

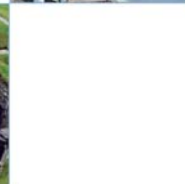
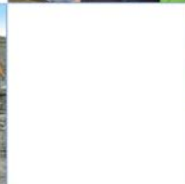
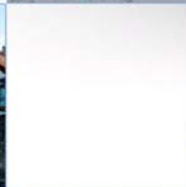
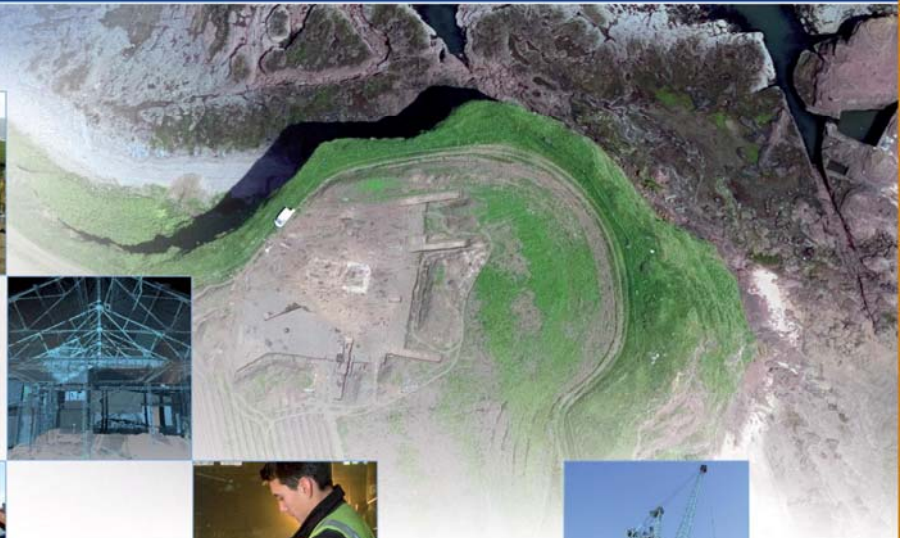
SARDC, The Rural Centre, Ingliston

Monitored Topsoil Strip

Data Structure Report

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Abstract

This report presents the results of an archaeologically monitored topsoil strip of an area within the footprint of a new building development at the Scottish Agricultural & Rural Development Centre (SARDC), The Rural Centre, Ingliston.

The monitored area consisted of an area of hard standing between two existing buildings. Due to precautions in preventing the undermining of existing foundations and avoiding overhead and underground services, the area stripped measured 5.5 m by 4 m.

Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were encountered during the topsoil strip.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1 AOC Archaeology Group was commissioned by Purvis Group to undertake an archaeologically monitored topsoil strip of an area within the footprint of a new building to be developed at the Scottish Agricultural & Rural Development Centre (SARDC), The Rural Centre, Ingliston (Figure 2). The topsoil strip was undertaken in order to satisfy a condition of planning consent (11/02858/FUL) set by Edinburgh City Council as advised on archaeological matters by the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service (CECAS). The works were conducted according to the terms of a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2012) approved by CECAS and in accordance with the principles set out in *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2010) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning & Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011).

1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The development area (centred on NGR: NT 1392 7273) is located to the north of the A8 Glasgow Road and west of the main complex of buildings and fields comprising Ingliston (Figure 1). Hallyards Road forms the western boundary to the development area with the remaining three sides enveloped by the western extent of Ingliston.

1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 The SARDC at West Mains occupies the historic C-listed Ingliston Mains Farm (NMRS No. NT17SW 50, Listed Building No. 27836). The site first appears as Westfield Farm in 1539, and reflects a splitting in two of the original medieval Ingliston Farm (Harris S, *Place Names of Edinburgh*). The current layout is similar to that shown on the 1850's 1st Edition OS map, showing an open steading, however the buildings have been significantly altered since this date. The main alterations have been the demolition of the steading's western range (with its replacement possibly on a different alignment slightly further to the west) with additional changes to the southern range which now appears longer than originally conceived. It is possible that the site of the original medieval farm may lie within the development area.

1.3.2 There are hints of Roman remains in the wider area with a recently discovered Roman Road at Newbridge potentially passing very nearby as attested by the discovery in the 17th century of the fractured remains of the only known Roman milestone from Scotland at West Mains. A third carved Roman stone fragment is also reported as being constructed into one of the Steading's cottages (NMRS No. NT17SW 23).

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeologically monitored topsoil strip were:

- i) to safeguard the archaeological resource that may be disturbed by the proposed development works;
- ii) to liaise with CECAS and the client in the event of significant archaeological features and /or small finds being unearthed as to the most appropriate response in safeguarding these features either by preservation *in situ*, if at all feasible, or by archaeological recording.

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The groundworks involved the machine excavation of a 5.5 m by 4 m area within the footprint of a proposed new building. Excavation was conducted by a tracked 360° excavator utilising a bladed ditching bucket. All ground breaking was monitored by an experienced field archaeologist and all recording was carried out according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard practices.

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The development site was situated between two existing buildings at The Rural Centre and consisted of an area of hard standing (tarmac) measuring 8.75 m by 7 m. Due to the presence of services and in order to minimise the risk to existing foundations, the area monitored was to the southern end of the development and measured 5.5 m by 4 m.
- 4.2 Excavation found tarmac was 0.03 m thick with Type 1 and made ground underneath some 0.12 m thick. Below these modern layers, a mid brown sandy silt plough soil with frequent coal lumps and occasional brick and stone measuring 0.5 m thick was removed onto a light brown silty sand and gravel subsoil. The eastern edge of the stripped area contained a modern electric service track, 0.3 m wide running N-S through the trench (Plate 1).



Plate 1 – West facing section of trench and electric cable

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Neither significant features nor unstratified artefacts were encountered during the topsoil strip, the development area proving to be archaeologically sterile.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

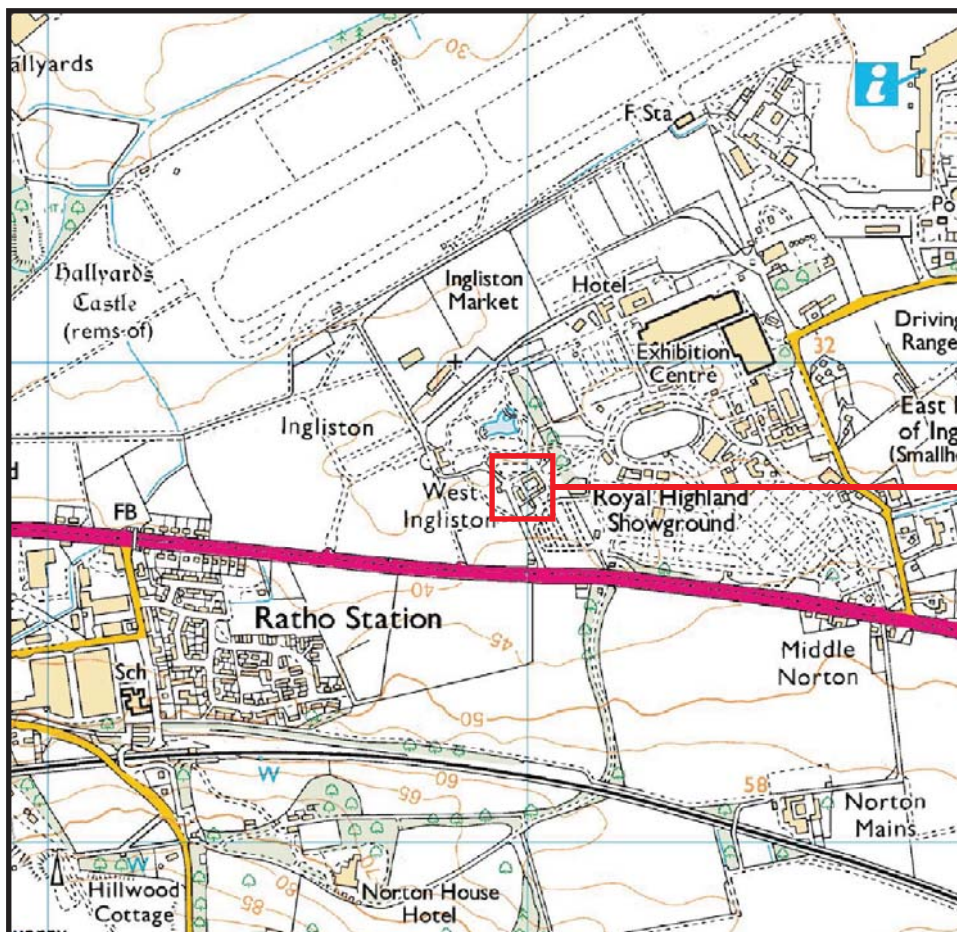
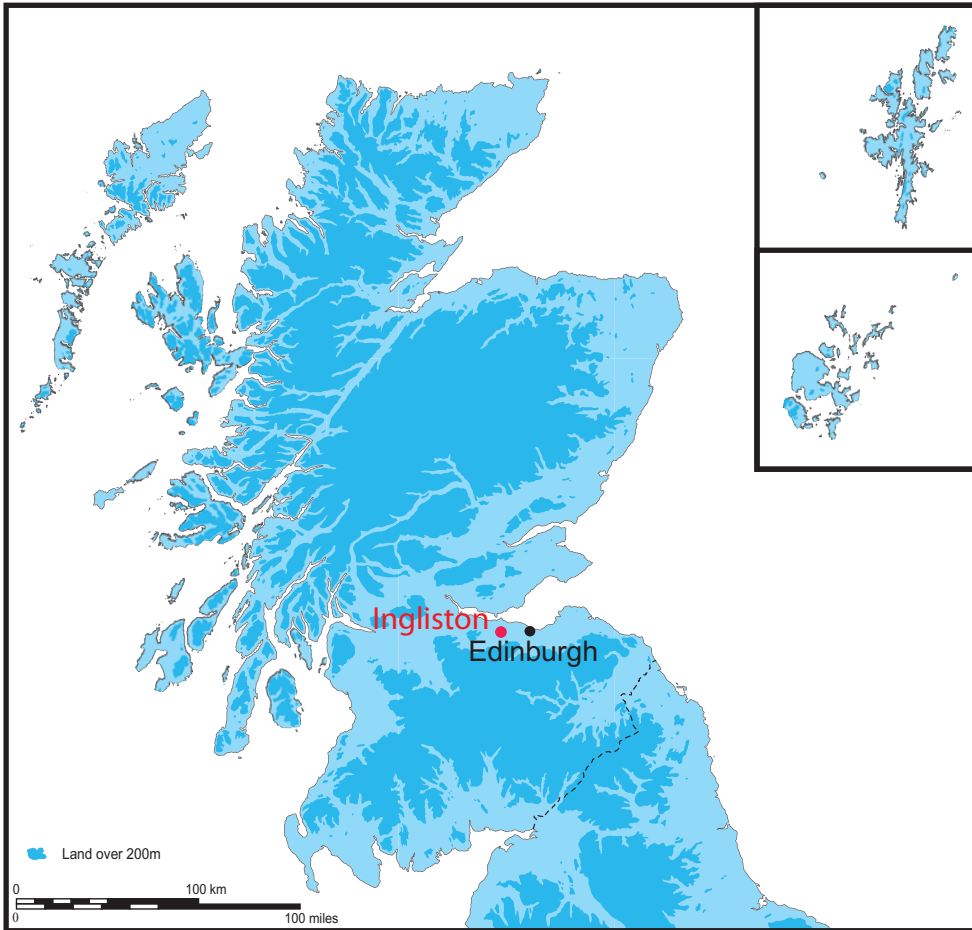
- 6.1 No further archaeological works are considered necessary. This recommendation will require confirmation by John Lawson on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service.

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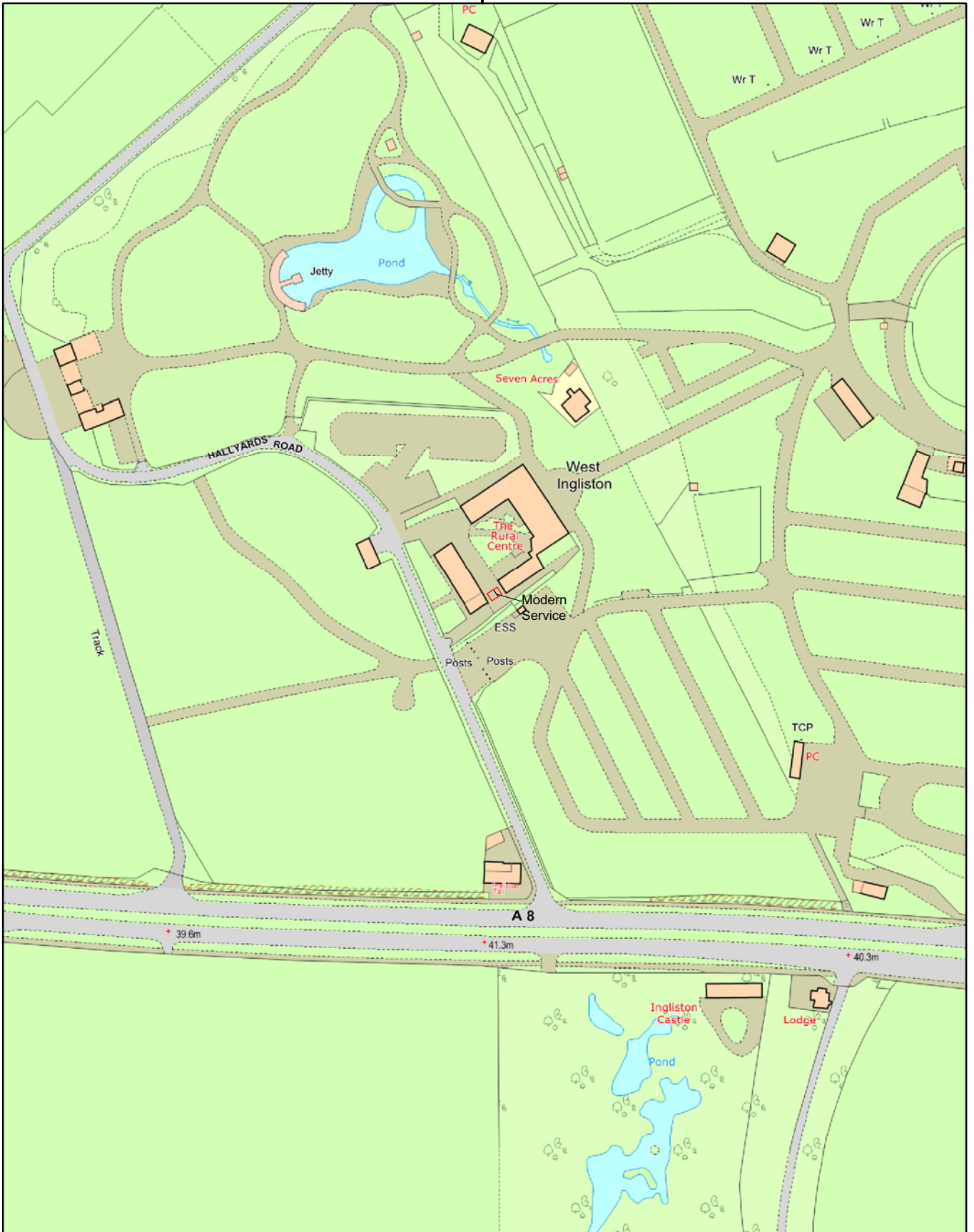
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Figure 1: Location of the site at Royal Highland Showground, Ingliston


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Figure 2: Location of monitored works

Legend

 Area of monitored works

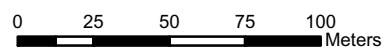
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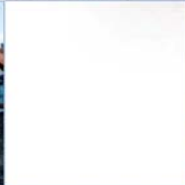
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2	Modern service track within trench	N
3	East-facing section of eastern end of trench	E
4	Middle section of stripped area	N
5	Western section of stripped area	N
6	East-facing section of western end of trench	E

APPENDIX 2: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Edinburgh City Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME	SARDC, The Rural Centre
PROJECT CODE:	AOC 22020
PARISH:	Ratho
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Kevin Paton
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Monitored Topsoil Strip
NMRS NO(S)	NT17SW 23; NT17SW 50
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Carved Roman Stone; Ingliston Mains Farm
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	Centred on NT 1392 7273
START DATE (this season)	30 th January 2012
END DATE (this season)	30 th January 2012
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	<p>An archaeologically monitored topsoil strip was undertaken of an area within the footprint of a new building to be developed at the Scottish Agricultural & Rural Development Centre (SARDC), The Rural Centre, Ingliston. The SARDC at West Mains occupies the historic C-listed Ingliston Mains Farm (NMRS No. NT17SW 50, Listed Building No. 27836). The site first appears as Westfield Farm in 1539, and reflects a splitting in two of the original medieval Ingliston Farm (Harris S, <i>Place Names of Edinburgh</i>).</p> <p>The monitored area, consisted of an area of hard standing between two existing buildings, measuring 5.5 m by 4 m.</p> <p>Neither significant archaeological features nor artefacts were encountered during the topsoil strip.</p>
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