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Summary

An English Heritage Level 2 photographic survey was carried out on the 20th of February 2012 by ULAS for Pick Everard, in advance of the demolition of a small, 19th century, lean-to brick store attached to St. Bartholomew's Church, Measham Road, Snarestone, Leicestershire SK 3413 0944. The archive will be deposited with LMARS under the accession number X. A42.2012.

Background

St. Bartholomew's Church is a Grade II listed building (ref 187980), constructed in 1752 on the site of an earlier medieval church. Planning permission has been granted for the demolition of a brick lean-to store and the erection of a replacement extension to provide a wheel-chair accessible W.C. for the church. The Senior Planning Archaeologist at Leicestershire County Council Historic and Natural Environment Team advised that the works were likely to affect historic buildings and possibly expose evidence of the earlier medieval church. As a result it was recommended that a photographic survey should be carried out to record the affected elevation of the listed building prior to the construction of the conservatory. In addition, groundworks for the foundations were to be monitored to record any exposed archaeological remains. The requirements are detailed in the *Brief*, issued by LCCHNET.

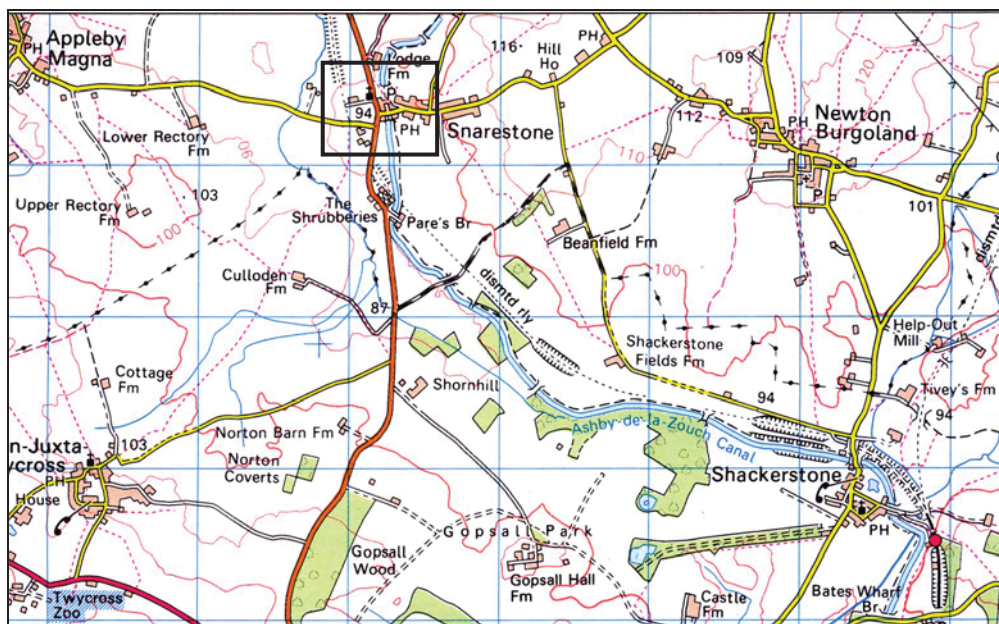


Figure 1. Site location, Snarestone, Leicestershire

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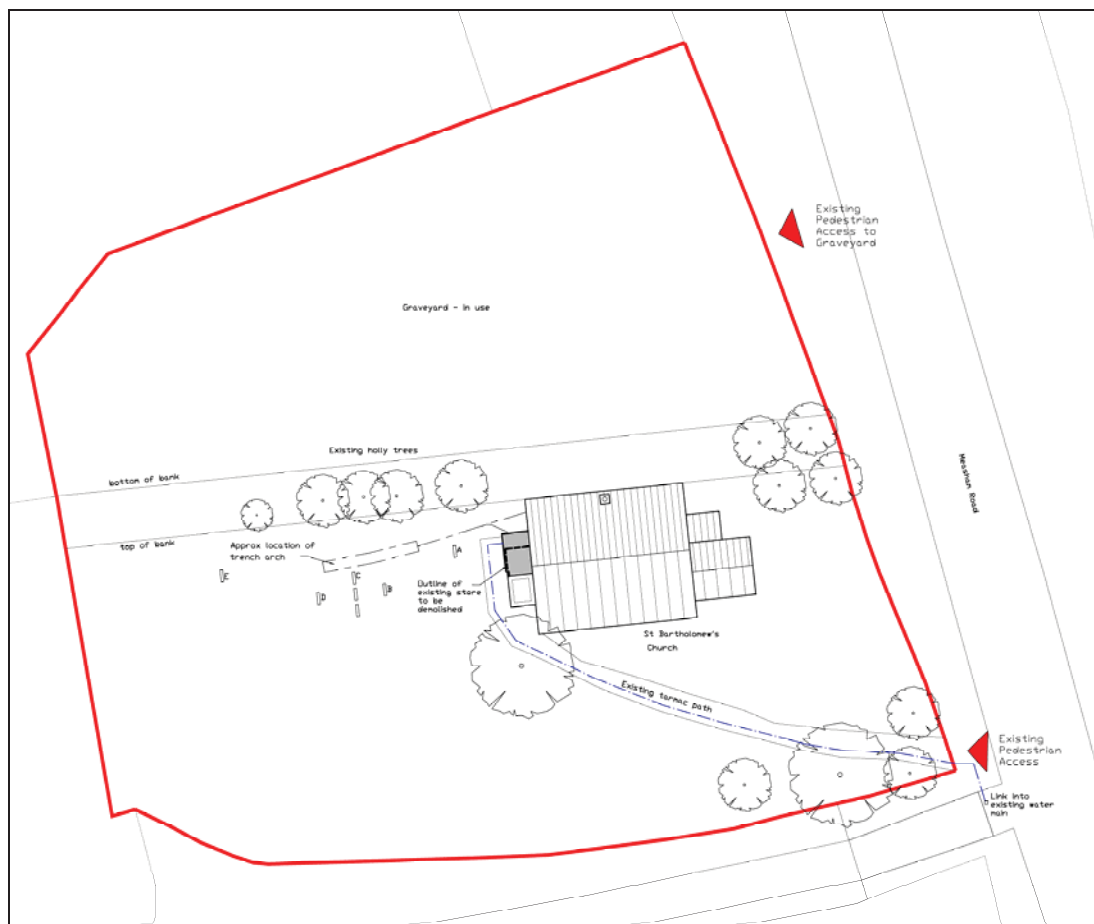


Figure 2. Site plan (supplied by Pick Everard; not to scale)

Methods

The photographic record approximated to Level 2 of English Heritage's 'Understanding Historic Buildings' (2006). It included:

Item 1: General view or views of the exterior of the building.

Item 2: The overall appearance of principal rooms and circulation areas.

Item 3: Detailed coverage of the building's exterior appearance.

Item 4: Any external detail, structural or decorative, which is relevant to the building's design, development and use and which does not show adequately on general photographs.

Item 5: The building's relationship to its setting, to other buildings, or to a significant viewpoint.

Item 6: Internal detail, structural and decorative, which is relevant to the building's design, development and use, and which does not show adequately on general photographs.

A summary of the building's type or purpose, historically and at present, its materials and possible date (s).

All work followed the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) *Code of Conduct* (rev. 2010) and adhered to their *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Investigation and Recording of Standing buildings or Structures* (2008). In addition, Leicestershire County Council's *Guidelines and Procedures for Archaeological Work in Leicestershire* was adhered to.

The buildings were photographed using a Pentax K-7 digital camera and Pentax P30 35mm film camera. The film used was Ilford HP5 rated at 400asa. Digital images were shot in proprietary RAW format and converted into TIFFs for the archive.

Results

The listing description for St. Bartholomew's Church reads as follows:

Small church of 1752, extended mid C19. Red brick with stone plinth, quoins and slate and plain tile roof with kneelers. Miniature W tower, nave and small chancel. Nave extended to N mid-C19 in similar style. Round headed rusticated stone surrounds with keystones to most openings. W tower of 3 stages, with parapet, stone bands, cornice and simple pinnacles. W door with tablet dated 1752, bull's eye window and bell-opening above. Nave with 2 windows to S, 2 larger to N and 3 small to W. Similar E window. Mid C19 truss and boarded roof of 3 bays, slate covered. Chancel has plastered roof, plain tiled with stone coped gable and cornice. Interior: plastered walls, perhaps contemporary small front, and 3 late C18 wall monuments.

An early photograph of St. Bartholomew's found in the vestry shows the church prior to the extension of the nave (fig. 3): the existence of this photograph suggests that the 1834 date for the 'ungainly' extension, as described by Pevsner (2003, 381) is rather too early. The photograph itself probably dates to *c.* 1850-1860: this appears to show the lean-to building in its present form, with the nave likely to have been extended shortly after the photograph was taken.



Figure 3. 19th century photograph of St. Bartholomew's Church, looking north-east, with lean-to structure apparent on northern side of tower.

The lean-to structure comprises a stretch of wall, with a single return, constructed of red brick laid in Flemish bond pattern, with queen closers at the return. The roof is tiled.

Selected photographs from the archive

The following photographs have been selected from the site archive to illustrate the above account and are located on the plan below.

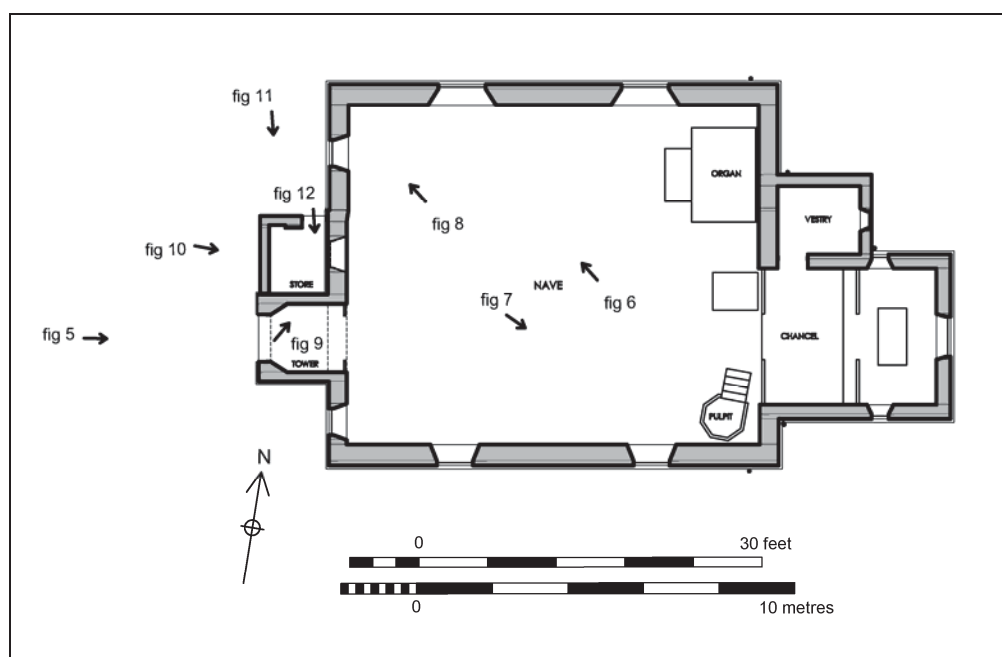


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Figure 5. St. Bartholomew's Church, with lean-to on left-hand side of tower. Looking east.



Figure 6. Church interior, looking north-west.



Figure 7. Church interior, looking south-east.



Figure 8. North-west corner of church, with original Georgian wainscoting on left-hand side meeting later Victorian wainscoting lining the northern wall of the nave. Looking north-west.



Figure 9. Porch entrance at base of tower: site of proposed doorway into new extension. Looking north-east.



Figure 10. External 19th century store, proposed for demolition. Looking south-east.



Figure 11. As above, looking south.



Figure 12. Interior of store, looking south onto north-facing wall of tower, site of proposed entrance to new extension.

Archive

The archive consists of the digital image files on DVD, digital contact sheets, monochrome film and associated contact prints, and a plan of the building showing position and direction of all photographs taken. It will be deposited with LMARS under the accession number X.A42.2012.

Publication

A version of the summary will appear in *Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society* in due course. The report will be added to the Archaeology Data Service's (ADS) Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS) database.

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Appendix 1: Oasis Record

INFORMATION REQUIRED	EXAMPLE
Project Name	Home Farm, Billesdon Coplow
Project Type	Building survey
Project Manager	Richard Buckley
Project Supervisor	Sophie Clarke
Previous/Future work	-
Current Land Use	Agricultural
Development Type	Residential
Reason for Investigation	PPS5
Position in the Planning Process	As a condition
Site Co ordinates	SK 7078 0423
Start/end dates of field work	20th February 2011
Archive Recipient	LMARS
Height min/max	not known
Study Area *	0.5 ha
Finds	None

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