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A programme of archaeological work

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SUMMARY

Archaeological recording was carried out during August 2015 at 9 Broadway road, Hinton cross Evesham. The proposed development was located in an archaeologically sensitive area at the crossing of a number of probable roman route ways. A group of undated enclosures lie immediately south of the development area and an extensive Romano British settlement (Scheduled Ancient Monument) a short distance to the north.

The earliest reliable map sources (OS 1885 & 1902) show the study site as part of a large open field occupying an area to the north-east of the (A435) road junction at Hinton-cross, Hinton-on-the-Green. To the south-west, on the opposite side of the road, some development had already taken place with the erection of two pairs of semi-detached brick cottages. By 1923 (OS Third Edition) the exiting building, including the adjacent property had been erected as a pair of semi-detached two-storey brick cottages, similar in style to those on the opposite side of the road.

Excavation revealed no archaeological deposits, instead a relatively undisturbed natural substrate comprising a stiff Lias clay was overlain by a single layer of subsoil intermixed with residual topsoil probably as a result of cultivation activities. An absence of archaeological deposits and a lack of any residual finds suggests little activity within the study site prior to its development sometime between 1902 and 1927.

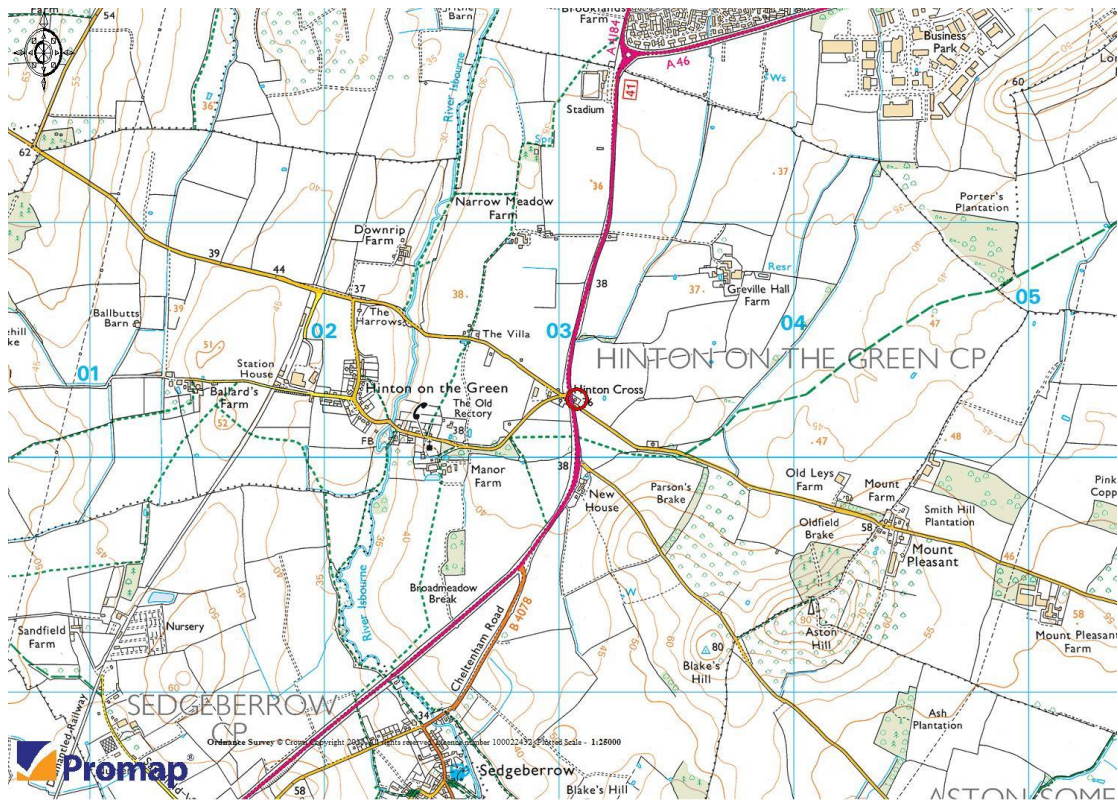


Fig. 1; site location (circled in red)

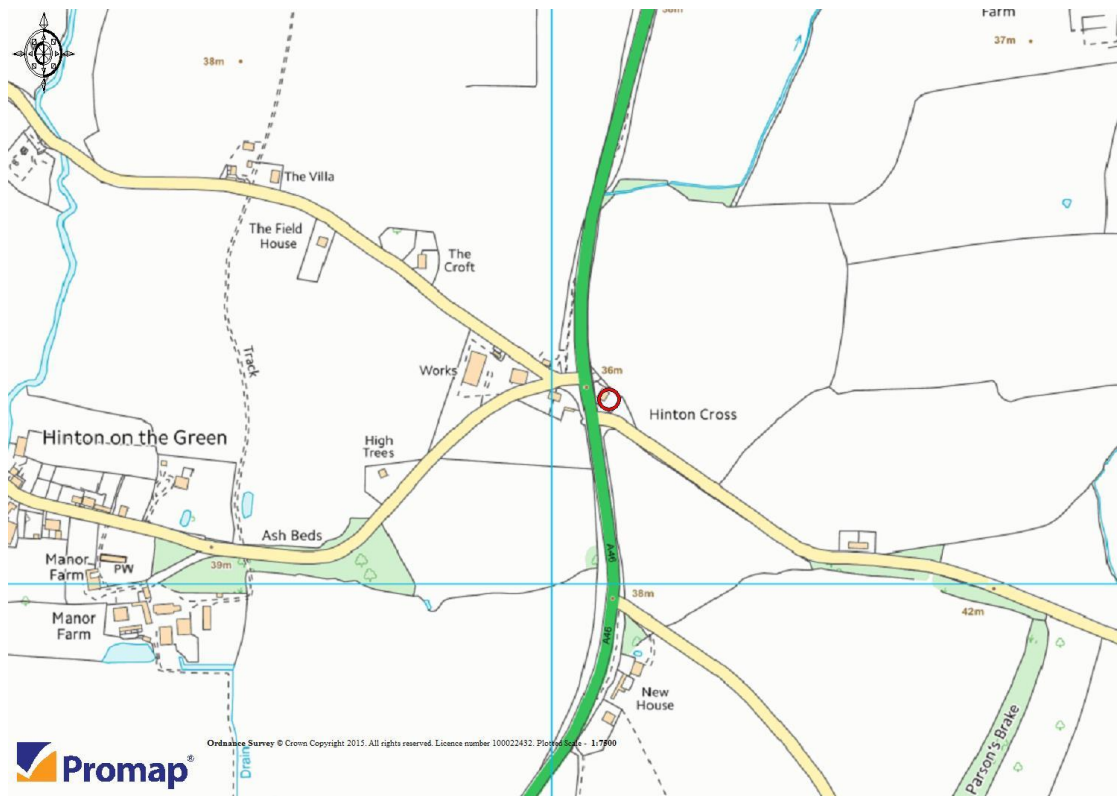


Fig. 2; area of study (circled in red)

INTRODUCTION

Location and scope of works (Figs. 1 & 2)

This document sets out the results for archaeological recording during 5th August 2015 at 9 Broadway road, Hinton cross, Hinton on the Green, Evesham, Worcestershire, WR112QS, at the request of the owner Mr Attwood. The proposed extension was located at the north east side of the property. The archaeological work was required as a condition of planning permission granted in respect of an application (Ref: W/15/0714) to Wychavon District Council and will be undertaken in accordance with a brief issued by Worcs. Archive and Archaeology Service (Sept., 2014). While relatively modest in scale, the proposed development is located in an archaeologically sensitive area at the crossing of a number of probable roman route ways. A group of undated enclosures lay immediately south of the development area and an extensive Romano British settlement (Scheduled Ancient Monument) a short distance to the north.

Geology and topography

Hinton-on-the-Green is a village and civil parish in the Wychavon district of Worcestershire in England. It is situated at the foot of Bredon Hill about two miles south of Evesham. The River Isbourne valley divides Hinton into the "East Village", near to the church, and the "West Village". The main A46 from Evesham to Cheltenham passes through the parish and is crossed by the Broadway to Pershore Road (formerly The London Road) at Hinton Cross, a small hamlet east of Hinton on green. The study site (no. 9) is represented by a roughly triangular plot of land situated in the north-east corner of the crossroads at Hinton Cross, adjacent to the north side of the Broadway Road. It is situated at a height of about 35m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) and the underlying geology comprised mainly (Lias) clay (BGS 1974). This was confirmed during the excavation.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Worcestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) was consulted with a search carried out over a 500m radius centred on the site. The search area is located within a rolling lowland vale with an underlying geology that consists of Blue Lias Formation and Charmouth Mudstone Formation bedrock beneath superficial deposits of clay, silt, sand and gravel. The soils are made up of lias clay with poorly draining base rich gleyed soils. This low lying area is dominated by large, regular arable fields with some intensive farming and occasional small tree plantations.

Settlement is nucleated with tree cover relating to scattered hedgerow and watercourse trees. Within the search area lie 2 unlisted historic buildings dating from the post medieval period and the 19th century. A Historic England project to identify the Historic Farmsteads of Worcestershire also recorded a single 19th century farmstead within the search area. In addition to the built environment various monuments have also been recorded, the earliest of which is a postulated Roman road. There are several examples of medieval ridge and furrow in the eastern half of the search area (WSM49719-22) and the conjectured medieval settlement of Hinton on the Green is to the west (WSM45020). There are also three sites of buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries that have been demolished. In the north west (WSM04023-4) and just adjacent to the centre of the search area (WSM45690) there is photographic evidence of cropmarks of unknown date. No Portable Antiquity Scheme or local unstratified finds are recorded within the search area. There has been very little archaeological investigation within the search area aside from field walking (WSM17828) undertaken in a field east of the centre of the search area, which produced sherds of Roman and Medieval pottery. To the south of this is a conjectured Roman road (WSM30628). This indicates, therefore, that within this search area and the surrounding landscape there is potential for archaeological features and deposits, from the Roman and Medieval periods, with good potential for features and deposits relating to the cropmarks that are of an unknown date.

RESULTS (Fig. 3)

Method and nature of the excavation

Archaeological recording was undertaken to obtain a record of any archaeological deposits or finds disturbed or exposed during excavation of the site. Machine excavation was only used for the removal of non-archaeologically significant material (modern deposits) and was used to excavate these layers stratigraphically. All machining was conducted under constant and close archaeological supervision at all times using a toothless bucket. The trench was 0.60m wide and approx. 1m deep throughout the excavation. Preliminary work comprised of Foundation trenches consisting of strip footings were excavated by machine

Description of deposits

TRENCH

Context 101 (natural geology)

The surface of the geological horizon, a natural substrate comprising a stiff olive Lias clay was exposed throughout the excavated foundation trench at a level height of about 35.25m AOD. No archaeological deposits were observed overlying or cut into the surface of this layer.

Context 100 (subsoil & topsoil)

Overlying the natural Lias clay to a depth of about 0.25m throughout the trench was a layer of dark greyish-brown clayey-silt, within this was the occasional small rounded pebble and fragment of stone. Finds comprised the odd small fragment of brick. This deposits was interpreted as a relict subsoil with a component of residual topsoil, presumably redeposited as a result of cultivation activities.

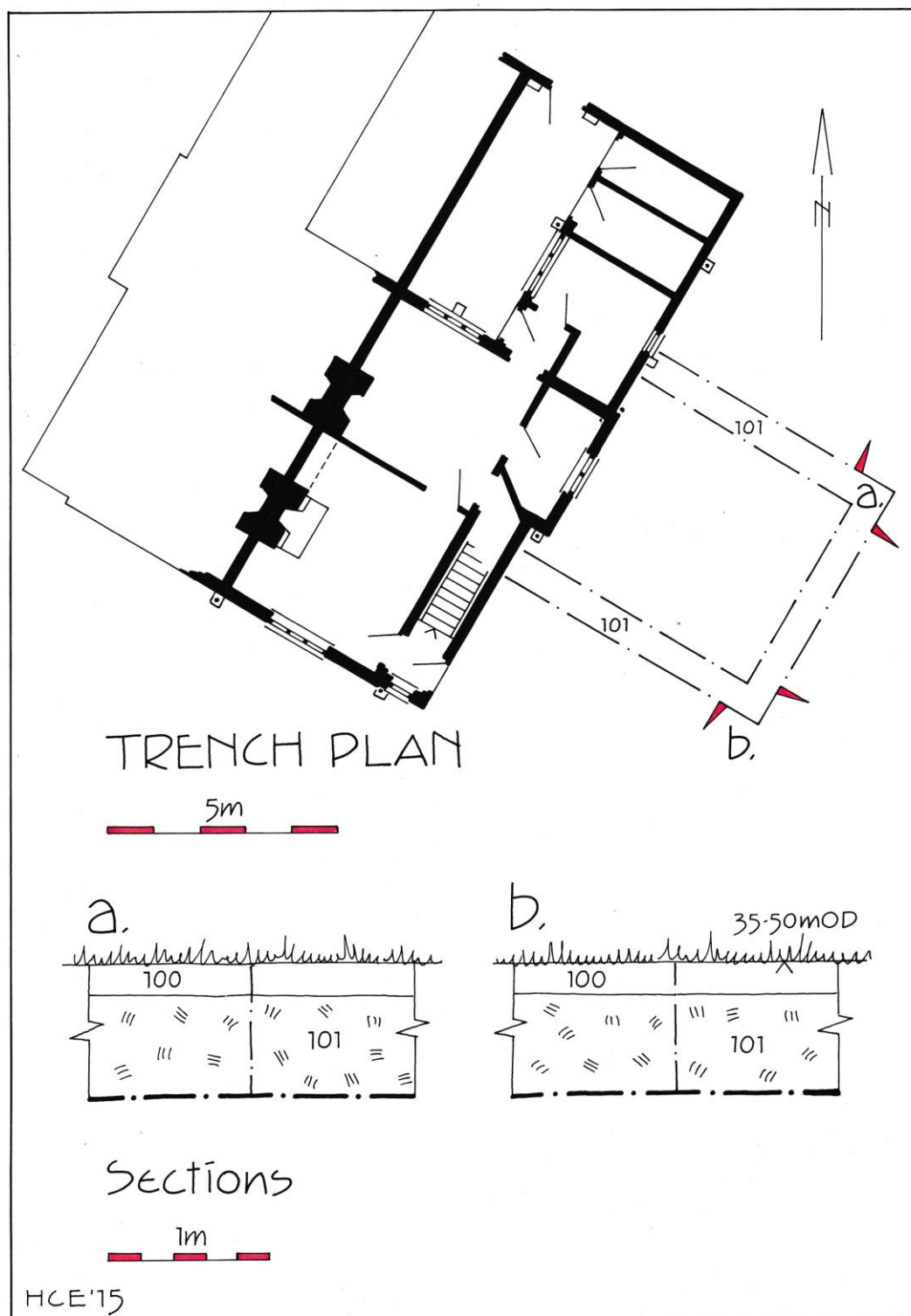


Fig. 3; trench plan and sections



Plate 1; showing excavated foundation trench, from the south-east



Plate 2; section 1a, from the south



Plate 3; section 1a, from the west



Plate 4; section 1a, overall view from the south-west



Plate 5; section 2a, from the north



Plate 6; section 2a, from the west



Plate 7; section 2a, overall view from the north-west

FINDS

Finds comprised the occasional small fragment of brick from context 100, these were not retained.

Environmental data

No animal bone was recovered and none of the deposits exposed during the excavation proved suitable for palaeo-environmental sampling.

DISCUSSION

The earliest reliable map sources (OS 1885 & 1902) show the study site as part of a large open field occupying an area to the north-east of the (A435) road junction at Hinton-cross, Hinton-on-the-Green. To the south-west, on the opposite side of the road, some development had already taken place with the erection of two pairs of semi-detached brick cottages. By 1923 (OS Third Edition) the existing building, including the adjacent property had been erected as a pair of semi-detached two-storey brick cottages, similar in style to those on the opposite side of the road.

The Worcestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) has shown that although there is currently limited archaeological evidence for early activity or occupation within the search area (500m radius of the site), the development is located in an archaeologically sensitive area at the crossing of a number of probable roman route ways. A group of undated enclosures lay immediately south of the development area and an extensive Romano British settlement (Scheduled Ancient Monument) a short distance to the north. To the east of the site Roman and medieval pottery was found during field walking.

Excavation revealed no archaeological deposits, instead a relatively undisturbed natural substrate comprising a stiff Lias clay was overlain by a single layer of subsoil intermixed with residual topsoil probably as a result of cultivation activities. An absence of archaeological deposits and a lack of any residual finds suggests little activity within the study site prior to its development sometime between 1902 and 1927 with the erection of the existing building.

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APPENDIX 1: OASIS

Project name	9 Broadway Road, Hinton Cross, Evesham; archaeological recording
Short description of the project	Archaeological recording was carried out during August 2015 at 9 Broadway road, Hinton cross Evesham.
Project dates	Start: 05-08-2015 End: 05-08-2015
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	HCE15 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	WSM67011 - HER event no.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Planning condition
Country	England
Site location	WORCESTERSHIRE WYCHAVON HINTON ON THE GREEN 9 Broadway Road, Hinton Cross
Postcode	WR112QS
Study area	36 Square metres
Site coordinates	SP 03068 40240 52.060112387298 -1.955245628699 52 03 36 N 001 57 18 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 35.25m Max: 35.25m
Name of Organisation	one ten archaeology
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
Project design originator	one ten archaeology
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