



NEGATIVE WATCHING BRIEF
REPORT

2 COURTYARD GARDENS,
WARK-ON-TWEED,
NORTHUMBERLAND

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District Northumberland
Planning Ref 15_00202_FUL
Grid Ref NT 82563 38662
Dates of Fieldwork 07/03/2022 – 09/03/2022

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Parish: - Carham	County: Northumberland
Administrative authority: - Northumberland	Development: Housing
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Reasons for watching brief

As part of an ongoing residential development, foundation trenches were to be dug for a single building. The site is close to the 11th century Wark Castle, and previous trial trenching and other excavations have identified medieval and post-medieval activity in the area. The watching brief was performed to establish the presence of any archaeological remains within the foundation trenches of the new building.

Results

A layer of redeposited modern material (01) and dark topsoil (02), between 0.2m and 0.4m in depth, overlay the whole site. Below this, a deposit of large cobbles (05) was seen in the southern corner of the excavation over an area of approximately 5m x 3m. An area of smaller cobbles (06) and gravel (07) representing a possible surface, extending approximately 1m x 5m, was seen in the south-eastern side trench. All these deposits overlay a mid-brown subsoil (03) and were deemed to be post-medieval in date. The cobbles and gravels remained unexcavated. Beyond these, the foundations were cut into the subsoil to a maximum depth of 1.6m below the ground surface without reaching natural geology. No archaeology was seen below the subsoil and no finds were recovered from any of the deposits.

Conclusions

No structural remains were disturbed during the excavation of the foundation trenches and no evidence for any deposits pre-dating the post-medieval period was observed. There is no requirement for any further archaeological work in this area of the development (2 Courtyard Gardens).

Documentation

All deposits were recorded on pro forma context sheets. A plan of the footprint of the foundations and deposits within was made using a Topcon FC-500 GPS. A photographic record of the site was made using digital photography.

Archive deposition: Internal at NAA

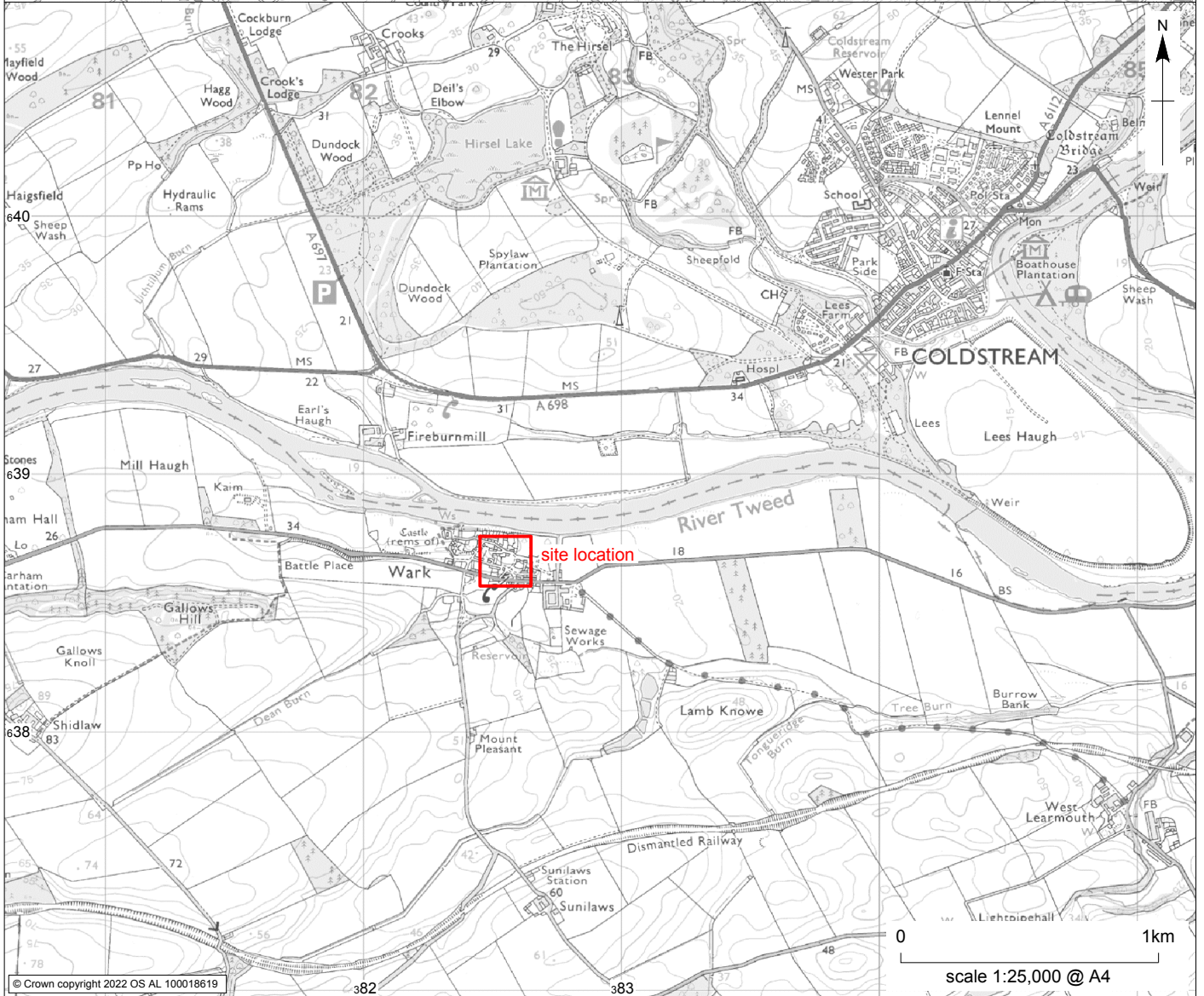
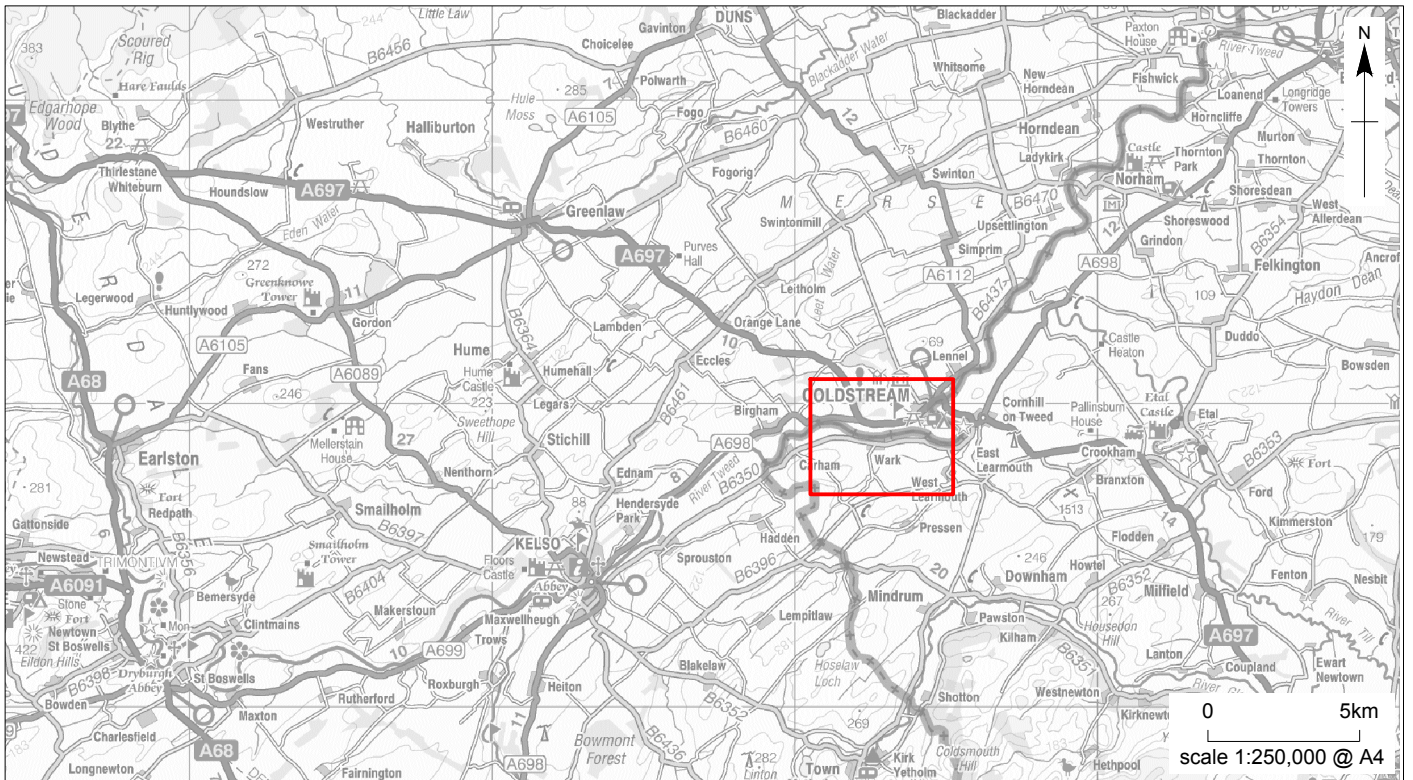
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2 Courtyard Gardens, Wark, Northumberland: site location

Figure 1

