy veins was encountered at a depth of 1.1m. No archaeological features or finds were present.

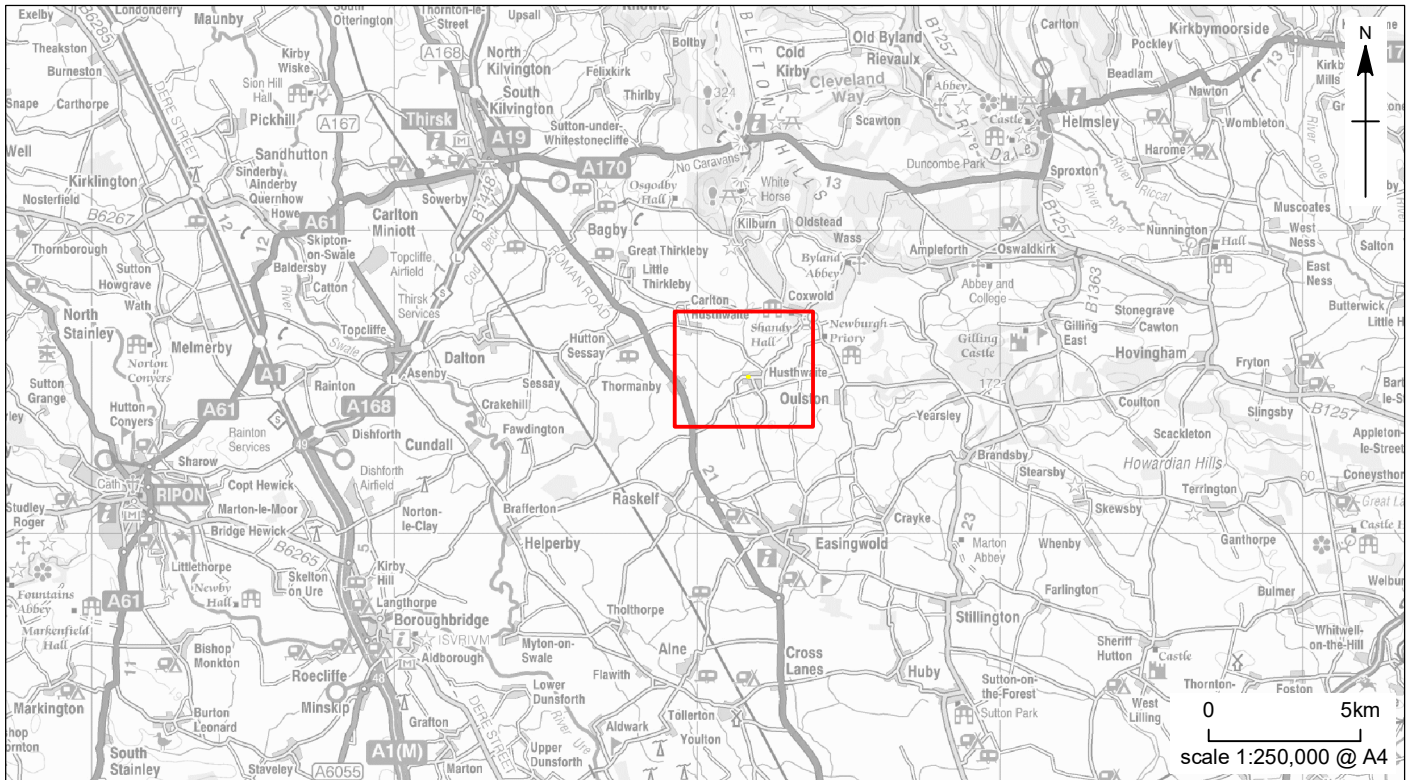


Plate 2: west facing section of Trench 2.

Documentation: The trenches were recorded using digital photography, and representative sections of each trench were drawn at a 1:10 scale prior to backfilling. The archive will be stored internally.

References

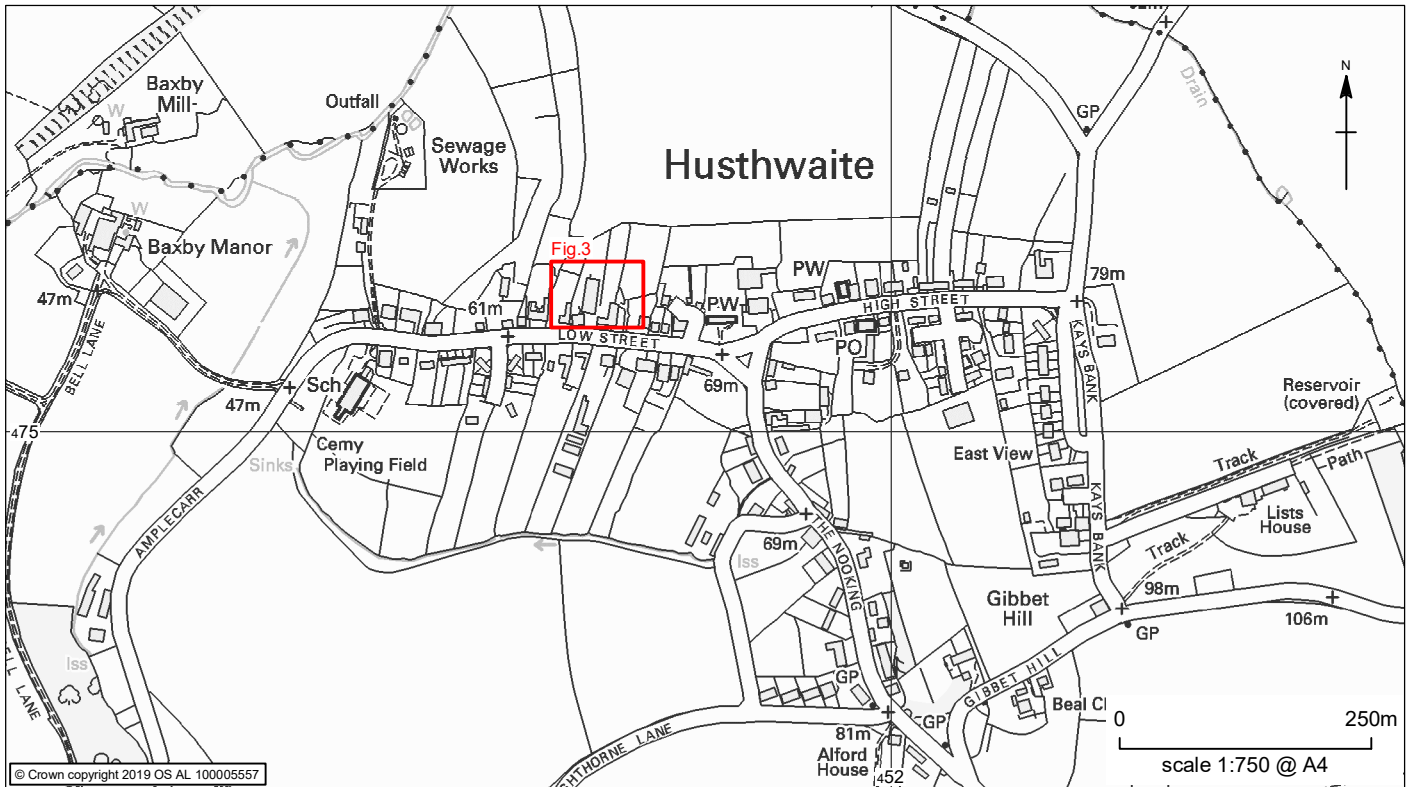
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The Old Garage, Hustwaite: site location

Figure 1



The Old Garage, Husthwaite: site location

Figure 2



The Old Garage, Husthwaite: trial trench locations

Figure 3