

Archaeology in Northamptonshire 2015

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Prehistoric

Blisworth, Knock Lane

NGR SP 738 522

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

Some small anomalies of possible archaeological origin are tentatively interpreted as representing two ditches, a pit cluster and a possible roundhouse. Otherwise the magnetometer survey by Adam Meadows was dominated by strong geological responses.

Boughton, Moulton Lane

NGR SP 755 660

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

A probable prehistoric ring ditch and a few other features of possible archaeological significance were identified in detailed magnetometer survey by John Walford and James Fairclough on 2.4ha of land. A rectilinear pattern of magnetic anomalies detected across the site is thought to represent a set of natural fissures in the underlying ironstone. Event Number ENN107936

Evaluation trenches confirmed the presence of a ring ditch and the possible geological features were field systems comprising a series of boundary ditches, as well as several pits. All features were undated. Event Number: ENN107959

Crick, Watford Road

NGR SP 591 718

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Iron Age ditches and gullies were recorded by Paul Clements. The very small group of pottery was probably late Iron Age in date, perhaps the early 1st century BC. Event Number: ENN107915

Daventry, Braunston Road, Apex Park

NGR SP 554 642

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Prehistoric features, including a pit alignment, two circular enclosures, linear ditches and a probable sub-circular enclosure were identified in magnetometer survey by James Ladocha and confirmed in the evaluation by Sam Egan, with the addition of a further pit alignment, at Apex Park on the north-western edge of Daventry. The limited amount of pottery recovered indicates the remains were probably middle to late Iron Age in date. Event Number: ENN107955

Deanshanger, Stratford Road, West Barn

NGR SP 7685 3990

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Nine small undated pits were recorded by Gemma Hewitt. A small quantity of unstratified late Iron Age pottery was also collected, perhaps suggesting a date in the 1st century AD.

Harpole, M1 Junction 16, Midway Park

NGR SP 681 596

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Ring ditches, a probable late Bronze Age to early Iron Age pit alignment, an Iron Age to Roman settlement and field system were identified by magnetometer survey carried out by Olly Dindol. A probable palaeochannel of the River Nene was also detected.

Two areas of Iron Age rectilinear field system with a pit alignment, circular enclosures and a probable roundhouse were recorded by Jim Burke during trial trenching. Event Number: ENN107968

Kettering, Pytchley Lodge Farm, Plot B

NGR SP 882 752

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

Two principal areas of archaeological interest were identified by Ian Fisher and Olly Dindol, one of which contains a rectilinear pattern of ditches and the other of which may contain a pit cluster. These remains are tentatively dated to the Iron Age or Roman periods. Event Number: ENN108093

Northampton, Pineham Zone H

NGR SP 7053 5882

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Three pit alignments thought to be of Iron Age date, and a palimpsest of ditches forming long used enclosures with gullies and sub-enclosures and possible boundaries dating from the Iron Age and Roman periods were recorded by Carol Simmonds. Gullies, postholes or small pits which were not visible on the geophysical survey of 2014 were also recorded. Event Number: ENN107946

Northampton, Wootton, Wooldale Road

NGR SP 764 559

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

Part of a late Bronze Age or early Iron Age pit alignment, probably a continuation of a pit alignment previously

detected to the north on the site of the Wootton Roman villa in 1999 (NA 33, 2005, 86), was detected by Adam Meadows. Two ditched enclosures of probable Iron Age or Roman date which lie partially within the survey area are associated with possible roundhouses, a trackway and other ditches forming part of a larger complex that extends northwards beneath Wooldale Road. Event Number: ENN107839

Old Stratford, Towcester Road

NGR SP 7753 4122

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A large curved ditch, a probable boundary ditch and a posthole may have been part of an Iron Age settlement of 1st century BC to 1st century AD date, recorded by Adam Meadows. Four parallel ditches may have been part of former field systems. Event Number: ENN107924

Passenham Quarry, Rees Land

NGR SP 760 391

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

An Iron Age pit was recorded by Paul Clements. The edge of a palaeochannel was also identified, correlating with an anomaly identified by the geophysical survey. Event Number: ENN108064

Raunds, Warth Park

NGR SP 9843 7261

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A previously known prehistoric henge (Cotton Henge) was re-examined by Carol Simmonds. The outer ditch showed a complex sequence of silting, possibly suggesting the presence of an external bank, while the stony fills and recutting of the inner ditch also indicated the presence of an outer bank. The only finds were four worked flint from the outer ditch. A small group of sherds from an early Bronze Age vessel with twisted cord decoration, and two flints, came from a trench 150m to the west of the henge. A number of trenches produced Iron Age and Roman pottery, suggesting an Iron Age and Roman presence to the west of the henge, and small foci of Iron Age activity both to the north-east of the henge and towards the eastern end of the development area. Extensive medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation was also observed across the site. Event Number: ENN108136

Rothwell, Land North

NGR SP 805 815

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

In 2006 Northamptonshire Archaeology had conducted a sample geophysical survey across parts of a proposed development site which led to the discovery of an extensive settlement complex of presumed Iron Age or Roman date, overlain by medieval ridge and furrow, a post-medieval barn and other agricultural remains (*SMA* 37 (2007), 71). In 2015 the remaining parts of the development area was surveyed by Ian Fisher and Olly Dindol, recording

remains of probable Iron Age or Roman date to the east of the previously discovered site.

Trial trench evaluation by Luke Jarvis confirmed the presence of a late Iron Age settlement, dated from the 1st century BC to early 1st century AD, centred on a rectangular enclosure.

Rothwell, Harrington Road

NGR SP 8065 8081

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A series of ditches, identified in the geophysical survey by Olly Dindol, were part of several large enclosures recorded by Chris Chinnock. The pottery assemblage that included Fenland briquetage indicated a date range that may have begun in the 2nd century BC, but certainly spanned the 1st century BC to the middle decades of the 1st century AD, up to and perhaps even slightly after the Roman Conquest. Event Numbers: ENN107881, ENN107882

West Haddon, Land East

NGR SP 637 719

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Trial trenching by Paul Clements, adjacent to the A428, recorded a middle Iron Age pit and undated ditches. Event Number: ENN107931

Roman

Denford, Pegs Lane, Hill House

NGR SP 9935 7664

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

One ditch was recorded by Ben Kidd. Event Number: ENN107889.

Harpole, M1 Junction 16, Midway Park

NGR SP 681 596

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

An Iron Age to Roman settlement and field system was identified by magnetometer survey carried out by Olly Dindol. A probable palaeochannel of the River Nene was also detected. Two areas of Roman settlement of the 1st to 4th-centuries AD were recorded by Jim Burke. This included a large rectangular enclosure with rectangular field systems, a subcircular enclosure and the stone foundations of two structures, probably relating to food-processing activity. Event Number: ENN107968

Little Irchester, London Road

NGR SP 904 659

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

A number of potential enclosures, pits and linear ditches, identified by Adam Meadows, are likely to date from the Iron Age or Roman periods.

Northampton, Pineham Zone H

NGR SP 7053 5882

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A palimpsest of ditches formed long-lived enclosures with gullies and sub-enclosures and possible boundaries dating from the Iron Age and Roman periods. The trenching by Carol Simmonds also identified smaller features such as gullies, postholes or small pits which were not visible on the geophysical survey of 2014. Event Number: ENN107946

Rothwell, Land North

NGR SP 805 815

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

In 2006 Northamptonshire Archaeology had conducted a sample geophysical survey across parts of a proposed development site which led to the discovery of an extensive settlement complex of presumed Iron Age or Roman date. In 2015 the remaining parts of the development area was surveyed by Ian Fisher and Olly Dindol, recording remains of probable Iron Age or Roman date to the east of the previously discovered site.

Trial trench evaluation by Luke Jarvis recorded an isolated Roman enclosure with three pits, dated to the early to late 1st century AD.

Medieval**Barton Seagrave, 58 St Botolph's Road**

NGR SP 8866 7699

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A ditch, c. 1m deep, contained a sherd of Lyveden/Stanion 'B' ware of AD1225-c.1400 date, recorded by Tim Sharman.

Braunston, 34–36 High Street

NGR SP 5413 6625

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A small early-middle Saxon ditch was observed by Tim Sharman. Event Number: ENN107907

Burton Latimer, Higham Road

NGR SP 906 744

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Furrows along the western edge of the ridge and furrow medieval field system were identified by Jonathan Elston.

Corby, Weldon Park

NGR SP 935 897

Strip, map and record

MOLA Northampton

Two areas of strip, map and record were carried out by Christopher Jones and James Fairclough following previous evaluations in 2009. One area contained a number of furrows aligned east-west.

Magnetometer survey by Adam Meadows in another

area also identified medieval ridge and furrow cultivation. Event Number: ENN108146

Crick, Bury Dyke

NGR SP 5890 7260

Earthwork survey

MOLA Northampton

Upstanding remains within the historic core of Crick likely relate to the early medieval settlement of Crick and comprise a ladder system of hollow-ways with housing platforms either side, recorded by Carol Simmonds. The site had undergone some disturbance after it fell out of use; a number of depressions may relate to extraction or might be tree throws. The reinstatement of the site following the construction of an unauthorised BMX track was not visible. Event Number: ENN108071

Crick, Watford Road

NGR SP 591 718

Earthwork survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Surviving ridge and furrow earthworks across the fields were recorded by Carol Simmonds. Furrows of medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation and backfilled remains of undated ponds were excavated by Paul Clements. Two coins were recovered from the topsoil, a silver sovereign type penny of Henry VII and a George VI, 1941, farthing. Event Numbers: ENN107914, ENN107915

Daventry, Braunston Road, Apex Park

NGR SP 554 642

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

The remnant furrows of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation, as indicated in the geophysical survey by James Ladocha, were recorded throughout the evaluation area by Sam Egan. Event Number: ENN107955

Denford, Pegs Lane, Hill House

NGR SP 9935 7664

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A boundary ditch of 11th-12th century date and four other ditches of unknown date were recorded by Ben Kidd. Event Number: ENN107889.

Flore, Brockhall Road

NGR SP 6438 6075

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Furrows indicative of ridge and furrow cultivation were identified by Luke Jarvis. These match three distinct furlongs previously recorded in the area of proposed development. Event Number: ENN108170

Harpole, M1 Junction 16, Midway Park

NGR SP 681 596

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Medieval ridge and furrow was identified by magnetometer survey carried out by Olly Dindol and confirmed

in trial trenching by Jim Burke. The remnant earthwork remains of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation strips were also present in parts of the site. Event Number: ENN107968

Harringworth, Church Of St John The Baptist

NGR SP 9165 9746

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Groundworks relating to the installation of a trench arch for foul water drainage on the north side of the church revealed the top half of an *in situ* burial and the foundations for the north aisle of the church, recorded by Paul Clements.

Higham Ferrers, Vine Hill Drive, Saffron Moat

NGR SP 9584 6872

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

During excavations, on behalf of Higham Ferrers Town Council, for the installation of a skateboard park at Saffron Moat close to the Scheduled Monument of Saffron Moat (SM No. 13645), two pottery sherds dated 1100–1700 were found by Tim Sharman, but no pre-modern deposits were recorded. Event Number: ENN 107903

Isham, Mill Lane

NGR SP 8887 7404

Geophysical survey, earthwork survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Surveys by Chris Chinnock and James Ladocha on land south-east of Mill Lane led to the discovery of extensive remains associated with the shrunken medieval village of Isham. Possible trackways, field and property boundaries and other linear and curvilinear features were identified in the geophysical data. Extant earthworks on the site correlated well with the survey results. Features likely to be on the periphery of the medieval village include landscaping and terracing separated from the ridge and furrow of the open-field system by a possible hollow-way or field boundary. The trenching by Mo Muldowney revealed at least one prehistoric or Roman ditch, medieval to post-medieval ditches, pits, cobbled surfaces and a possible structure and traces of ridge and furrow. The later medieval pits may indicate backyard activity from a plot fronting Mill Lane. Event Numbers: ENN107976, ENN107978

Kettering, Pytchley Lodge Farm, Plot B

NGR SP 882 752

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

Medieval ridge and furrow was detected by Olly Dindol and Ian Fisher. Event Number: ENN108093

Little Irchester, London Road

NGR SP 904 659

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

Medieval ridge and furrow cultivation was identified by Adam Meadows.

Northampton, Bridgewater Drive, Former Abington Vale Middle School

NGR SP 7831 6134

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A former pond, possibly associated with nearby medieval fishponds and two small archaeological features were recorded by Tim Sharman.

Northampton, Spring Lane, Spring Lane Primary School

NGR SP 7492 6079

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Much of the site had been disturbed by modern building activity, but small areas of medieval stratigraphy survived, recorded by Tim Sharman and Adam Reid. Two pits produced small pottery assemblages dating to the 12th century. An ironstone wall and a stone-lined well date to the 12th century or later, with the well backfilled in the 19th century.

Northampton, Swan Street Car Park

NGR SP 7566 6026

Excavation

MOLA Northampton

Prior to the Norman Conquest the area was mostly open land, perhaps with some low level agricultural activity outside the Saxon burh. In the late 12th century an ironstone quarry was established to supply stone to the Norman New Borough. By the 13th century Cow Lane (Swan Street) had been laid out, the quarry pits were being backfilled and the land terraced for occupation. From the late 13th century, an ironstone wall served as a property boundary and revetment for the terrace. This boundary wall was retained through later periods up to the present development. In the 15th century, on the upslope side of the wall a number of dwellings were erected with gardens and stone-lined cesspits to the rear, and probably with stables and orchards beyond. Excavation was carried out by Jeremy Mordue. Event Numbers: ENN108056 / ENN108057

Northampton, Wootton, Wooldale Road

NGR SP 764 559

Geophysical survey

MOLA Northampton

Magnetic anomalies arising from medieval ridge and furrow earthworks were detected by Adam Meadows. Event Number: ENN107839

Passenham Quarry, Rees Land

NGR SP 760 391

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Furrows of medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation were identified by Paul Clements. Event Number: ENN108064

Raunds, Warth Park

NGR SP 9843 7261

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Extensive medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation was observed by Carol Simmonds across the site. Event Number: ENN108136

Roade, Ashton Road

NGR SP 759 513

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Furrows of former ridge and furrow cultivation were recorded by Chris Chinnock and Luke Jarvis in the eastern and southern parts of the evaluation area. Event Numbers: ENN107951, ENN107982

Rothwell, Land North

NGR SP 805 815

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

The remnants of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation were present, as indicated by the geophysical survey and evaluation by Olly Dindol, Chris Chinnock and Luke Jarvis.

Rothwell, Harrington Road

NGR SP 8065 8081

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Remnant furrows of medieval ridge and furrow cultivation were recorded by Olly Dindol and Chris Chinnock across the site. Event Numbers: ENN107881, ENN107882

Rushton, Desborough Road, Rushton Hall

NGR SP 8364 8283

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A length of curving ditch and three pits, dating from the 12th-13th centuries, were found Tim Sharman.

West Haddon, 15 Guilsborough Road

NGR SP 6321 7195

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Following evaluation in 2014, a watching brief by Tim Sharman recorded two medieval ditches. Event Number: ENN107880

West Haddon, Land East

NGR SP 637 719

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Furrows of medieval to post-medieval ridge and furrow cultivation adjacent to the A428 were recorded by Paul Clements. Event Number: ENN107931

Woodford Halse, Byfield Road

NGR SP 5383 5324

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A probable rut from a trackway and furrows of former ridge and furrow cultivation were recorded by Jim Burke. Event Number: ENN107909

Post-medieval**Barby, 56 Rugby Road**

NGR SP 5421 7070

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

One late post-medieval ditch was identified by Ben Kidd. Event Number: ENN108201

Burton Latimer, Higham Road

NGR SP 906 744

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Quarrying and activity associated with an old tramway were identified by Jonathan Elston in the northern part of the development area. Undated features and a possible old field boundary were also recorded. Event Number: ENN108103

Ecton, 56 High Street, The Manor House

NGR SP 8280 6337

Strip, map and record

MOLA Northampton

Remnant soil horizons contained some post-medieval pottery and clay tobacco-pipes, recorded by David J Leigh.

Flore, Brockhall Road

NGR SP 6438 6075

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Four irregular linear and parallel ditches were recorded by Luke Jarvis and contained a few sherds of post-medieval pottery, roof tile and clay tobacco-pipe. Event Number: ENN108170

Harpole, M1 Junction 16, Midway Park

NGR SP 681 596

Geophysical survey, evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A post-medieval watermill and a possible post-medieval lime kiln were identified by magnetometer survey carried out by Olly Dindol, though not recorded in trial trenching by Jim Burke. Event Number: ENN107968

Northampton, Spring Lane, Spring Lane Primary School

NGR SP 7492 6079

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

One complete clay tobacco-pipe bowl dating to c.1810–1840 and nine stem fragments were recovered by Tim Sharman and Adam Reid. This is of interest, since clay tobacco-pipes were manufactured in neighbouring Scarletwell from 1831 to 1920.

Northampton, Swan Street Car Park

NGR SP 7566 6026

Excavation

MOLA Northampton

In the 16th century, the medieval buildings had been demolished, the stonework robbed, and existing pits

backfilled to level the land for horticultural use. The 17th and 18th centuries saw renewed activity, and the site again became used as backyards, with drains, stone-lined cesspits, and post-built structures. In 1830 the Lion Foundry ironworks was constructed to the north of the revetment wall. Several circular pits, possibly wells, were backfilled with large quantities of iron and copper slag waste, as well as domestic pottery. The foundry was demolished in the 1960s and replaced by a car park. Below the revetment was a row of three-storey terraced brick houses forming St John's Terrace, built in the mid-19th century. The terrace had two public houses at its eastern end, which were demolished in the late 20th century. Excavation was carried out by Jeremy Mordue. Event Numbers: ENN108056 / ENN108057

Towcester, Watling Street, Sun Yard

NGR SP 6958 4848

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Possible post-medieval horn working was found by Adam Meadows in a large pit containing pottery, oyster shells, a copper-alloy nail and a quantity of cattle horn cores. This was overlain by modern building debris, which extended across the whole site. Event Number: ENN107923

West Haddon, 15 Guilsborough Road

NGR SP 6321 7195

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Following evaluation in 2014, a watching brief by Tim Sharman recorded one post-medieval ditch and two possible post-medieval quarry pits. Event Number: ENN107880

Weekley, 4 Weekley Wood Lane

NGR SP 8848 8088

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A ditch, possibly post-medieval in date, was identified by Tim Sharman. Event Number: ENN108047

Modern/Unknown

Badby, Bridge House

NGR SP 5590 5938

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Two service trenches, both containing modern out of use services, were recorded by Gemma Hewitt. Event Number: ENN108029

Barby, Elkington Lane

NGR SP 5412 7030

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

During the excavation of eight geotechnical test pits Paul Clements observed that the majority of the stratigraphy had been previously disturbed or truncated, with no deposits of archaeological interest present. Event Number: ENN108180

Barton Seagrave, 58 St Botolph's Road

NGR SP 8866 7699

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A watching brief by Tim Sharman during construction work recorded a modern, possibly early 20th-century brick-lined well.

Burton Latimer, Finedon Road

NGR SP 9882 7392

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Alluvial deposits at the base of the slope with colluvium on higher ground were identified by Yvonne Wolframmm-Murray and two modern ditches which may indicate an attempt was made to improve the drainage. Event Number: ENN107930

Canons Ashby House

NGR SP 5751 5080

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

During the replacement of a sewage treatment tank at the National Trust's Canons Ashby House (SM 1015534; Registered Park and Garden 1000488) Tim Sharman recorded a 19th-century ceramic land drain along with a modern overflow pipe, and a layer of modern build-up. A possible footings trench may have been observed below the original tank position.

Chelveston, 1 Kimbolton Road

NGR SP 9921 6958

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A shallow rubble-filled trench was recorded by Yvonne Wolframmm-Murray during the groundworks for a new house. Event Number: ENN107941

Clopton, 18 Main Street

NGR TL 0615 8041

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

The development area had been truncated by modern services and no pre-modern deposits were recorded by Tim Sharman during groundwork excavations on the site of a proposed new house. Event Number: ENN107866

Corby, Weldon Park

NGR SP 935 897

Strip, map and record

MOLA Northampton

Two areas of strip, map and record were carried out by Christopher Jones and James Fairclough following previous evaluations in 2009. One area contained a number of furrows aligned east-west.

Magnetometer survey by Adam Meadows in another area identified several linear and curvilinear ditches and a number of probable pits of possible archaeological interest. Evidence of potential small-scale ironstone quarrying and medieval ridge and furrow cultivation was also identified. Event Number: ENN108146

Ecton, 56 High Street, The Manor House

NGR SP 8280 6337
Strip, map and record
MOLA Northampton
An undated pit and two pits of modern date were recorded by David J Leigh.

Flore, Brockhall Road

NGR SP 6438 6075
Evaluation
MOLA Northampton
Furrows indicative of ridge and furrow cultivation were identified by Luke Jarvis. These match three distinct furlongs previously recorded in the area of proposed development. Four irregular linear and parallel ditches were present and contained a few sherds of post-medieval pottery, roof tile and clay tobacco-pipe. Event Number: ENN108170

Hardingstone, 19 Coldstream Lane

NGR SP 7618 5801
Watching brief
MOLA Northampton
No archaeological features or finds were recorded by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray. Event Number: ENN108126

Irthlingborough, Former Tower Factory

NGR SP 94214 70376
Watching brief
MOLA Northampton
The site had been heavily disturbed by modern building activity. No pre-modern archaeological deposits or finds were recovered by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray during construction works. Event number: ENN107906

Kettering, Gipsy Lane

NGR SP 8525 7883
Evaluation
MOLA Northampton
An undated ring ditch with two internal pits and post-medieval/modern boundaries and trackways were recorded by Chris Chinnock. Event Number: ENN107953

Kettering, Pytchley Lodge Farm, Plot B

NGR SP 882 752
Geophysical survey
MOLA Northampton
Post-medieval field boundaries, an abandoned stream channel and other features of possible minor archaeological interest were detected by Ian Fisher and Olly Dindol. Event Number: ENN108093

Little Brington, Rose Tree Cottage

NGR SP 6601 6373
Evaluation
MOLA Northampton
One undated linear ditch was recorded by Ben Kidd

Middleton Cheney, High Street, Former Red Lion Car Park

NGR SP 4990 4185
Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Two modern rectangular pits were recorded by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray during groundworks.

Northampton, Crestwood Road, Former Goldings Middle School

NGR SP 7992 6411
Watching brief
MOLA Northampton
A small ditch of unknown date was recorded by Tim Sharman during construction work.

Northampton, Delapre Golf Course

NGR SP 7648 5849
Assessment
MOLA Northampton
Archaeological assessment, including cleaning stripped surfaces by hand and scanning spoilheaps and stripped surfaces with a metal detector, was carried out by Anthony Maull at Delapre Golf Course, which lies within the Registered Battlefield of the Battle of Northampton in 1460. Unauthorised groundworks had comprised the removal of shrubs and trees and the stripping of topsoil by no more than 0.30m with a mechanical excavator over a 0.106ha area, exposing the subsoil, or some patches of natural substrate. In some areas topsoil remained *in situ*. Twentieth-century golfing earthworks were uncovered, as well as service pipe trenches and a tree line. A bank surrounding the area was shown to be constructed of redeposited natural clays and modern building debris. A number of finds were recovered, including post-medieval lead shot, horse tack, and a 14th-century silver annular brooch. Event Number: ENN107952

Northampton, Swan Street Car Park

NGR SP 7566 6026
Excavation
MOLA Northampton
In 1830 the Lion Foundry ironworks was constructed to the north of the revetment wall. Several circular pits, possibly wells, were backfilled with large quantities of iron and copper slag waste, as well as domestic pottery. The foundry was demolished in the 1960s and replaced by a car park. Below the revetment was a row of three-storey terraced brick houses forming St John's Terrace, built in the mid-19th century. The terrace had two public houses at its eastern end, which were demolished in the late 20th century. Excavation was carried out by Jeremy Mordue. Event Numbers ENN108056 / ENN108057

Old, Bridle Road

NGR SP 7850 7284
Strip, map and record
MOLA Northampton
Relatively thin topsoil directly overlying the natural substratum was recorded by David J Leigh throughout the investigation area. No archaeological remains or artefacts were present.

Oundle, Blackpot Lane, Oundle School

NGR TL 0404 8838

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

No archaeological features or finds were identified by Adam Meadows, Adam Reid or John Walford during construction work at Oundle School.

Potterspury, 2 Watling Street

NGR SP 7650 4231

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Two modern pits were recorded by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray during groundworks. Event Number: ENN107941

Raunds, 47 Holmes Avenue

NGR SP 9995 7234

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

The site was significantly built up by 19th-century quarry backfill, overlain to the north by a thick dump of modern construction debris. No archaeological features or finds were observed by Tim Sharman. Event Number: ENN108066

Road, Ashton Road

NGR SP 759 513

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A large ditch and a gully, both of unknown date were present beneath the car park to the east of Ashton Road. Undisturbed ground levels were encountered by Chris Chinnock and Luke Jarvis in areas between the factory buildings. Within the former factory site to the west of Ashton Road, further observation revealed no archaeological features. Event Numbers: ENN107951, ENN107982

Rushton, Desborough Road, Rushton Hall

NGR SP 8364 8283

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A planting bed and stone-lined drain from a former garden arrangement, and an undated drainage gully and brick sills from temporary Second World War buildings were found by Tim Sharman.

Silverstone, Church Street

NGR SP 6627 4442

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Stone and brick from an earlier, possibly post-medieval bridge and a modern retaining wall were recorded by Tim Sharman, and a leather hob-nailed boot sole was recovered during the installation of a concrete culvert over the Silverstone Brook. No other archaeological features or finds were found. Event Number ENN107895

Stanwick, Church Of St Laurence

NGR SP 9801 7145

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Groundworks for the installation of a new heating system within the church comprised the lifting of stone floor slabs at the west end of the church, the reduction of ground level within these areas and the excavation of pipe trenches and inspection chambers. A number of disarticulated and disturbed human remains, a stoned-capped drain and brick flues relating to a previous heating system were identified and recorded by Amir Bassir.

West Haddon, 15 Guilsborough Road

NGR SP 6321 7195

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

Following evaluation in 2014, a watching brief by Tim Sharman recorded the remains of a modern building within the development area. Event Number: ENN107880

West Haddon, Land East

NGR SP 637 719

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

Trial trenching by Paul Clements, adjacent to the A428, recorded remnant deposits of compounds created for the construction of the A428 West Haddon bypass. Event Number: ENN107931

Weston by Welland, Barn Farm

NGR SP 7696 9123

Watching brief

MOLA Northampton

No archaeological features were observed during the works for the erection of a telecommunications mast, however, a small copper alloy mount was recovered from the topsoil by Paul Clements. Event Number: ENN108171

Wollaston, London Road, Dovecote House

NGR SP 9050 6258

Evaluation, watching brief

MOLA Northampton

A single pit-like feature, probably natural, and a backfilled cut of modern date recorded by Jim Burke and Ian Fisher are likely to relate to small scale excavation undertaken in the 1960s. No other archaeological features were found. Event Numbers: ENN107910, ENN107925

Woodford, Club Lane

NGR SP 9684 7687

Watching brief

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Adam Reid observed a pit and a series of made-ground layers in the stripped area containing finds of medieval to modern date.

Yelvertoft, Crick Road

NGR SP 596 754

Evaluation

MOLA Northampton

A single shallow ditch recorded by Ben Kidd may have been a field boundary. Event Number: ENN107887

Historic Building Recording

Badby, Goat Cottage

NGR SP 5599 5908

Archaeological Building Recording Services

An archaeological standing building survey was carried out in advance of the proposed conservation and conversion of the building to residential use. Goat Cottage is an interesting building with its varied history reflected in its current structure and fabric. The building began in the mid-17th century as a domestic house with attached cow hovel, later becoming an ancillary building for the Hollies and later again a slaughterhouse. This change in status is reflected especially in the roof structure, which originated with well-finished carpentry later replaced with unfinished round wood repairs and tinned sheets overlaying thatch.

Cogenhoe, Station Road, Baptist Church

NGR SP 8305 6067

MOLA Northampton

A Level 2 photographic survey of the Baptist Church, ahead of the conversion of the building to a residential dwelling was carried out by Amir Bassir. The Church dates to 1910 (Fig 1), replacing an earlier Baptist Chapel on nearby Church Lane. The Church was deconsecrated in 2007 and has been disused since. The red brick building was found to be in good condition, retaining a range of ecclesiastical furnishing such as an organ, pulpit, baptismal pool and a full complement of pews. The Art Nouveau/Mackintosh style which was fashionable in the early 20th century is expressed in the design of the church windows and their decorative embellishments (Fig 2). The organ was a later addition to the original church and was housed in a brick extension on the west side of the church. A range of modern brick extensions housing a kitchen, WC and store rooms were north of the original Church.

Crick, Shenley Drive, Shenley Farm

NGR SP 7512 7480

MOLA Northampton

A Level 1 photographic survey of a former farmhouse and a complex of associated agricultural buildings was carried

out by Amir Bassir ahead of the planned demolition of the structures. The site formerly operated as a dairy farm and retained a number of modern cow sheds and a milking parlour. The brick-built farmhouse dates to the mid-19th century, with a number of modern alterations and some internal changes. Other surveyed buildings included a modern garage and a mid-19th-century potting shed and former stable or store. The survey area was found to be derelict, overgrown and in a state of disrepair.

Eydon, Leicester Lane, Rye Hill Farm

NGR SP 5593 4868

MOLA Northampton

A Level 2 photographic survey of a complex of agricultural buildings associated with Rye Hill Farm, ahead of the conversion of the buildings to a residential dwelling, was undertaken by Amir Bassir. The surveyed buildings, derelict, partly unroofed and overgrown, date largely to the mid-19th century with intermittent alterations and repair work in the following years. The buildings, mainly brick-built, had a range of functions and included a barn, stable, cart shed, cow shed and a modern shelter.

Great Addington, Rectory Farm

NGR SP 9524 7542

MOLA Northampton

Agricultural buildings comprising barns, chicken shed and a former milking parlour and milk room arranged around a central yard, latterly occupied by a modern shed were recorded by Amir Bassir. The buildings date to the early 19th century with a phase of mid-late 19th-century and minor 20th-century alterations. The buildings, which are not listed or considered to have historic significance, are typical of their type and period, utilising locally-available materials including limestone and brick.



Fig 1: Cogenhoe Baptist church



Fig 2: Side windows at Cogenhoe Baptist church

Greatworth, Floyds Farm

NGR SP 5526 4228

MOLA Northampton

Recording of a 19th-century cowshed and pigsty, prior to their demolition, was undertaken by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray. The cowshed was built with roughly-coursed limestone with a brick skin and a later brick-built partition wall and fireplace. The pen-and-run pigsty is also built with roughly-coursed limestone with brick and stone coping on the walls and a corrugated metal roof. Excavation of seven geotechnical test pits around the property at the same time found no archaeological deposits or finds.

Helmdon, Jackson's Farm

NGR SP 5962 4478

MOLA Northampton

Recording by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray was in advance of the conversion of two barns into a residential dwelling. A two-storey barn and a single-storey barn, partially open on its northern side, are constructed of limestone with more recent brick and breeze block with roofs of corrugated iron sheets. The barns likely date to the late 18th century and were part of a U-shaped courtyard farm of barns and open hovels. An oak manger had been constructed with three planks of wood supported on two wooden tree trunks (see Helmdon 35 Wappenham Road, below). The wood running the length of the manger has an iron chain to secure the animals remaining at the southern end. By the 1970s the open hovels were demolished leaving the two barns.

Helmdon, 35 Wappenham Road

NGR SP 5894 4406

MOLA Northampton

Recording by Yvonne Wolfram-Murray was in advance of the proposed conversion of the former barn/stables and hayloft for residential. The Grade II listed farmhouse dates to the 17th century. The farmhouse is constructed of locally available limestone as well as some of the walls of the associated stables, passage and barn. Dividing walls and the barn wall facing the yard are constructed of brick. The roof is slate, only the barn is a later corrugated sheet roof. The stable and passage were part of a butcher's establishment with the shop at the entrance of the property fronting the road. The manger and hayrack is very similar to another just outside Helmdon at Jackson's Farm (see above). This may indicate they were made by the same person.

Lilbourne, Rugby Radio Station, B Building

NGR SP 5623 7511

MOLA Northampton

Amir Bassir carried out a programme of historic building recording at Rugby Radio Station, B Building. Rugby Radio Station began operations in 1926 and originally comprised a single main building (Building C) which was joined in 1929 by A Building. As a response to an increased demand for communications technology and a need to expand the facility, B Building was constructed in 1953 and formally opened in 1955. It comprised three transmitter halls containing 28 transmitters, two aerial switching rooms, transformer blocks, administration

block and a range of training and development rooms and buildings. The layout of the building remained largely unchanged until the 1980s and early 1990s when it was converted to carry long range maritime services. This conversion comprised a technological upgrade accompanied by a degree of internal remodelling and partitioning, largely within the transmitter halls. As part of this conversion, the original transmitters and associated plant and equipment were removed from the building. B Building remained in operation until 2000, its closure brought about by advances in communications technology which largely rendered the facility redundant. The building is scheduled for demolition in 2015 as part of a wider scheme of redevelopment of the area.

Geddington, Newton Mill

NGR SP 8893 8324

Archaeological Building Recording Services

An archaeological standing building survey was carried out in advance of the proposed conversion of the outbuildings to residential use. Newton Mill Farm is an interesting range of buildings dating to the mid-19th century. The complex appears to be a wholly pastoral farm associated with the adjacent water mill. The complex retains a number of interesting features, most notably the extensive use of the Saltire symbol on door latches, a decorative flourish which originated to ward off evil spirits, as well as a copper for boiling swill and an unidentified timber-built stall within building B. There are a number of original timber-built structures surviving within the complex, some of which contain early graffiti which support the cartographic evidence of the complex.

Naseby, Shuckburgh House

NGR SP 6881 7814

Archaeological Building Recording Services

An archaeological standing building survey was carried out in advance of the proposed conservation and renovation of the cottage and outbuildings for residential and domestic use. There is cartographic evidence of a building on the site from the 17th century and it is said to have played an early role in the pivotal Battle of Naseby. The cottage range is likely to be the earliest surviving element of the house, but itself shows evidence of at least three phases of building, or re-building which hints at a complex history. The bay abutting the southern gable of the cottage range is a largely modern build, but containing very limited remains of an earlier building. The stable, although simple in appearance is an interesting building with late 18th century origins and was re-built as a somewhat aggrandised stable in the 19th century.

Tansor, Tansor Grange

NGR TL 0704 9027

Archaeological Building Recording Services

An archaeological standing building survey was carried out in advance of the proposed conversion of the outbuildings to residential use. The outbuildings are mid-19th century in date, built as an enclosure farm to provide an income to the incumbent of St Mary's Church. The farm was originally known as Glebe Farm, before being re-name Rectory Farm and finally Tansor Grange in the

late 1920s. The buildings indicate the farm was originally mixed with a threshing barn and later became a pastoral farm with room for a significant number of animals before eventually being abandoned and used for poultry rearing. The easternmost range is very interesting as it contains a stable and carriage shed, both rendered and painted indicating they housed riding horses and a carriage better than a common farm cart. Both suggest the farm was prosperous and of some status, possibly as a result of its association with the church. Further evidence of the status of the farm is the quality of the finish of some of the buildings including brick floors and chamfered and stopped beams.

Thenford, The Threshing Barn,

NGR SP 5195 4169

Archaeological Building Recording Services

An archaeological standing building survey was carried out in advance of the proposed conversion of the barn to residential use. The barn is mid-19th century in date, built as threshing barn with a later extension to the west, and part of Home Farm. The barn is a fine example of a regional farm building dating from the early to mid-19th century and historical use is well preserved with large threshing doors in the easternmost bay and un-equal cart doors in the westernmost bay, the westernmost bay also houses a line shaft indicating mechanical processing was undertaken in this bay.