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Archaeological Targeted and General Watching Brief at Farringdon eastern ticket Hall Utilities Diversions (XSF10)

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1 Summary for London Archaeologist

Islington and City of London

Crossrail: Utilities Diversions, Farringdon Eastern Ticket Hall Charterhouse Street and Hayne Street EC1 TQ 3195 8181MOLA (Sam Pfizenmaier) watching brief Aug 2011–Jan 2012 Crossrail XSF10

A watching brief on utilities diversion trenches on Charterhouse Street and Hayne Street exposed a dump deposit dated by ceramics to 1480–1600. This also contained disarticulated human remains of at least three individuals as well as residual medieval pottery of 1080–1300. The human remains were probably re-deposited from the outer cemetery of Charterhouse which was used as a Black Death cemetery during the 14th-century and possibly later, although it is not certain whether the trench lay within the SW boundary of the burial ground or outside it. This deposit was sealed by a series of levelling and dump deposits dating from the early 16th to 17th-century. The upper layers were truncated by a probable rubbish pit containing material of late 16th–17th century date. The dump deposits were also cut by a heavily truncated 19th-century wall which bore evidence of the alterations to the street layout caused by the Metropolitan underground construction in the 1870s. Live and redundant utilities were sealed in turn by the current street surfaces. In two separate trenches to the E, 16th/17th-century soil horizons were recorded beneath modern make up and tarmac. Natural geology was not exposed.

2 Summary for Britannia

Not required

3 Summary for Medieval Archaeology

Borough of Islington

CROSSRAIL, UTILITES DIVERSIONS, FARRINGDON EASTERN TICKET HALL CHARTERHOUSE STREET AND HAYNE STREET EC1 (TQ 3195 8181) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) carried out a watching brief on utilities diversion trenches. Within the earliest dump deposit dated securely by ceramics to 1480–1600 the disarticulated human remains of at least three individuals was recovered as well as residual medieval pottery dated 1080–1300. The two adults and one subadult were recovered in good condition, with cortical and joint surfaces surviving, however post mortem damage through later disturbance affected most elements. It is most likely that these are redeposited from the outer cemetery of Charterhouse, a 14th-century or possibly later Black Death burial ground whose boundaries are uncertain. **OASIS ID: molas1-122297**



4 Summary for Post Medieval Archaeology

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CROSSRAIL UTILITIES DIVERSIONS, FARRINGDON EASTERN TICKET HALL CHARTERHOUSE STREET AND HAYNE STREET (TQ 3195 8181) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) carried out watching briefs between Aug 2011–Jan 2012. A watching brief was undertaken on utilities diversion trenches on Charterhouse Street and Hayne Street. Within the earliest dump deposit dated securely by ceramics to 1480–1600 the disarticulated human remains of at least three individuals were recovered. The human remains were probably redeposited from the outer cemetery of Charterhouse which was used as a Black Death cemetery in the 14th-century and possibly later, but it is not certain whether this trench lay within or beyond the SW boundary of the burial ground. Sealing this were a series of levelling and dump deposits dating from the early 16th–17th century. A probable rubbish pit (tentatively dated 1550–1600) truncated the upper deposits. Soil horizons (dated to the 16th–17th centuries) were recorded within two separate trenches to the east. A heavily truncated 19th-century wall bore evidence of the alterations to the street layout caused by the Metropolitan underground construction in the 1870s. Live and redundant utilities were sealed in turn by the current street surfaces. **OASIS ID: molas1-122297**