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## ABSTRACT

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This report presents the results of the final phase of an archaeological evaluation and watching brief undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Morrison's Construction prior to and during the re-development of the buildings comprising James Gillespie's, Edinburgh.

The evaluation demonstrated that the Bruntsfield House Ice House would be affected by the proposed development and would therefore need to be excavated and recorded.

The subsequent excavation revealed that the Ice House survived with minimum truncation and showed an almost intact circular sandstone structure 5.5 m in diameter with a corbelled roof and an elongated entrance-way running in from the north. The structure was 4.0 m in depth and contained a sloping sandstone flag floor with a central iron grate. The Ice House had been infilled to roof level with demolition debris

A later ancillary structure or garden feature consisting of a flag-stone floor, blocking wall and existing boundary walls was found to be incorporated with the entrance of the Ice House.

The remains of a heavily truncated brick built well were observed during ground-works undertaken in November/December 2013. This had been in-filled with demolition material and survived to a visible depth of 2.5 m.

The watching brief revealed that the former footprint of Bruntsfield House may have extended further east and that other probable boundary walls still survive within the grounds of the school.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation and watching brief were required by Services for Communities, City of Edinburgh Council prior to and during the re-development of the buildings comprising James Gillespie's Primary and Secondary Schools, Edinburgh. The scope of the works was determined by the City of Edinburgh 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 2013) approved on behalf of City of Edinburgh Council by CECAS and in accordance with *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2010) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning And Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011).

### 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The development area lies wholly within the boundary of James Gillespie's and is centred on NT 2509 7216 (Figure 1). The site is bounded to the north by Warrender Park Road, to the east by Lauderdale Street, to the west by Whitehouse Loan and to the south by housing fronting onto Thirlestane Road. Prior to the commencement of works the areas evaluated were two landscaped areas within the school grounds with the watching brief areas being located throughout the school.

## 2 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The proposed development area lies within the current James Gillespie's, which has occupied the site since 1966. The site encompasses the tower house of Bruntsfield House, an A Listed building, which was established in the 16th century by the Lauders of Haltoun and was substantially rebuilt by John Fairlie in 1605 with his initial appearing over some of the windows.

2.2 The lands and mansion of Bruntsfield are recorded as belonging to Richard Browne as early as 1381, before passing to the Lauder family. The original house was destroyed in 1544 during the 'rough wooing' when the English attempted to force a marriage between Mary, Queen of Scots and Prince Edward of England.



Figure 2: Extract from Kirkwood's map of the City of Edinburgh and Its Environs, 1817

- 2.3 Until the development of the school in the 1960s, the house stood within private grounds, as can be seen by the detailed historic mapping from the early 19th century to the mid-20th century (Figure 2 – 4).
- 2.4 A previous phase of archaeological works were completed between February and March 2013 (Humble 2013).

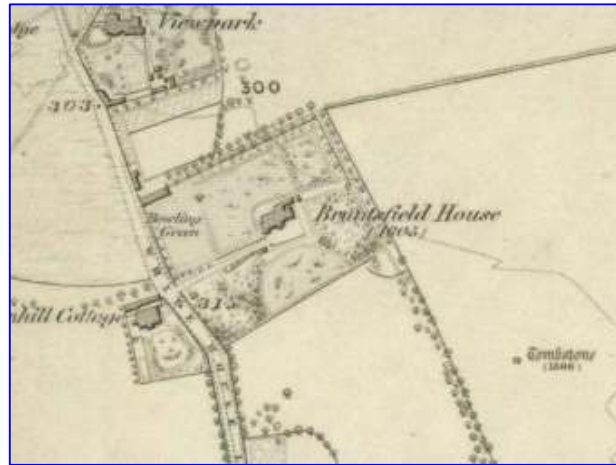


Figure 3: Extract from Ordnance Survey map (Edinburghshire Sheet 6), 1855



Figure 4: Extract from Ordnance Survey map (Edinburghshire Sheet III.SE), 1944

### 3 OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:
- i) to determine the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any sub-surface archaeological remains within the development area and, should significant

archaeological deposits be discovered, to prepare a mitigation strategy compliant with *Scottish Planning Policy* (2010) and *Planning and Archaeology 2/2011* (2011).

ii) to conduct a watching brief on all ground breaking works to be carried out within the Phase 2 developments;

iii) to conduct an evaluation to attempt to locate and identify the presence of the Bruntsfield House Ice House (Phase 2) comprising hand excavated trenches;

iv) upon completion of the Ice House evaluation to fully expose the structure, recording all associated significant features;

v) the retrieval of a representative artefact assemblage;

## 4 METHODOLOGY

### 4.1 Archaeological evaluation

4.1.1 This current stage of evaluation was concentrated on two areas of landscaping within the school grounds (Areas 5.1 and 6). Both areas were landscaped areas containing mature trees, making machine excavation impossible. All trenches were excavated by hand to a maximum depth of 1.2 m (Figure 5).

4.1.2 Five trenches were excavated within Area 5.1, adding to the three excavated previously, in order to achieve a 10% evaluation of the total available area. Three trenches were excavated by hand within Area 6 in order to establish the location and extent of the Bruntsfield House Ice House. The trenches were placed to ensure comprehensive coverage of the development areas. Each trench was recorded using AOC *pro forma* trench record sheets and any potential features investigated further to assess their character and date.

### 4.2 Archaeological watching brief

4.2.1 As per the agreed Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2013), all ground breaking works were to be monitored within the Phase 2 developments (Figure 6). This included the monitoring of hand excavated post holes for fencing, machine excavation of gas and electric services and the excavation of foundations for two store rooms. All excavations were monitored by an experienced field archaeologist.

### 4.3 Archaeological excavation of the Ice House

4.3.1 An addendum to the Written Scheme of Investigation (AOC 2013) was agreed and approved by the planning authority on advice from CECAS. This involved the full exposure and recording of the ICE House and associated structures. The roof was to be recorded in half section and then the roof was to be removed by machine and the interior fully excavated. A 3D laser scan of the fully excavated structure was then to be undertaken.

## 5 RESULTS

### 5.1 Evaluation



- 5.1.1 The archaeological evaluation was conducted between the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2013. Weather conditions were generally dry and bright and archaeological visibility was good.
- 5.1.3 The evaluation in Area 5.1 (Figure 5) comprised five trenches with total basal dimensions of 43.6 m<sup>2</sup> (see Appendix 1 for details). Topsoil in the area consisted of a medium brown loam over a deposit of made ground consisting of re-deposited natural and frequent shattered sandstone fragments. The natural subsoil of pinkish brown clay and stone was typically at depths of 0.4 m below current ground surface (Plate 1). Trenches 1 and 3 contained modern pits and several fragments of Scottish post medieval reduced ware were found within the topsoil. No archaeologically significant features were revealed.



Plate 1 - General view of Trench 5

- 5.1.4 The evaluation in Area 6 (Figure 7) comprised three trenches with total basal dimensions of 21 m<sup>2</sup> (see Appendix 1 for details). Topsoil consisted of dark greyish brown silty loam with abundant tree roots throughout. The topsoil was typically 0.15m thick onto several layers of made ground related to the 1960's school construction and the build up of the Ice House mound (see Appendix 2a for details).
- 5.1.5 Underneath the made ground, a retaining wall [604] aligned approximately E-W was revealed in Trench 6 that was abutted to the south by a compact deposit of re-deposited natural [609] (Plate 2). To the north the made ground was over 1.2 m deep and consisted of dumped deposits of loose ash [608] underlying modern demolition and made ground [602] to [606] with a capping layer [607] immediately on top. In Trench 7, to the south of Trench 6, a curving sandstone wall [707] supporting a corbelled sandstone dome [708] was revealed that continued west under the excavation edge (Plate 3). These features were underlying a very compact re-deposited clay [705].



Plate 2 - Ice House retaining wall [604]



Plate 3 - Corbelled roof and supporting wall of Ice House

- 5.1.6 Trench 8, to the south of Trench 7 revealed more of the corbelled roof [801] of the Ice house underlying a very compact re-deposited natural clay with abundant whole frogged bricks [802] (Plate 4). The supporting wall expected to the east of the dome was not revealed due to the depth of the made ground exceeding 1.2 m.



**Plate 4 - Corbelled roof of Ice House**

## 5.2 Excavation of the Ice House and Associated Features

5.2.1 The full archaeological excavation of the Ice House was conducted between the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 and the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Weather conditions were generally dry and bright and archaeological visibility was good.

5.2.2 The Ice House and associated structures were excavated using a combination of machine and hand digging. This revealed a substantial circular Ice House chamber with double skinned walls and a corbelled roof. A projecting flag floored entrance ran to the north of the structure leading to an ancillary paved area formed by a combination of existing boundary and blocking walls. The northern wall of this structure can be seen on the Kirkwood map of 1817 (Figure 2).

### 5.3 *The Ice House Chamber [001](see evaluation contexts [701-707])*

5.3.1 The main structural component of the Ice House was a substantial circular chamber 5.5 m in diameter. The chamber was constructed of lime mortared rectangular sandstone blocks and consisted of a double skinned wall separated by a 0.25 m wide void [008]. The outer wall [007] was cut into the natural and was 0.30 m in width. The inner wall [009] was more substantial at 0.50 m in width and supported the corbelled roof [002]. The roof was relatively intact with the exception of a portion overlying the threshold [004]. This had been removed to allow the in-filling of the chamber with demolition material [025], probably during the construction of the present school buildings. This material was found to fill the chamber almost to roof level. The substantial roof measured 4.5 m in diameter and 0.30 m to 0.40 m thick. Once the roof was recorded it was removed to wall level to allow the removal of the demolition material. This revealed the chamber to be 4.0 m in depth with a sloping sandstone flag floor [024] and a centrally placed metal drainage grate [024]. No stairs or other internal features were present.

5.3.2 The Threshold [003-004]

5.3.2.1 The immediate entrance to the Ice House chamber was situated to the north and consisted of two pink sandstone door jams [003] flanking a large worn sandstone threshold [004]. The entrance had undergone significant truncation during a previous removal of the roof to allow in-filling. The

threshold was 1.0 m in width and survived to a maximum elevation of 0.75 m. The door jams were decorated with simple horizontal chisel lines.

### 5.3.3 The Projecting Entrance [017]

5.3.3.1 The threshold [003-004] led out into a narrow projecting entranceway 3.0 m in length by 1.0 m in width. The entrance way was flanked by the sandstone walls [005-006] which were keyed into the outer wall [007] of the Ice House chamber. The walls survived to a maximum elevation of 0.90 m and were both 0.60 m in width. The floor of the entranceway was composed of large flat mortared sandstones [010]. A threshold comprised of concrete covered bricks [011] was recorded across the northern end of the entrance. The entrance was filled to the existing ground level with deposits of top-soil and demolition material [015-016].

### 5.3.4 The Ancillary Space [019]

5.3.4.1 The excavation of the projecting entrance saw the continuation of the flag floor for a further 3.0 m until it abutted the boundary wall [013]. A rectangular floored area 3.0 m north to south by 4.0 m east to west was then revealed enclosed by a further sandstone wall [014] recorded during the evaluation. This is identified as a retaining wall for the deposits covering the Ice House chamber. A blocking wall [021] 3.20 m in length by 0.40 m in width had been added on to the western entrance wall [005] and was aligned north to south. This also abutted the wall [013]. The eastern end of the area was open, however the flooring here was edged with a single course of upright sandstone blocks [012] creating a boundary of sorts.

5.3.4.2 The flag floor of the ancillary space included four pairs of equally spaced small square cut settings [018] aligned north to south and set in line with the entranceway to the Ice House. The settings were spaced 1.10 m apart east to west and 0.75 m apart north to south. The northern pair of settings were cut into the carved drain gully [020] which is incorporated into the floor and runs east to west along the southern face of the boundary wall [013]. The gully ends in a metal grate similar in size and form to that set within the floor of the Ice House chamber. It is likely that the settings are the probable remains of a wooden arbour scaffold or similar garden feature.

5.3.4.3 Given that none of the walls associated with the ancillary space were keyed into the structure of the Ice House it is probable that the ancillary space represents a later, possibly 19th century, alteration of the area between the Ice House and the existing 18th century garden boundary wall shown on the Kirkwood map of 1817 (Figure 2). This is reinforced by the large amounts of plant pots, glass bottles and ceramics recovered from the immediate infill [025] which date to the 19th and early 20th centuries.

### 5.3.5 The Boundary Wall [013]

5.3.5.1 The excavation revealed a sandstone wall running east to west to the north of the Ice House. This wall was heavily truncated in parts and ranged from 0.55 m to 1.30 m in elevation. The wall was visible for 14.0 m and was 0.60 m in width. The wall is shown as a garden boundary wall on the Kirkwood map of 1817.

### 5.4 The Well [029] (Figure 10)

5.4.1 The heavily truncated remains of a well [029] were observed during on-going ground-works within the area to the north-west of the well. This probably relates to the feature shown on the Kirkwood map of 1817 (Figure 2). The remains of the well consisted of a 1.0 m deep segment of curving sandstone wall. The well appeared to have been largely removed and the remains in-filled with type 2 hardcore. Unfortunately ground conditions prevented any further investigation.



Plate 5 – The Ice House chamber [101] pre-excavation from south-east



Plate 6 – North facing section through the Ice House roof [002]



Plate 7 – The floor of the Ice House chamber showing central grate



Plate 8 – The entranceway [017] showing both thresholds [004-011] from north



Plate 9 – The ancillary area showing the walls [013-021-014] from east



Plate 10 – The truncated well [029] from south-east

## 6.0 Watching Brief

- 6.1 The watching brief of the electrical service running from the boiler room to Bruntsfield House uncovered two archaeologically significant features (Figure 6). The first was a sandstone wall [1000] that probably relates to a boundary wall within the estate of Bruntsfield House (Plate 5). The small section of wall revealed in a 0.5 m wide service track measured 0.65 m wide and consisted of red and beige sandstone aligned approximately east to west. The second feature was the continuation of the Bruntsfield House foundations to the east of the current building footprint. Recorded as foundation [1001], it consisted of large sandstone blocks measuring 1 m wide and tied into the foundations under the current tower house (Plate 6).



Plate 11 – General view of wall [1000]



Plate 12 – General view of wall [1001] and Bruntsfield House

- 6.1 No further archaeological features were identified within any of the other watching brief areas.

## 7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The second phase of archaeological works completed at James Gillespie's have further demonstrated that significant archaeological remains related to the estate of Bruntsfield House have survived in areas of low truncation.
- 7.2 The evaluation works also demonstrated that the Bruntsfield Ice House survived the construction of the school in the 1960's. The resulting excavation revealed the Ice House to be almost intact with the exception of the damaged corbelled roof, the probable result of the need to back-fill the feature during the construction of the school.
- 7.3 After the excavation and recording of the Ice House the structure and associated features were covered with teram and back-filled with type 2 hardcore up to the required construction level. The structure has been preserved in situ. This course of action was agreed by CECAS. No further works



will be required in this respect or in the other areas (5.1 & 6) where no significant archaeological remains were revealed.

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**Section 2: Appendices**

## APPENDIX 1: EVALUATION TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS

### Area 5.1

#### Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	415 m by 1.0 m
<i>Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.75 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil over made ground comprising demolition layers and shattered bedrock
<i>Natural</i>	Red brown clay and sandstone bedrock
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	10 m by 1 m
<i>Orientation</i>	NNW to SSE
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.5 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil
<i>Natural</i>	Red brown clay and sandstone bedrock
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### Trench 3

<i>Dimensions</i>	10 m by 1 m
<i>Orientation</i>	S to N
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.2 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil
<i>Natural</i>	Red brown clay and sandstone bedrock
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### Trench 4

<i>Dimensions</i>	5 m by 1 m
<i>Orientation</i>	W to E
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.26 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil
<i>Natural</i>	Pink clay with abundant angular stone overlying orange clay with abundant angular stone
<i>Finds</i>	None

#### Trench 5

<i>Dimensions</i>	3.6 m by 1 m
<i>Orientation</i>	W to E
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	0.2 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil
<i>Natural</i>	Pink clay with abundant angular stone overlying orange clay with abundant angular stone
<i>Finds</i>	None

**Area 6****Trench 6**

<i>Dimensions</i>	5.8 m by 2 m
<i>Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	1.2 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	Probable retaining wall to the north of the ice house. Aligned approximately E-W and truncated on top (see contexts [601] to [613]).
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil overlying various layers of made ground consisting of soil, stone, demolition material and re-deposited natural
<i>Natural Finds</i>	Not found None

**Trench 7**

<i>Dimensions</i>	7 m by 1 m
<i>Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	1.2 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	Northern edge of Ice House with possible entrance and corbelled roof (see contexts [701] to [707]).
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil overlying various layers of made ground consisting of soil, stone, demolition material and re-deposited natural.
<i>Natural Finds</i>	Not found None

**Trench 8**

<i>Dimensions</i>	6.5 m by 1 m
<i>Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Depth of Excavation</i>	1.2 m
<i>Significant Features</i>	Corbelled roof of Ice House (see contexts [801] and [802]).
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Imported topsoil overlying various layers of made ground consisting of soil, stone, demolition material and re-deposited natural.
<i>Natural Finds</i>	Not found None

**APPENDIX 2: EXCAVATION CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Context	Type	Description
[001]	Structure	<b>Circular Ice House chamber</b> composed of lime mortared sub-rectangular sandstones. The construct was covered by a corbelled roof [002] 4.5 m in width which in turn was supported by a single course wall [009] 4.0 m in height. A second outer wall [007] cut into the natural was separated from the inner by a void [008]. A sloping floor of sandstone flagstones [023] was built around a central iron grate [024]. The entrance to the structure [004] entered from the north and was composed of two carved door jams and a hearthstone [003]. The associated entrance passage was 3.0 m in length and 1.0 m in width and consisted of two parallel walls [005-006] and a flag floor [010]. The walls were 0.50 m in width and stood three courses in elevation at 0.60 m. An outer threshold [011] was formed by a single course of several concrete covered bricks. Two stone support struts were keyed into the structure at the south-west and north-east. The Ice House entrance passage was abutted by a blocking wall [021] and the evaluation wall [014]. The outer entrance was also abutted by another flagged surface [027] forming the floor of the ancillary structure it is unclear whether this is a direct continuation of [010]. The Ice House was in-filled with a mix of top-soil and demolition material (015-016-025)
[002]	Structure	<b>Corbelled roof</b> of Ice House (see evaluation contexts [801-802]). Formed by lime mortared blocks of rectangular sandstones. The roof is 4.5 m in diameter and is set on top of the inner wall [009] of the structure. The roof is 0.30 m – 0.40 m thick. Severe truncation is visible to the northern portion of the roof

[003]	Structure	Carved pink sandstone <b>door jams</b> . These rectangular stones are set within the entrance [004] and are positioned between the outer [007] and inner walls. The blocks are 0.60 m and 0.75 m in elevation and 0.50 m in width. They also abut walls [005-006]. The blocks show simple horizontal chisel line decoration.
[004]	Structure	<b>Threshold</b> to Ice House chamber. This entrance is 1.0 m in width and 0.75 m in elevation and is flanked by the door jams [003]. A large flat, worn threshold stone 1.0 m by 0.75 m is placed within the entrance. The inner face of this stone appears eroded probably by the placement of an internal ladder
[005]	Structure	<b>Sandstone wall</b> cut into natural and aligned north to south forming the western wall of the entrance-way. The wall is 3.0 m in length by 0.55 m in width and has a maximum elevation of 0.9 m close to the inner threshold [003]. The wall is lime mortared and composed of rectangular sandstone blocks 0.20 m by 0.40 m in size. The wall is double skinned with a rubble core and is keyed into the Ice House wall [007]. The eastern face of the wall is abutted by the flag floor [010], the blocking wall [021] and by the in-filling deposits [015-016]. Runs parallel to wall [005]
[006]	Structure	<b>Sandstone wall</b> cut into natural and aligned north to south forming the eastern wall of the entrance-way. The wall is 3.0 m in length by 0.55 m in width and has a maximum elevation of 0.9 m close to the inner threshold [003]. The wall is lime mortared and is composed of rectangular sandstone blocks 0.20 m by 0.40 m in size. The wall is double skinned with a rubble core and is keyed into the Ice House wall [007]. The western face of the wall is abutted by the flag floor [010] and by the in-filling deposits [015-016]. The wall is abutted by wall [014] Runs parallel to wall [006]
[007]	Structure	<b>Outer wall</b> of Ice House chamber. The wall is cut into the natural and is 0.30 m wide with a total internal dimension of 4.5 m. The wall is interspersed by the entrance [003-004]. The inner face of the wall is abutted by a planned void [008]. The wall is covered by a single set of capstones [028] which also cover the void [008] and inner wall [009]. The wall is abutted by the entrance-way walls [005-006] and by the support struts [026].
[008]	Void	<b>Void</b> between the outer [007] and inner [009] walls of the Ice House chamber. The void is 0.25 m in width and is probably as deep as the chamber.
[009]	Structure	<b>Inner wall</b> of the Ice House chamber [001]. This appears to be more substantial in build than the outer wall [007] at 0.50 m in width. This wall is load bearing and supports the roof [002]. The wall is 4.0 m in depth
[010]	Structure	<b>Flag floor</b> of Ice House entrance-way [017] consisting of un-mortared rectangular flat sandstones 0.50 m by 0.70 m in size. The floor is overlaid by the infilling deposits (015-016) and by the threshold bricks [011]. The floor is abutted by the walls [005-006].
[011]	Structure	<b>Brick threshold of entrance-way</b> [017]. Single course of bricks covered in concrete. Abutts walls [005-006] and overlies flag floor [010]
[012]	Structure	<b>Sandstone edging blocks</b> at eastern end of ancillary building [029] running north to south for 3.0 m. Blocks are 0.75 m by 0.10 m and are set into natural forming a probable entrance or opening into the Ice House. The edging abuts walls [013-015] and flooring [027].

[013]	Structure	<b>Sandstone boundary wall</b> aligned east to west to the immediate north of the Ice House. The wall is abutted by the blocking wall [021], the edging blocks [012] and the flag flooring [027]. It appears to form the northern wall of the Ice House Ancillary structure [019]. The wall is visible for 14.0 m in length and is in line with the wall recorded within the central garden area during previous works. The wall is 0.60 m in width and has an elevation between 0.55 m by 1.30 m.
[014]	Structure	<b>Sandstone wall</b> abutting yet not keyed into wall [006]. The wall was recorded during the evaluation phase and was visible east to west for 3.50 m and has a maximum elevation of 1.50 m. The wall is 0.50 m in width and is composed of well dressed rectangular blocks. The wall abuts both the edging blocks [012] and the flooring [027]. The feature is a probable retaining wall for the Ice House.
(015)	Fill	<b>Mix of rubble and top-soil</b> infilling Ice House entrance-way. Infill of entrance-way [017]. 1.0 m in depth
(016)	Fill	<b>Re-deposited top-soil</b> infilling Ice House entrance-way. Infill of entrance-way [017] and Ice House chamber [001]. 1.5 m in depth
[017]	Structure	<b>Entrance-way</b> into Ice House chamber [001]. The passage is 1.0 m wide between walls [005-006]. The passage is 0.60 m to 0.90 m in elevation and contains the threshold bricks [011] and flooring [010]
[018]	Structure	Four paired <b>square cut support slots</b> within Ancillary building [019] and aligned north to south into the entrance. The settings are 0.10 m in diameter and placed 1.10 m apart east to west and 0.75 m apart north to south. The slots are cut into the floor [027] and the drain [029]. They are the probable remains of a wooden arbour scaffold or similar garden feature.
[019]	Structure	<b>Ancillary area of Ice House.</b> This is formed by the boundary wall [013], the wall [014], blocking wall [021] and edging blocks [012]. These enclose a sandstone flooring [027] with an incorporated cut drain gully and iron grate [020]. The area measures 3.0 m north to south by 4.0 m east to west. This structure probably represents the later remains of a Victorian garden feature added on to or incorporated within the entrance of the Ice House [017]
[020]	Structure	<b>Cut of a linear drain gully</b> within the flooring [027]. The gully is four metres in length east to west and is 0.10 m wide by 0.05 m in depth. The gully leads to a metal grate [022] abutting [012] to the east. The gully is cut by the northernmost pairing of the cut slots [018].
[021]	Structure	<b>Blocking wall</b> forming the western wall of [019]. Composed of roughly fashioned lime mortared sandstone. The wall ran for three metres north to south and directly abutted the boundary wall [013] and the entrance wall [005]. The wall was 0.40 m wide and had a maximum elevation of 0.40 m.
[022]	Structure	Badly corroded <b>iron grate</b> within the eastern end of [020] 0.25 m by 0.12 m in size.
[023]	Structure	<b>Floor of Ice House</b> consisting of large mortared sandstone slabs set at a low angle to drain into a central metal grate [024]. The sandstones are approximately 0.70 m by 0.40 m in size. The floor is 3.0 m in diameter and is surrounded by the inner wall [009].

[024]	Structure	Badly corroded <b>iron grate</b> set within the center of [023] 0.25 m by 0.20 m in size.
[025]	Fill	<b>Fill of demolition material, ash and cinder</b> within the Ice House chamber approximately 2.0 m in depth.
[026]	Structure	<b>Construction support spurs.</b> Composed of a single course of roughly fashioned sub rectangular sandstones set within the natural. The spurs are keyed into the outer wall [007] to the north-east and south-west. The spurs run out 0.75 m from the wall.
[027]	Structure	<b>Flag floor</b> of [019] possible continuation of [010]
[028]	Structure	<b>Capstones</b> covering the void [008] between the outer [007] and inner walls [009] of the Ice House chamber. These about the roof [002]
[029]	Structure	<b>Well.</b> The heavily truncated remains of a well consisting of a small 1.0 m deep segment of curving sandstone.

## APPENDIX 2a: EVALUATION CONTEXT REGISTER

Trench No.	Context No.	Description and Interpretation
1	101	Well sorted, friable, medium brown loam measuring 0.3 m thick/ <b>Topsoil</b>
1	102	Red brown clay and sandstone bedrock. <b>Natural</b>
1	103	<b>Modern pit</b>
1	104	<b>Soak away or demolition pit</b>
1	105	<b>Made ground</b>
3	301	Oval shaped pit containing modern material. <b>Modern pit</b>
6	601	Dark greyish brown silty loam with occasional stone inclusions measuring 0.1 m to 0.15 m thick. <b>Imported topsoil</b>
6	602	Mixture of topsoil with very compact reddish brown clay and CBM fragments and flecks with occasional lenses of sand and ash etc. measuring 0.4 m thick. <b>Made ground</b>
6	603	Corner of brick wall aligned E-W and returning south out of trench. Measures 2.31 m by 0.21 m by 0.53 m (E-W) and 0.37 m by 0.21 m by 0.53 m (N-S). Sits on a concrete foundation measuring 2.37 m by 0.4 m by 0.07 m with 7 courses of brick in height. Wall sits within construction cut [610]. <b>20<sup>th</sup> century brick structure</b>
6	604	Sandstone wall aligned NE-SW running under the edge of wall [603]. Mortared with sand and lime. NW face is hewn and squared while SE face is a mixture of stone and clay. Wall measures 5.75 m by 0.47 m by 0.5 m (+). Abutted by deposit [609] to the south and deposit [608] to the north. <b>Retaining wall of ice house mound</b>
6	605	Very compact orange clay with abundant brick flecks and stone measuring 0.15 m thick. Cut by wall cut [610]. <b>Levelling layer – possibly related to capping of ice house after partial demolition</b>
6	606	Dark grey slightly silty clay with abundant stone inclusions measuring 0.3 m thick. Covers wall [604] and infill [609]. <b>Backfill over ice house cap</b>
6	607	Moderately compact orange sandy clay with occasional stone inclusions covering ashy fill [608] and abutting wall [604] to the north. Measures 0.25 m thick. <b>Levelling layer/made ground</b>
6	608	Light grey ash butting wall [604] to the north. Measures 0.4 m (+) thick. <b>Made ground</b>
6	609	Very compact pink clay with abundant light blue stone fragments measuring 0.2 m (+) thick. Abuts internal south face of wall [604]. <b>Re-deposited natural covering ice house dome</b>
6	610	North side of construction cut for wall [603]. Steep sided with flat base and is filled by wall and packing deposit [611]. <b>Construction cut for wall [603]</b>
6	611	Mixture of topsoil with very compact reddish brown clay and CBM fragments and flecks with occasional lenses of sand and ash etc. measuring 0.4 m thick. <b>Fill of cut [610] – similar to [602]</b>
6	612	Steep sided cut with concave/flat base seen in s-facing section at west end of trench 6. Corresponds with truncation of wall [604] and filled by deposit [613]. Measures 0.58 m deep. West edge not revealed – 1.1 m wide (visible). <b>Modern construction cut for school</b>
6	613	Very compact pink clay and stone with occasional CBM. Re-deposited natural measuring 1.1 m by 0.58 m. <b>Fill of cut [612]</b>
7	701	Same as [601] and [602]. <b>Imported topsoil</b>



7	702	Same as [605]. <b>Levelling layer – possibly related to capping of ice house after partial demolition</b>
7	703	Same as [609] <b>Re-deposited natural covering ice house dome</b>
7	704	Brick wall – same as [603]. <b>20<sup>th</sup> century brick structure</b>
7	705	Compact pink clay with frequent stone inclusions measuring 0.3 m (+) thick. Same as [609] except more compact. <b>Re-deposited natural covering ice house dome</b>
7	706	Curving and corbelled sandstone structure aligned SW-NE and curving to the west. Stops at possible entrance way into ice house but partially masked by modern concrete dump. Deposit [703] abuts N-face of wall. Measures 1.7 m long by 0.56 m wide at foundation and 0.65 m wide at top. Start of dome is 0.7 m high from visible base formed by wall [707] <b>Ice house Dome</b>
7	707	Sandstone wall curving with dome [706]. Bonded with sand and lime mortar and measures 2.4 m by 0.4m (+) – width not fully revealed due to dome. Covered by deposit [705]. <b>Support wall of domed ice house roof / Shaft of ice house</b>
8	801	Corbelled sandstone structure bonded with concreted sand and lime mortar. Part of the eastern edge of ice house dome – same as [706]. Revealed measurements of 2.46m wide by 0.8m around. <b>Ice house dome</b>
8	802	Extremely compact pink clay and brick covering dome [801]. Measures 0.8 m (+) thick. Re-deposited natural and brick covering ice house. <b>Deposit forming part of mound??</b>

## APPENDIX 2b: WATCHING BRIEF

Context No.	Description and Interpretation
1000	Red and beige sandstone wall with a sand and lime mortar aligned approximately E-W. Only visible within 0.5 m wide service track. Measures 0.47 m wide. <b>Possible boundary or garden wall</b>
1001	Sandstone foundation constructed of large sandstone blocks bonded with sand and lime mortar. Foundation continues under current Bruntsfield House, and would have extended the structure further east than current location. Measures 1.1 m wide. <b>Early foundation of Bruntsfield House</b>

## APPENDIX 3: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER

### Digital Photographs

Frame	Area	F. No	Description	From
1	5.1	-	Registration	
2	5.1	-	Trench post ex T1	W
3	5.1	104	Soak away/ demo pit	N
4	5.1	103	Modern pit	SW
5-6	5.1	-	Post ex T2	SSE
7	5.1	-	Post ex T3	SSW
8	5.1	-	Post ex T4	W
9	5.1	-	Sondage in T4	S
10	5.1	-	Post ex T5	E
11	WB	-	General shot of pits for fencing to west of Rosslyn Hall	S
12	WB	-	General shot of pits for fencing to west of Rosslyn Hall	S
13	WB	-	Pits for fencing – general	N
14	WB	-	Pits for fencing – detail of service duct	W
15	6	-	Modern wall on concrete float	NW
16	6	-	Line of modern wall showing concrete	E
17	6	-	Possible wall of ice house	SW
18	6	-	Possible wall of ice house	W
19	6	-	Possible wall of ice house	NW
20	6	-	Possible wall of ice house	NE
21	WB	-	Temp. water service – south end of development	E
22	WB	-	Temp. water service – south end of development	W
23	6	-	Eastern half of T7 – mid ex	E
24	6	-	Eastern half of T7 – mid ex	W
25	WB	-	Pits for fencing – north of temporary units	W
26	WB	-	Gas pipe trench – plant room for new nursery	E
27	6	-	W-facing section of T6	W
28	6	604	Wall [604] extending east	SE
29	6	604	Extension of wall [604]	NW
30	6	604	Sondage next to [604]	NW
31	6	-	Post ex east end of T7	E
32	WB	-	Gas pipe trench – plant room for new nursery	W
33	6	-	Drain pipe under [603]	NE
34	6	-	Working shot hand digging trenches	SE
35	WB	1000	Feature [1000]	E
36	WB	-	Progress of trench (JB) – 29/7/13	S
37	WB	1000	Feature [1000]	E
38	WB	-	Curvilinear gas pipe trench in SW corner	W
39	WB	-	Curvilinear gas pipe trench in SW corner	S
40	6	706	Curving wall of Ice house [706]	NW
41	6	706	Curving wall of Ice house [706]	W
42	6	706	Curving wall of Ice house [706]	E
43	6	706	Wall [706] truncated by concrete at west end	N
44	WB	1001	Wall [1001] abutting Bruntsfield House	NW
45	WB	1001	Location shot showing east gable of house	N

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46	6	604	General shot of truncated SW end of [604]	SW
47-48	WB	-	Store foundations excavated	NW
49	WB	-	Store foundations excavated	SW
50	WB	-	Excavations behind sub station	NE
51	WB	-	Excavations behind sub station	NW
52-53	WB	-	Further excavations of trench (JB)	Var
54	WB	-	Excavations at nursery	W
55	WB	-	Further excavations of trench (JB)	SW
56	WB	-	Further excavations of trench (JB)	N
57	WB	-	End of trench (JB)	S
58-60	WB	-	Store (2) at nursery	Var
61	WB	1001	East facing section with wall [1001]	E
62	WB	1001	General shot of wall [1001] under Bruntsfield House	NE
63	6	706/707	Ice house dome and external wall	W
64	6	706/707	Ice house dome and external wall	E
65	6	-	Entrance with concrete covering	W
66	6	706/707	Ice house dome and wall	W
67	6	706/707	Ice house dome and wall	E
68	6	801	Ice house dome in trench 8	E
69	6	802	W-facing section of deposit [802]	W
70	6	-	Post ex Trench 8	E
71	6	604	End of wall [604]	W
72	6	604	End of wall [604]	NE
73	6	604	Excavated depth of wall [604]	NW
74	6	612	S-facing section of cut [612]	S
75-79	6	-	General shots of area backfilled	Var

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Frame	Area	F. No	Description	From
1-2	-	-	Registration	-
3-4	6	-	General shot T6 mid ex	W
5-6	6	603	Structure [603]	NW
7-8	6	604	Wall [604] under [603]	SE
9-10	6	603	Wall [603] in trench 7	E
11-12	6	601-611	W-facing section of T6	W
13-14	6	604	Wall [604] extending east	SE
15-16	6	604	Extension of [604] in T6 Sondage next to [604]	NW
17-18	6	604	Sondage next to [604]	NW
19	WB	1000	Feature [1000] – possible wall foundation	N
20-21	WB	1001	Feature [1001] – wall/foundation	E
22-23	6	706	Curving wall of Ice house – [706]	NW
24-25	6	706	Curving wall of Ice house – [706]	W
26-27	6	706	Curving wall of Ice house – [706]	E
28-29	6	706	Wall [706] truncated by concrete at west end	N
30-31	WB	1001	Wall [1001] abutting Bruntsfield House	NW
32-33	6	604	General shot of truncated SW end of [604]	SW
34-35	WB	1001	East facing section with wall [1001]	E

36	WB	1001	General shot of wall [1001] under Bruntsfield House	NE
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## Ice House Excavation

Frame	Area	F. No	Description	From
1	-	-	Registration	-
2-3	6		Well Remnant	SE
4-5	6		Well Remnant	NW
6-10	6	001	Working shots of Ice House under excavation	Var
11-12	6	001/002	North facing section through roof of Ice House	N
13	6	002/009	Corbelled roof adjoining inner wall of Ice House [009]	NE
14	6	002	Corbelled roof north facing section	N
15	6	002/009	Corbelled roof adjoining inner wall of Ice House [009]	NW
16-17	6	002	Roof under removal	N
18-19	6	002	Removal of infill [025]	E
20	6	013	Post excavation shot of boundary wall [013]	E
21	6	013	Post excavation shot of boundary wall [013]	S
22	6	021	Blocking wall of [019]	NE
23	6	021	Blocking wall of [019]	SE
24-25	6	018	Settings within [027]	N
26	6	012	Edging slabs [012]	NE
27	6	012	Edging slabs [012]	NW
28	6	014	Wall elevation	NW
29	6	005	Wall elevation	E
30	6	006	Wall elevation	W
31-32	6	017	Outer entrance-way	N
33-34	6	003	Door jam (eastern)	NW
35-36	6	003	Door jam (western)	NE
37-38	6	004	Threshold to Ice House chamber	N
39-43	6	023	Floor of Ice House chamber	N
44-45	6	028	Construction support spurs	N
46-50	6	001	Post-excavation shots of Ice House	N
50-54	6	Var	General post-excavation shots	Var
55-60	6	001/002	General pre-excavation shots	Var
61-62	6	029	Well remnants fro south-east	SE

**APPENDIX 4: DRAWING REGISTER**

Drawing No.	Area	Feature No.	Details	Scale
1	6	Trench 6	W-facing section of trench 6	1:10
2	WB	1000	Plan of [1000] – possible wall/foundation	1:50
3	WB	1001	Plan of [1001] – wall/foundation	1:20
4	6	706	Plan of trench 7	1:20
5	6	604	Plan of trench 6	1:20
6	6		Plan of trench 8	1:20
7	6		S-facing section of T6 (W-end)	1:10
8	6	001/019	Post-excavation plan of Ice House and Ancillary Structure	1:50
9	6	001	Overlay plan of emptied Ice House	1:50
10	6	003/005/021	East facing elevation	1:20
11	6	001/002	North facing section through Ice House showing corbelled roof	1:20
12	6	014/006/017/005	North facing elevation	1:20

**APPENDIX 5: FINDS REGISTER**

Finds No.	Area	Context No.	Description
1	6	[703]	Pottery shard
1 (Ice House)	6	(015)	Post Medieval glazed ceramics
2 (Ice House)	6	(015)	Scottish reduced ware shard
3 (Ice House)	6	(015)	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> century glass bottles

**APPENDIX 6: 'DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND' REPORT**

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	City of Edinburgh Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	James Gillespie's, Edinburgh
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	22383
<b>PARISH:</b>	Edinburgh (Edinburgh, City of)
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Kevin Paton & Rob Engl
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	AOC Archaeology Group
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Evaluation and Watching Brief (Phase 2, cont.)
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	Post-medieval ice house
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	Post-medieval ceramics
<b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>	NT 2509 7216
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2013
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	December 2013
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (inc DES)</b>	<p>Evaluation and Excavation (April 2013):</p> <p>AOC Archaeology Group undertook an archaeological evaluation, subsequent excavation and watching brief on behalf of Services for communities, City of Edinburgh Council prior to and during the re-development of the buildings comprising James Gillespie's School, Edinburgh.</p> <p>The evaluation demonstrated that the potential for survival was highest in an area of raised ground close to the current school buildings, elsewhere the evaluation area had been heavily scarped, to close to bedrock limiting the archaeological preservation. Subsequent to the evaluation an area was opened for archaeological excavation focussed on this ridge of higher ground.</p> <p>The excavation revealed features relating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century designed landscape surrounding the tower house of Bruntsfield House. These garden features comprised a parallel pair of retaining walls that would have formed a raised path or track and the base of a flowerbed. Set into one of the walls facing Bruntsfield House was a recessed niche or grotto.</p> <p>Preserved below the garden features was an earthen bank, part of a estate or field boundary. Underlying this was the badly truncated remains of a medieval structure comprising two walls along with pits cut into the natural subsoil.</p>
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	<p>An archaeological evaluation and watching brief was continued by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf of Morrison's Construction prior to and during the re-development of the buildings comprising James Gillespie's School, Edinburgh.</p> <p>The evaluation demonstrated that the Bruntsfield House Ice House would be affected by the proposed development and would therefore need to be excavated and recorded.</p> <p>The subsequent excavation revealed that the Ice House survived with minimum truncation and showed an almost intact circular sandstone structure 5.5 m in diameter with a corbelled roof and an elongated entrance-way running in from</p>

	<p>the north. The structure was 4.0 m in depth and contained a sloping sandstone flag floor with a central iron grate. The Ice House had been infilled to roof level with demolition debris</p> <p>A later ancillary structure or garden feature consisting of a flag-stone floor, blocking wall and existing boundary walls was found to be incorporated with the entrance of the Ice House.</p> <p>The remains of a heavily truncated brick built well were observed during ground-works undertaken in November/December 2013. This had been in-filled with demolition material and survived to a visible depth of 2.5 m.</p> <p>The watching brief revealed that the former footprint of Bruntsfield House may have extended further east and that other probable boundary walls still survive within the grounds of the school.</p> <p>Further works will be required during the construction works. The remit of this will be determined by City of Edinburgh Council Archaeology Service.</p>
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	To be confirmed
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRATIONS:</b>	N/A
<b>SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:</b>	Morrison Construction
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