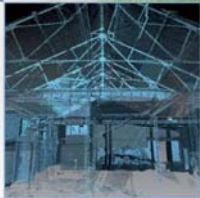


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## ABSTRACT

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An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group prior to the construction of a single house plot, garage and driveway at Old Keir, Bridge of Allan, Stirling.

The evaluation consisted of three trenches within the building footprint and driveway totalling 43 linear metres. The trenches revealed that the site is archaeologically sterile with 0.3m of clay loam topsoil overlying well drained orange clay.

No further archaeological works are deemed necessary within the development area.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was required by Mr & Mrs Cockburn prior to the development of a single house plot, garage and driveway at Old Keir, Bridge of Allan, Stirling. The scope of the works was determined by the Stirling Council, which is advised on archaeological matters by Dr. Murray Cook, Archaeologist for Stirling Council. The works were conducted according to the terms of a *Written Scheme of Investigation* (AOC 2016), approved by Stirling Council, and in accordance with *Scottish Planning Policy* (Scottish Government 2014) and *PAN 2/2011 Planning And Archaeology* (Scottish Government 2011).

### 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The site lies to the west of Bridge of Allan, on the Carse of Lecropt, a flat river terrace of the River Teith. The area is separated from the main town by the M9. The development area (centred on NGR: NS 7635 9787) is bounded by a small burn to the west, a minor road to the north and farmland to the east and south.

### 1.3 Historical Background

1.3.1 There are no known sites within the development area, however, there are a number of post medieval sites in the vicinity including a C-listed walled garden (LB3924), an area of rig and furrow (NS79NE 85) and an unroofed building (NS79NE 78) all to the north of the development area and listed under the name of Camey Bank. Another post medieval building named 'Old Keir' (NS79NE 77) is noted to the west of the development area.

1.3.2 Prehistoric sites within the vicinity include the find spot of a prehistoric, perforated hammerstone (NS79NE 9) and across the River Teith to the south west is a crop-mark enclosure named 'Blackdub' (NS79NE 21) that is recorded as a square enclosure measuring 12 m across its interior, with a possible barrow.

## 2 OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the archaeological evaluation were:

- i) to undertake an initial photographic recording of the site conditions before and after the evaluation trenching
- ii) to determine and assess the character, extent, condition, quality, date and significance of any buried archaeological remains within the proposed development area through evaluation trenching;
- iii) to advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, such as excavation, post-excavation analyses and publication, given the infeasibility of preserving the archaeological material *in situ*, should significant archaeological remains be encountered.

### 3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The evaluation consisted of three trenches excavated by a three tonne tracked excavator equipped with a bladed ditching bucket. All excavations were undertaken under the supervision of an experienced field archaeologist. Excavation was in shallow units/spits until the first archaeological horizon or the underlying geology was reached.

### 4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The archaeological works were undertaken on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Weather conditions were generally fair throughout the course of the work and archaeological visibility was good.
- 4.2 Three trenches were excavated throughout the development area, totalling 43 linear metres. (Figure 2). The trenches revealed a clay loam top-soil 0.3 m in depth. The top-soil overlay well drained orange clay (Plate 1). A few fragments of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century white glazed ceramic indicated attempts at improvement.
- 4.3 No significant archaeological features or artefacts were revealed throughout the evaluation.



Plate 1 - Post excavation view of Trench 2

## 5 CONCLUSION AND RECOMENDATIONS

- 5.1 No archaeologically significant features or artefacts were recorded during the evaluation.
- 5.2 No further archaeological works are recommended within the development area. This recommendation will require the approval of Dr. Murray Cook, Archaeologist for Stirling Council.

## 6 REFERENCES

AOC 2016 *Land 80 m West of The Granary, Old Keir, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire: Archaeological Evaluation Written Scheme of Investigation* unpublished client report

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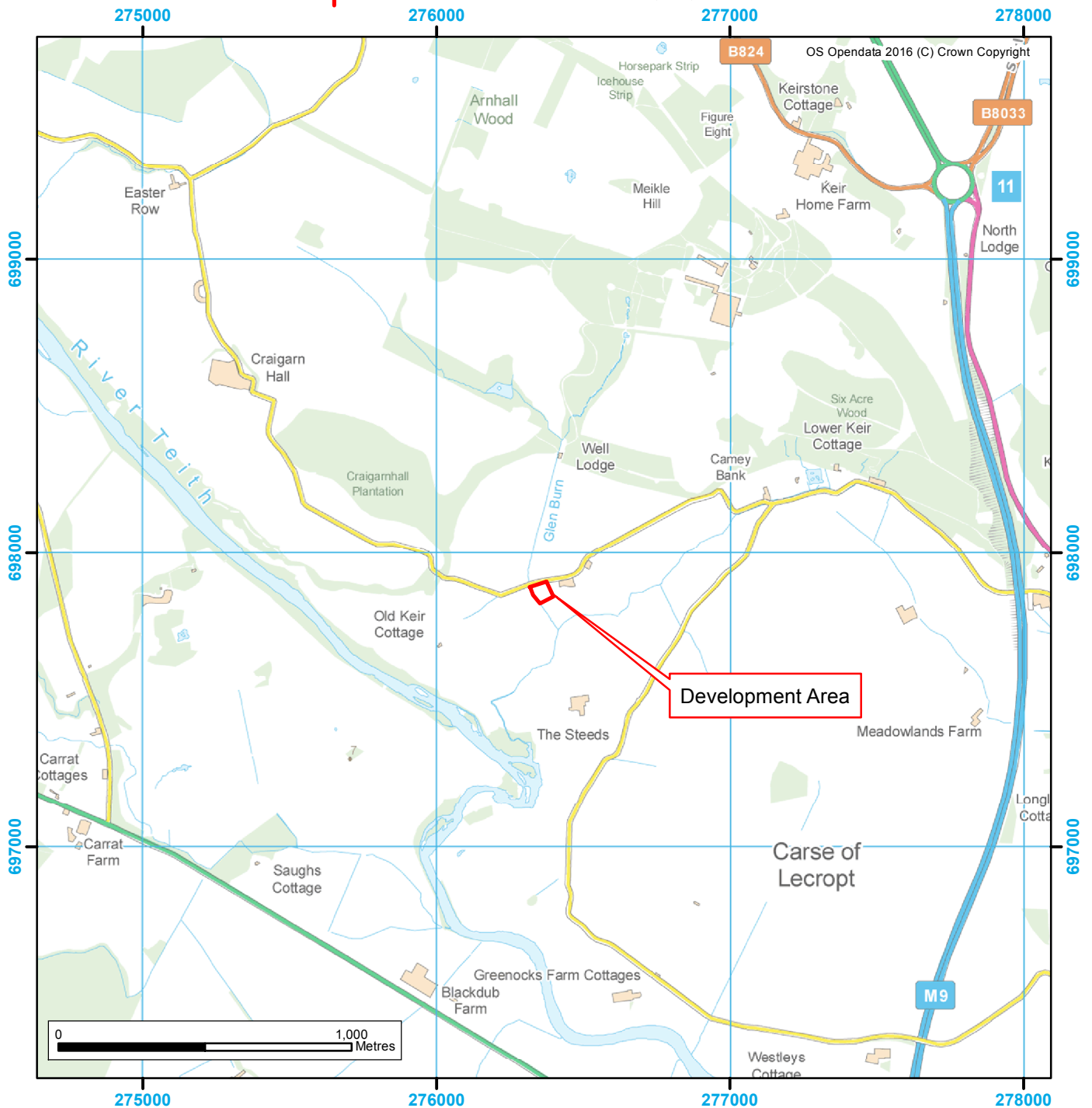
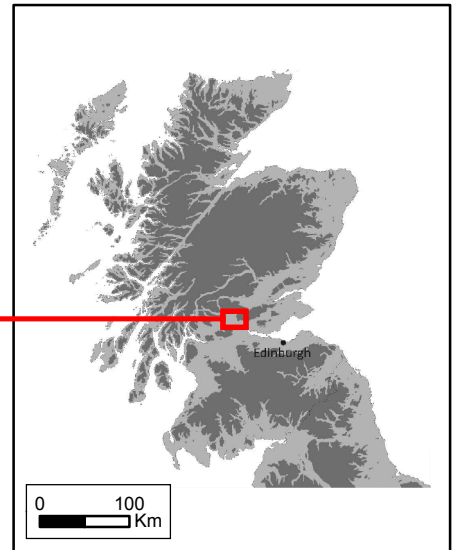
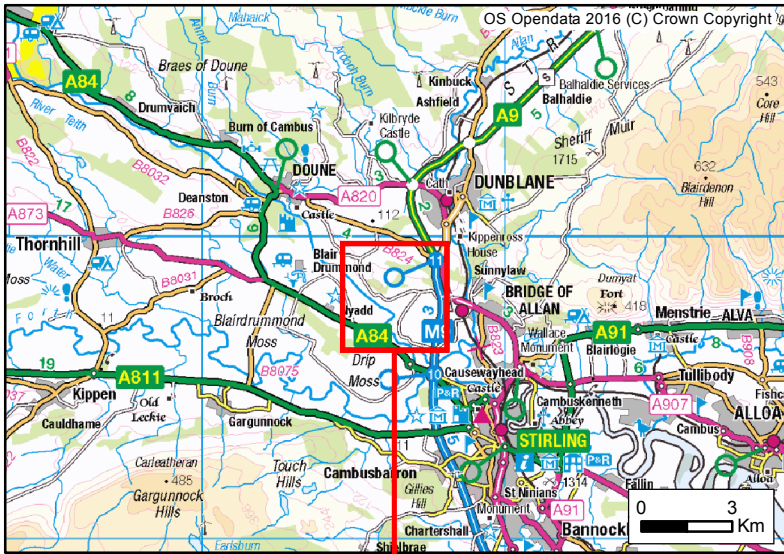


Figure 1: Site Location Plan

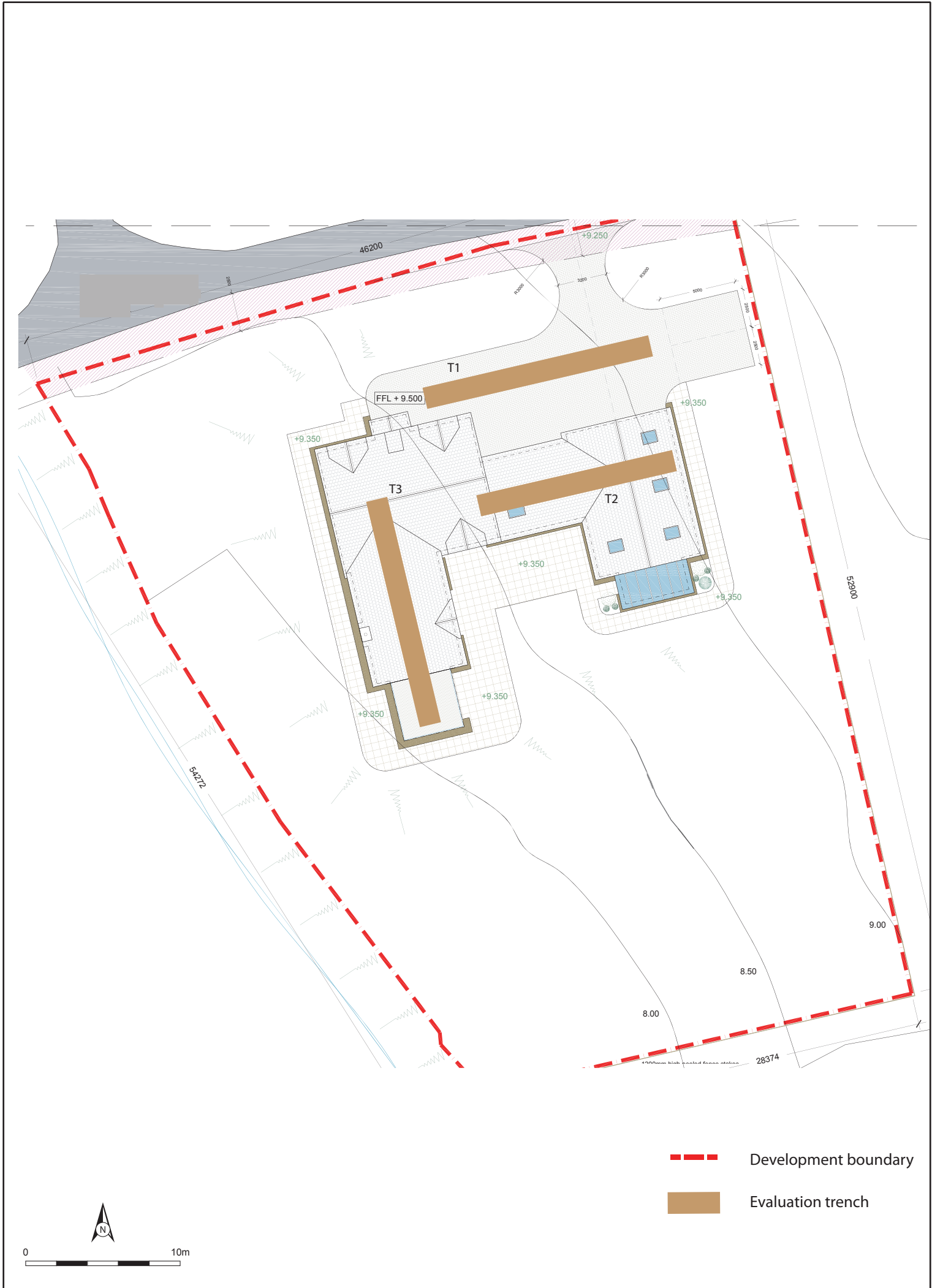


Figure 2: Trench location plan

## APPENDIX 1: EVALUATION TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS

### Trench 1

<i>Dimensions</i>	15 m by 1.4 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	21 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	W to E
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Greyish brown clay loam – 0.32 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange and grey clay
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 2

<i>Dimensions</i>	13 m by 1.4 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	18.2 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	E to W
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Greyish brown clay loam – 0.28 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Very compact orange and grey clay
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

### Trench 3

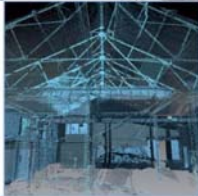
<i>Dimensions</i>	15 m by 1.4 m
<i>Excavated Area</i>	21 m <sup>2</sup>
<i>Excavated Orientation</i>	S to N
<i>Soil make-up</i>	Topsoil – Greyish brown clay loam – 0.26 m
<i>Natural Subsoil</i>	Orange and grey clay
<i>Significant Features</i>	None
<i>Other Features</i>	None
<i>Finds</i>	None

## APPENDIX 2: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTERS

Frame	Description	From	Date
1	T1 post-ex	E	16/6/16
2-4	Views of site from NE corner	Var	16/6/16
5	T2 post-ex	W	16/6/16
6	T3 post-ex	N	16/6/16
7-9	Views of building footprint from SW corner – post-ex	Var	16/6/16
10-11	Views to S of building	Var	16/6/16

**APPENDIX 3: 'DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND' REPORT**

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Stirling Council
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<b>PARISH:</b>	Dunblane and Lecropt
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<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)</b>	NT 7635 9787
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
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<b>PREVIOUS WORK (inc DES)</b>	None
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