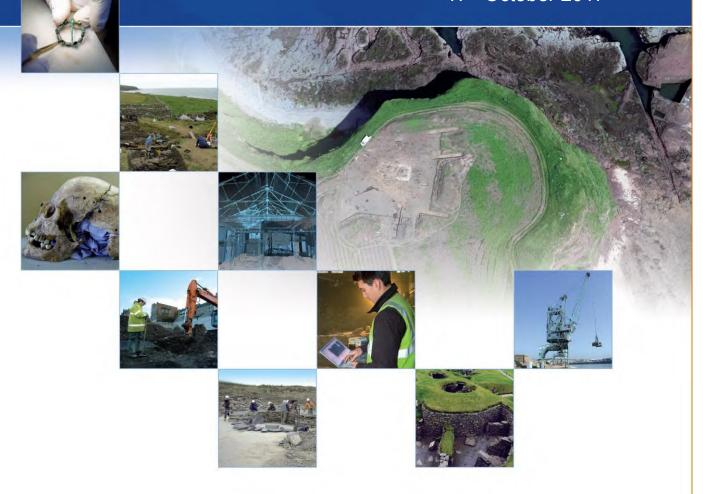
# Broomhill Farm, Carnwath: Archaeological Evaluation Data Structure Report

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# **ABSTRACT**

This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf Mr and Mrs McKeand ahead of a small residential development at Broomhill Farm, Carnwath, South Lanarkshire.

Six trenches totalling 331.5m<sup>2</sup> were opened across the development area. A single undated large pit was recorded. No finds were recovered.

### 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 An archaeological evaluation was required by Ian McKeand ahead of a small residential development at Broomhill Farm, Carnwath. South Lanarkshire Council had requested a program of archaeological works as a planning condition (Planning Ref: CL/15/0110). The need for, and scope of, the archaeological works had been determined by the South Lanarkshire Council who are advised on archaeological matters by the West of Scotland Archaeological Service (hereafter referred to as WoSAS).
- 1.1.2 The program of archaeological works required was in keeping with best practice outlined in current planning policy and guidelines: Scottish Planning Policy (2014) & PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology (2011).

### 1.2 Site Location

The proposed development area consisted of an undeveloped greenfield site presently pasture lying 1.2.1 close to the existing Broomhill Farm, Kaimend, Carnwath. The site is accessed from the northwest from Kerswell Avenue and access will pass through an existing stand of trees which forms the northwest and northeast boundaries of the site. Broomhill Farm itself lies to the southeast and with more farm buildings to the southwest. The site will accommodate four detached house plots with associated access and gardens. The site is centres on NGR: NT 0038 4651. (See Figure 1)

### 2 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The mid-19th century 1st Ordnance Survey map shows the development area to be very similar today as was then with the present tree banks to the northwest and northeast clearly depicted. The development area is shown as arable ground with no structures present. Broomhill Farm is shown to the southeast.
- 2.2 No sites are listed within the development area or the immediate vicinity by either Historic Environment Records or the HES national database.

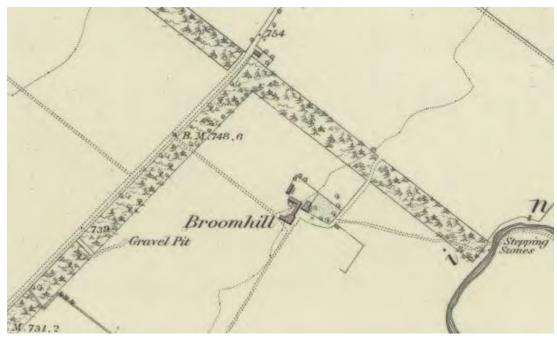


Figure 4: Extract from 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map

### 3 **OBJECTIVES**

3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were 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. Another objective was to advise and implement an appropriate form of mitigation, formulated with the approval of WoSAS, such as excavation (Stage 2), post-excavation analyses and publication (Stage 3), given the infeasibility of preserving the archaeological material in situ, should significant archaeological remains be encountered.

### 4 **METHODOLOGY**

- 4.1 The details of the archaeological Evaluation, laid out below, are designed to meet the requirements of the South Lanarkshire Council as advised by WoSAS.
- 4.2 The evaluation was achieved through the excavation of linear trenches using a mechanical excavator equipped with a 1.3 m wide ditching bucket. The trenching was originally designed to cover an 8% sample of the c.4000 m<sup>2</sup> development area (250 linear metres). Excavation was conducted in shallow units/spits until the first significant archaeological horizon or natural drift geology was reached. All machine excavation was supervised by an experienced field archaeologist.
- 4.3 All archaeological features were cleaned and fully defined.
- 4.4 All trial trenching was undertaken according to AOC Archaeology Group's standard operating procedures (Appendix 7, 7.1 to 7.29).

### 5 **RESULTS**

- All archaeological works were conducted between the 4th and 5th October 2017. Weather conditions 5.1 varied throughout the course of the work but archaeological visibility was good.
- 5.2 The various data gathered from the evaluation is presented as a series of appendices:

Appendix 1: Evaluation trench descriptions

Appendix 2: Context Register;

Appendix 3: Photographic Register;

Appendix 4: Drawing Register;

Appendix 5: Sample Register;

Appendix 6: 'Discovery and Excavation in Scotland'

5.3 The evaluation consisted of six trenches between 30m and 50m in length (Figure 2). The natural subsoil was encountered in all trenches but it varied in character across the evaluated area between a mid-reddish brown silty clay with small to medium pebbles, coal fragments and a light yellowish brown sandy silty.



Plate 1 - General view of Trench 3

- 5.4 Trench 1 measured 30m and contained no archaeological features. The natural substratum was sealed by up to 0.5m of topsoil and a mid-orangey brown sandy silt subsoil deposit up to 0.25m.
- 5.5 Trench 2 measured 40m and contained no archaeological features. An area of pebbles and small angular stones of various shapes was noted 22m from the WNW end of the trench extending for about 6m. This change in the natural was not observed in Trenches 1 and 3. The natural substratum was sealed by up to 0.50m of topsoil and a mid-orangey brown sandy silt subsoil deposit up to 0.25m.



Plate 2 - General view of Trench 2

5.6 Trench 3 measured 45m long and contained a single large pit, which was exposed 16.5m from the WNW end of the trench. The pit [3004] was sub-circular, measuring 2.00m x 1.85m and aligned east to west. The pit had a depth of 0.38m, steeply sloping sides, although slightly more gradual to the west and a flat base. The compact dark greyish brown sandy clay fill (3003) was devoid of any finds or organic material. The natural substratum was sealed by 0.6m of topsoil. A buffer zone of at least 2 m was opened around the feature.



Plate 3 - Post ex shot of [3004] half section

- 5.7 Trench 4 measured 45m and contained no archaeological features. A modern pit was noted in section. The natural subsoil was sealed by up to 0.60m of topsoil.
- 5.8 Trench 5 measured 50m and contained no archaeological features. The natural substratum was sealed by up to 1.30m of topsoil.
- 5.9 Trench 6 measured 45m and contained not archaeological features. The natural substratum was sealed by 0.50-0.70m of topsoil, although this increased to 1.30m over a dip toward the ESE end of the trench.

### 6 **CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 The archaeological evaluation comprised six trenches totalling 331.5m<sup>2</sup>. A single large undated pit was exposed in Trench 3 but no finds were recovered.
- 6.2 It is advised that no further archaeological works are required. This will be decided by Martin O'Hare archaeological advisor with the West of Scotland Archaeological Service.

### 7 REFERENCES

Scottish Government 2010 Scottish Planning Policy.

Scottish Government 2010 PAN 2/2011 Planning & Archaeology.

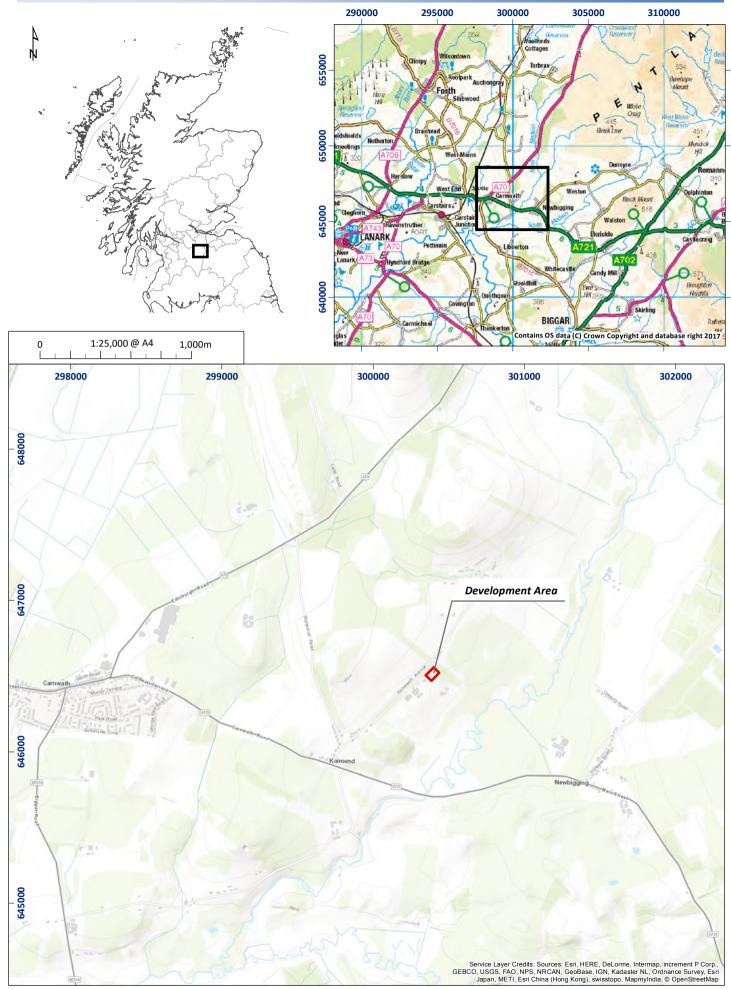


Figure 1: Site location plan

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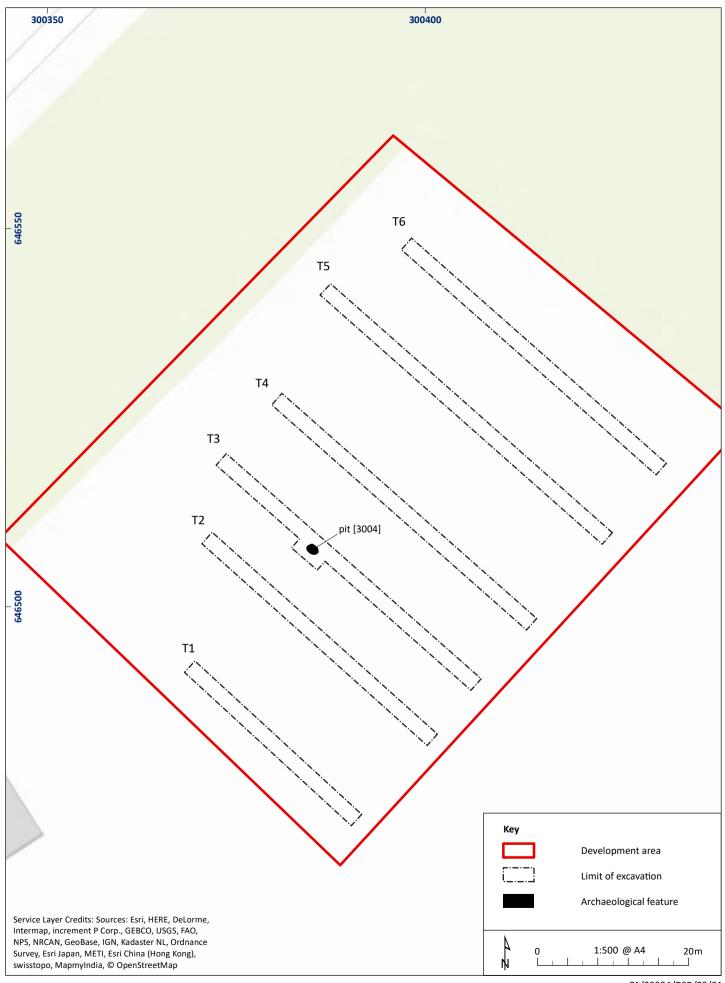


Figure 2: Location of trenches

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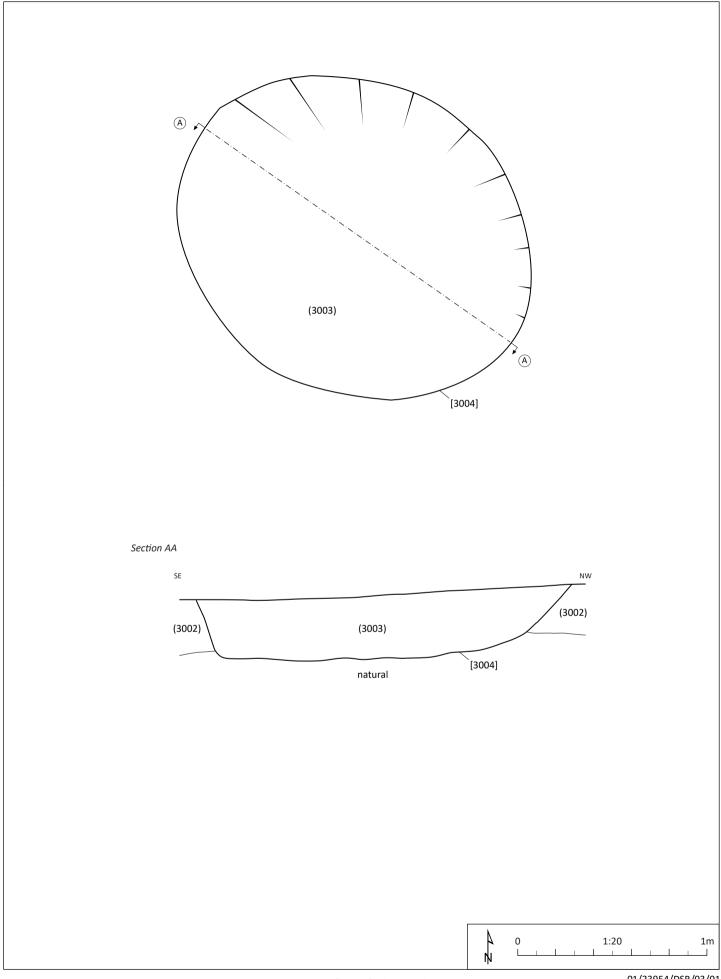


Figure 3: Pit [3004] plan and section

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**Section 2: Appendices** 



## **APPENDIX 1: EVALUATION TRENCH DESCRIPTIONS**

Trench 1

Dimensions 30m Long and 1.30m wide

Orientation WNW-ESE Depth of Excavation Maximum 0.75m

Significant Features None

Topsoil Mid orangey brown clay silt, max. 0.50m Soil make-up

Subsoil Mid orangey brown sandy silt, clean no inclusions, max. 0.25m

Natural Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones

and occasional coal patches.

Finds None

Trench 2

**Dimensions** 40m Long and 1.30m wide

Orientation WNW-ESE Maximum 0.75m Depth of Excavation

Significant Features None

Soil make-up Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, max. 0.50m

Subsoil Mid orangey brown sandy silt, clean no inclusions, max. 0.25m

Natural Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones

and occasional coal patches.

Finds None

Trench 3

45m Long and 1.30m wide **Dimensions** 

WNW-ESE Orientation Depth of Excavation Maximum 0.60m

Significant Features [3004] (3005) Cut and fill of large pit.

Soil make-up Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, fine grain, loose, max. 0.60m

Natural Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones.

Small stones inclusions, compact and coarse.

Finds None

Trench 4

**Dimensions** 45m Long and 1.30m wide

WNW-FSF Orientation Depth of Excavation Maximum 0.60m

Significant Features None

Soil make-up Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, max. 0.60m

Natural Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones

throughout

Finds None

Trench 5

**Dimensions** 50m Long and 1.30m wide

Orientation WNW-ESE Depth of Excavation Maximum 1.10m

Significant Features None

Soil make-up Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, occasional small stones, max. 1.30m Natural

Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones

throughout

Finds None

Trench 6

Dimensions 45m Long and 1.30m wide

WNW-ESE Orientation Maximum 1.30m Depth of Excavation

Significant Features None

Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, max. 1.30 Soil make-up

Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones Natural

Finds None

# **APPENDIX 2: CONTEXT REGISTERS**

Context	Trench	Description and Interpretation
No.		
[1001]	1	Topsoil Mid orangey brown clay
		Topsoil
[1002]	1	Subsoil Mid orangey brown sandy silt, clean no inclusions
		Subsoil
[1003]	1	Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones and occasional coal
		patches
		Natural
[2001]	2	Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt
		Topsoil
[2002]	2	Subsoil Mid orangey brown sandy silt, clean no inclusions
100001	0	Subsoil
[2003]	2	Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones and occasional coal
		patches Natural
[3001]	3	Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, fine grain, loose
[3001]	3	Topsoil
[3002]	3	Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones. Small stones
[0002]		inclusions, compact and coarse
		Natural
[3003]	3	Compact dark brown sandy clay fill, occasional small stones.
		Fill of pit
[3004]	3	Sharp sided to east, slightly more gradual to west, flat base, sub circular in plan, no other
		features visible in area.
		Cut of pit
[4001]	4	Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, max.
		Topsoil
[4002]	4	Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones throughout
150041		Natural
[5001]	5	Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt, occasional small stones
[5000]		Topsoil
[5002]	5	Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones throughout  Natural
[6001]	6	Topsoil Mid greyish brown clay silt
[0001]		Topsoil
[6002]	6	Mid orangey brown sandy silt with frequent gravel and mid-sized stones
[0002]		Natural
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# **APPENDIX 3: PHOTOGRAPHIC REGISTER**

Frame	Trench	F. No	Description		Date
01	1		General view of Trench 1	NW	04/10/2017
02	1		Sample section in Trench 1	SW	04/10/2017
03	2		General view of Trench 2	NW	04/10/2017
04	2		Sample section in Trench 2	SW	04/10/2017
05	2		General view of Trench 2	NW	04/10/2017
06	3		General view of Trench 3	NW	04/10/2017
07	3		Sample section in Trench 3	NE	04/10/2017
08	3		General view of Trench 3	NW	04/10/2017
09	4		General view of Trench 4	NW	04/10/2017
10	4		Sample section in Trench 4	SW	04/10/2017
11	4		General view of Trench 4	NW	04/10/2017
12	4		Detail of Trench 4 showing probable burrow	SW	04/10/2017
13	4		Detail of Trench 4 showing modern pit	NE	04/10/2017
14	4		Detail of Trench 4 showing probable burrow	-	04/10/2017
15	4		Detail of Trench 4 showing probable burrow	-	04/10/2017
16	4		Detail of Trench 4 showing probable burrow	-	04/10/2017
17	4		Detail view of Trench 4	NW	04/10/2017
18	5		General view of Trench 5	NW	04/10/2017
19	5		Sample section in Trench 5	SW	04/10/2017
20	5		Detail view of Trench 5	SW	04/10/2017
21	5		Detail view of Trench 5	NW	04/10/2017
22	5		General view of Trench 5	NW	04/10/2017
23	6		General view of Trench 6	NW	04/10/2017
24	6		Sample section of Trench 6	SW	04/10/2017
25	6		General view of Trench 6	NW	04/10/2017
26	3	[3004]	Detailed shot of pit in Trench 3	N	05/10/2017
27	3	[3004]	Post ex shot of [3004] half section	N	05/10/2017
28	3	[3004]	Post ex shot of [3004] half section	N	05/10/2017
29	3	[3004]	Post ex shot of [3004] half section	W	05/10/2017
30	5		Detail view of Trench 5	SW	05/10/2017
31	5		Detail view of Trench 5 SW 0		05/10/2017
32	5		Detail view of Trench 5	S	05/10/2017

# **APPENDIX 4: DRAWING REGISTER**

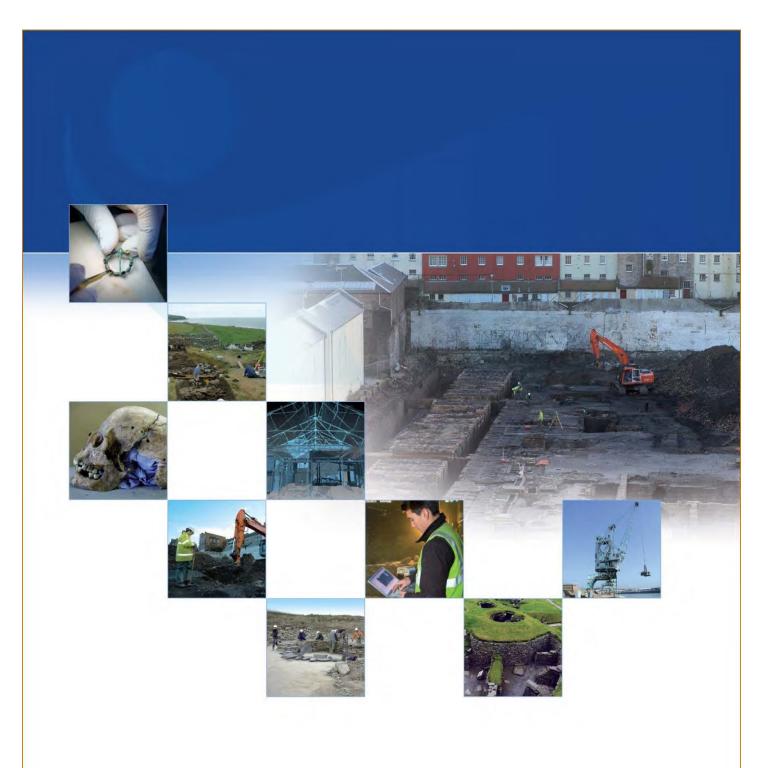
Drawing No.	Area	Feature No.	Details	Scale
01	Tr3	[3004]	North facing section of pit [3004]	1:10
02	Tr3	[3004]	Plan of pit [3004]	1:20

# **APPENDIX 5: SAMPLE REGISTER**

Sample #	Trench	Context	Quantity
01	3	[3003]	2 Bkts

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

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	South Lanarkshire		
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Broomhill Farm, Carwath, South Lanarkshire		
PROJECT CODE:	23954		
PARISH:	Kaimend, Carnwath		
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Anne-Aymonne Marot		
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	AOC Archaeology Group		
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Evaluation		
NMRS NO(S):	N/A		
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	N/A		
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NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NT 0038 4651		
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END DATE (this season)	05 <sup>th</sup> October 2017		
PREVIOUS WORK (inc DES)	N/A		
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by AOC Archaeology Group on behalf Mr and Mrs McKeand ahead of a small residential development at Broomhill Farm, Carnwath, South Lanarkshire. Six trenches totalling 331.5m <sup>2</sup> were opened across the development area. A single undated large pit was recorded. No finds were recovered.		
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