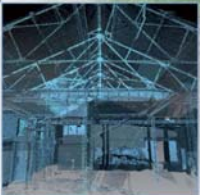


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Abstract

This report presents the results of the recording of a 'Well' feature at 19 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

The Well feature was discovered to the rear of the property during redevelopment works.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

1.1 AOC Archaeology Group were commissioned by McLaren, Murdoch & Hamilton, Chartered Architects, to undertake the recording of a 'Well' feature, discovered to the rear of a property at 19 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, during redevelopment works. The works were undertaken in order to satisfy the requirements of the local planning authority, City of Edinburgh Council, who are advised on archaeological matters by Mr John Lawson of City of Edinburgh Archaeology Service (CECAS). The works were conducted according to the terms 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 Location

1.2.1 19 Coates Place is centred at NGR: NT 24305 73458 (Figure 1). The 'Well' feature was located in the courtyard area adjacent to the rear of the property, under what was previously a tarmac surfaced car parking area.

1.3 Archaeological background

1.3.1 19 Coates Place is recorded by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) as a Townhouse (NT27SW 1884). It is also a Category A Listed Building (Historic Scotland Ref No. 28564).

1.3.2 It dates to the early 19th Century and was designed by Architect Robert Brown. It is part of a group of buildings with 12-22 Coates Crescent, a well-detailed classical crescent which forms a focal point within the planning of the Western New Town and entrance to the former Walker Estate. Coates Crescent was one of the first parts of the Walker Estate to be built, and is a key terrace within the wider planning of Edinburgh's New Town.

2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological recording brief were:

- i) to determine the character, extent and quality, date and condition of the archaeological remains;

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1.1 When first discovered the well had previously been covered with a 0.20 m metal plate, which had been concreted in place.

3.1.2 On arrival to site the area immediately adjacent to the rear of the property had been largely excavated down to the level of natural clay. The excavated deposits consisted of 0.20 m of tarmac overlying hardcore/made ground to a depth of 50 m below the current ground level. This material had been excavated using a 360° mini, tracked excavator, using a 0.50 m wide toothed ditching bucket. The remains of the 'Well' had been left *in situ*.



Plate 1: General view of 'Well' feature

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The 'Well' feature measured 0.80 m internally, and 2.00 m x 1.60 m externally, and was of a dry-stone construction using large to small blocks of sandstone. The depth of the 'Well' was recorded as c 5.0 m. The water level at the time of the visit was c 1.70 m below the level of the 'Well'.

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The 'Well' feature recorded is most probably around the same date as the building, and may have been a feature as part of a walled garden or courtyard area. The 'Well' has subsequently been dismantled as part of the redevelopment of the garden or courtyard area.

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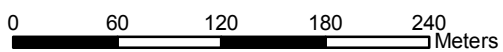
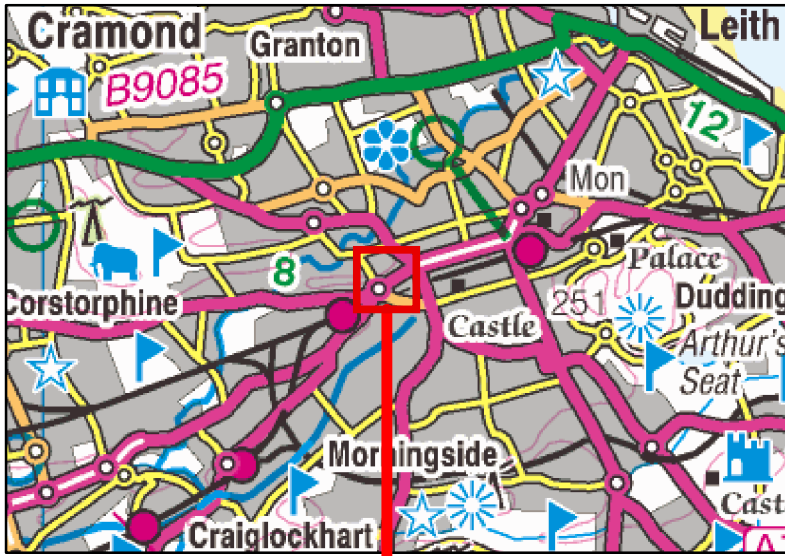


Figure 1: Site Location Plan

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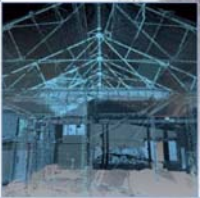
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1-8	Detail of 'Well' feature	N

APPENDIX 2: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland' Report

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	City of Edinburgh Council
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME	'Well' feature at 19 Coates Place, Edinburgh
PROJECT CODE:	AOC 22638
PARISH:	Edinburg (City of Edinburgh)
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Alan Duffy
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Recording brief
NMRS NO(S)	NT SW 1884
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Townhouse
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	Well
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NT 243 734
START DATE (this season)	16 th December 2013
END DATE (this season)	16 th December 2013
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	The recording of a 'Well' feature discovered to the rear of 19 Coates Crescent during redevelopment was required by City Of Edinburgh Council. The 'Well' feature measured 0.80 m in diameter, and was of dry-stone construction using large to small sandstone blocks. The depth was c 5 m.
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