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## **An Archaeological Fieldwalking Survey for Land at Markfield Road, Ratby, Leicestershire (NGR: SK 506 064)**

### **Summary**

*An archaeological fieldwalking survey was carried out by the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) for land at Markfield Road, Ratby, Leicestershire (SK 506 064). The survey was commissioned by Cawrey Ltd. in advance of the proposed development of the land for new housing.*

*Ground conditions were at the limits of suitability for fieldwalking and the crop obscured the ground surface in some parts of the fields. The fieldwalking survey recovered two medieval pottery sherds and a low level scatter of post-medieval pottery, in addition to numerous modern sherds, indicative of manuring practices in the modern period. The site archive will be held by Leicestershire Museums Service under the Accession no: X.A81.2014.*

### **Introduction**

In accordance with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Section 12 (Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment), this report presents the results of an archaeological fieldwalking survey carried out by University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) at Markfield Road, Ratby, Leicestershire (NGR SK 506 064). The work was undertaken as part of an archaeological impact assessment in advance of proposed development of the site.

### **Site Description, Topography and Geology**

The British Geological Survey website indicates that the underlying geology of the site is likely to be Edwalton Member Mudstone overlain by Thrussington Member diamicton.

<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/discoveringGeology/geologyOfBritain/viewer.html>.



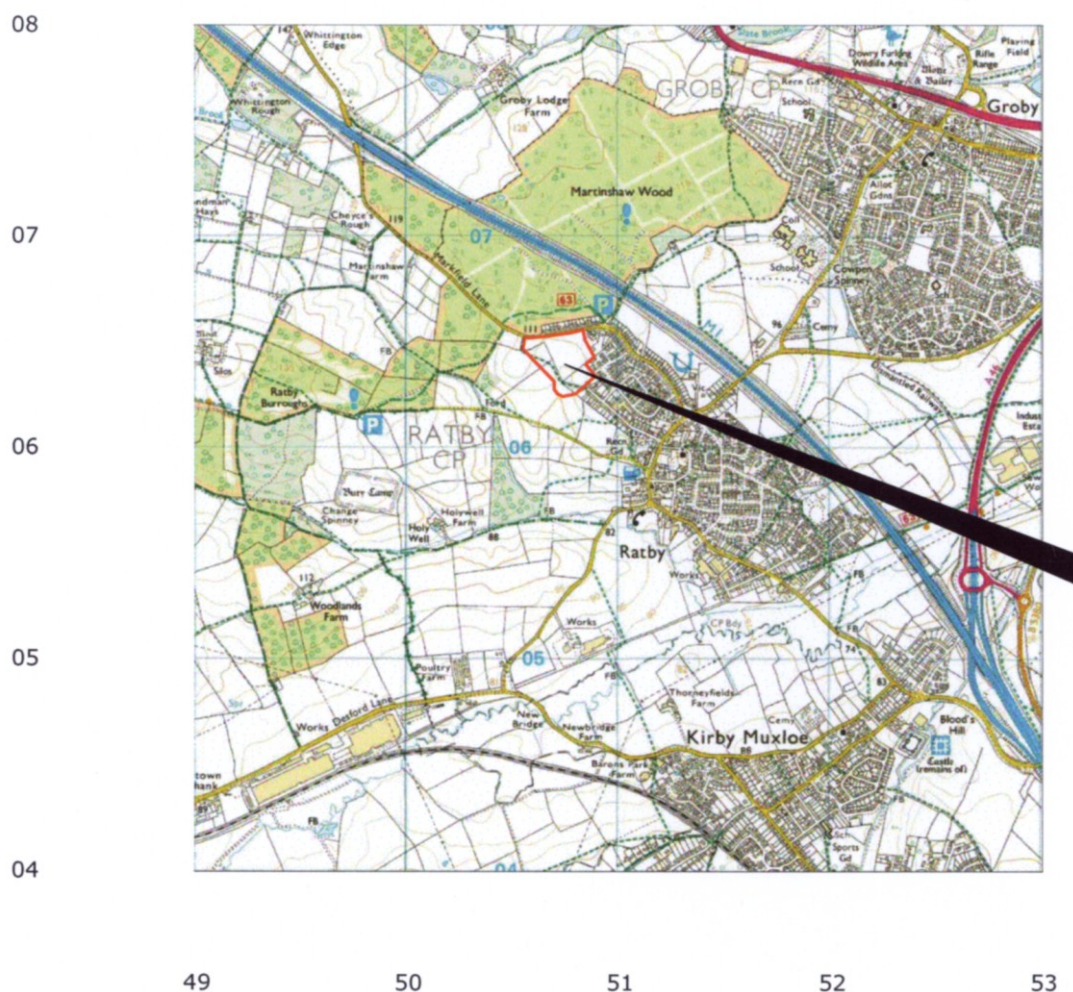


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## Archaeological Background

The following information is taken from an archaeological desk-based assessment carried out in 2005 (George 2005), which concluded that the proposed development area is located partly within the boundaries of the medieval village core of Ratby. In addition, finds and sites of a medieval date have been located in the vicinity and it is possible that finds of a similar date may be located within the area of proposed residential development. Bury Camp Iron Age hillfort is also located nearby, as are various cropmarks and finds of Mesolithic-Neolithic flint artefacts (See Appendix 2).

In addition, various sites indicative of Roman occupation have been identified in the area and it is possible that similar sites may be found. Map evidence indicates that the site has not previously been substantially built-on. The proposed development area is seen to have moderate to high potential for containing archaeological remains of a

prehistoric, Roman and medieval date and lower potential for remains of intervening periods.

An updated Historic Environment Record (HER) search is included as Appendix 2. The projected line of the Colchester to Chester Roman road (Via Devana) suggest it may cross the application area (**MLE4345**) although previous work has failed to verify this (e.g Higgins 2000; Jones 2009; Coward 2011). During 2004/5 a number of metal finds dating from the late Anglo-Saxon period to the post-medieval period were recovered from the application area including a Saxon bridle fitting, medieval spindle whorl, three medieval coins, a medieval/post-medieval mount, a post-medieval coin and a post-medieval powder flask nozzle (**MLE21246**). Half a kilometre to the east, an enclosure and evidence of occupation of Roman date has been located through geophysical survey, trial trench evaluation and subsequent strip, map, and sample excavation (Butler 2009; Jones 2009; Coward 2011).

A geophysical survey of the application area was carried out in June 2014 (Prestidge 2014). This showed very few anomalies of archaeological origin. Some ridge and furrow field systems aligned north-east to south west were identified together with a weak anomaly of possible archaeological origin to the north-west. No evidence of a Roman road or occupation was suggested from the survey.

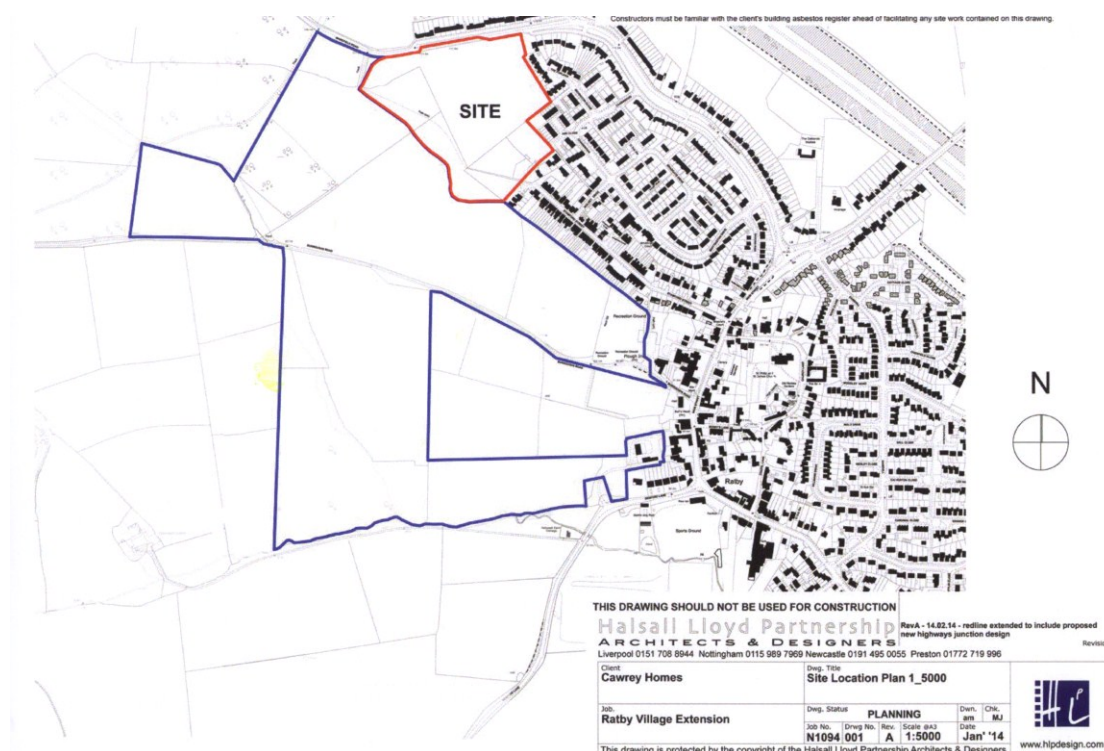


Figure 2: Plan of proposed development area outlined in red. Provided by Client.  
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## Aims and Methods

The overall aim of the fieldwalking survey was to gather some information to establish the potential extent, condition, character and date (as far as circumstances



permit) of any archaeological features and deposits within the area to target for further archaeological evaluation.

Fieldwalking is a technique which can be used on arable fields in order to sample artefacts found within the ploughsoil, which may indicate the presence of buried archaeological features or previous land-use. It is preferably undertaken following ploughing and subsequent weathering of the ploughsoil. However, a field sown with crop can be walked until the crop obscures visibility or would be damaged. Visibility during the survey was fairly poor due to the advanced stage of the crop (see Figure 3 - Figure 7). The weather was mostly dry, with broken cloud cover. All archaeological work adhered to the Institute for Archaeologist's (IfA) *Code of Conduct and Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Evaluations*.

Artefacts were collected and bagged along 10m transects. Some categories of (modern) finds were not collected; these included plastic, glass, finds such as bone and shell that are difficult to date and large quantities of ceramic building material (CBM); in the case of CBM a sample of material was collected and retained. The locations of the finds were plotted using hand held GPS loggers (Garmin Etrex 10, satellite accuracy *c.* 3m). Assuming a cone of vision of 2 metres a 20% sample of the field's surface was examined. The artefact locations were logged manually on site, and plots produced using Garmin Base Camp, GPS Utility, and ArcGIS.



Figure 3: The survey area looking east towards Ratby (field 2)





Figure 4: Ground conditions at the time of the survey



Figure 5: The survey area looking south-west (field 3).





Figure 6: Southern part of the survey are looking north-east (field 1)

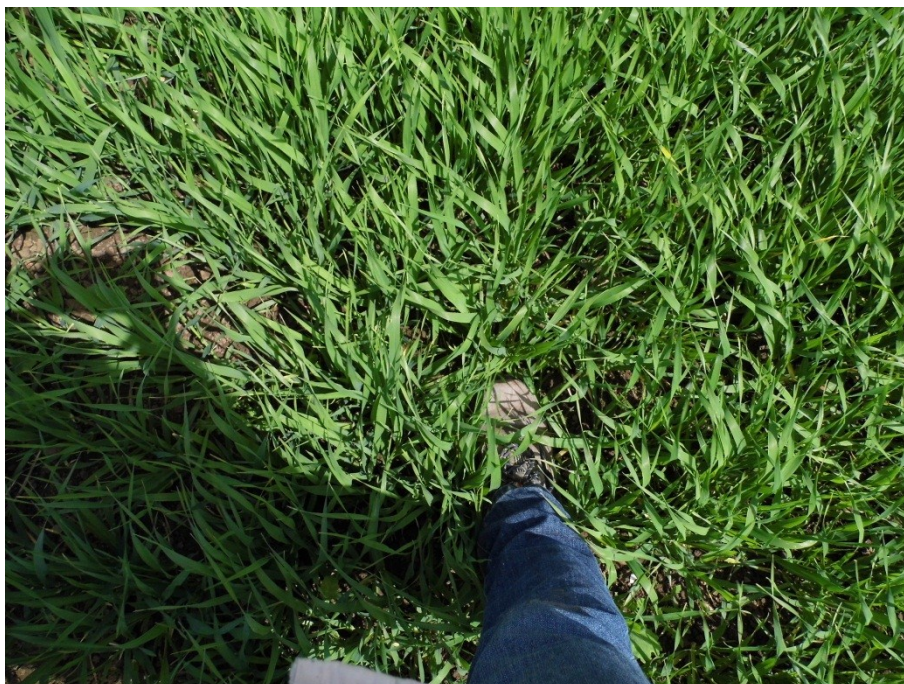


Figure 7: The height of the crop obscured the ground surface, inhibiting visibility in the central portion of field 1

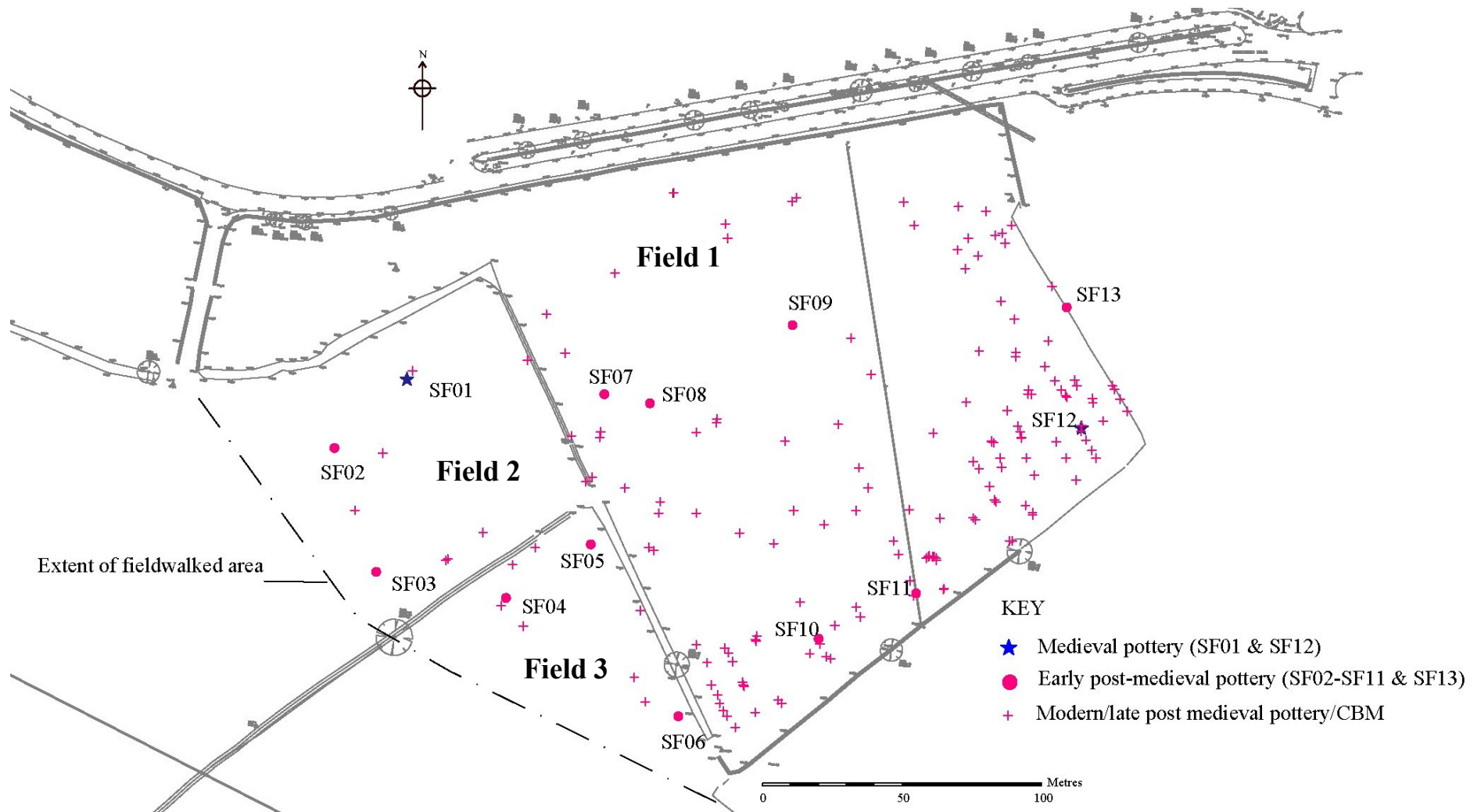


Figure 8: Locations of the finds (Survey map provided by the client).

## Results

The survey area was walked via transects orientated north-east to south-west at 10m intervals. The visibility of the ground surface varied due to the advanced state of the crop. Despite this, finds were collected from most parts of the survey area with a greater quantity retrieved from the south and south-eastern areas. Although two Roman sites are known from the vicinity, no pre-medieval material was located and only two sherds of medieval pottery were recovered, along with 11 sherds of early post-medieval pottery (see Appendix 1 for details).

The remaining 173 finds comprised post-medieval and modern ceramic material, which are all highly likely to have resulted from manuring spreads being added to the fields from the post-medieval period onwards.

## Conclusion

On the basis of the geophysical and fieldwalking surveys there is relatively low potential for archaeological deposits to be present within the application area.

## Archive

Fieldwork was carried out by Jennifer Browning and Nathan Flavell. The pottery was identified by Deborah Sawday. Patrick Clay managed the project. We would like to thank John Cawrey of Cawrey Ltd.

The site archive will be held by Leicestershire Museums Service under Accession No. X.A81.2014

The archive contains:

- Survey notes and plans
- Digital photos on CD
- 1 bag of finds (see Appendix 1 for the list of retained finds)
- CD containing this report
- Unbound copy of this report

The report will be listed on the Online Access to the Index of Archaeological Investigations (OASIS) held by the Archaeological Data Service at the University of York. Available at: <http://oasis.ac.uk/>.

ID	OASIS entry summary
Project Name	Markfield Road, Ratby, Leicestershire
Summary	The fieldwalking survey revealed a very low level of medieval and post-medieval pottery across the survey area.
Project Type	Fieldwalking
Project Manager	Patrick Clay
Project Supervisor	Jennifer Browning
Previous/Future work	Previous: DBA. / Geophysical Survey, Future: Trial Trenching.
Current Land Use	Arable farmland
Development Type	Housing
Reason for Investigation	NPPF



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Position in the Planning Process	Pre-application
Site Co ordinates	SK 506 064
Start/end dates of field work	09/06/2014- 10/06/2014
Archive Recipient	Leicestershire Museums Service
Study Area	
Associated project reference codes	Museum accession ID: X.A81.2014

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## Appendix 1: The Pottery and Miscellaneous Finds

*Deborah Sawday*

Approximately 190 finds were recorded during the field walking; the results are listed below (Table 1).

Post medieval or modern pottery and ceramic building material made up the bulk of the finds. These and two sherds of medieval pottery, one in Potters Marston ware, dating from the 13th or 14th centuries, and a fragment of Medieval Sandy ware, fabric MS3, probably dating from c.1300 to c.1450 were catalogued with reference to the to the guidelines set out by the Medieval Pottery Research Group, (MPRG 1998; MPRG 2001) and the ULAS fabric series (Sawday 1989; Davies and Sawday 2004; Sawday 2009). Post-medieval or modern clay tobacco pipe stems were also present.

Table 1: The finds by field, transect and GPS number. Retained finds *only* have been allocated a Small Find number and their locations are shown on Figure 8.

Field No.	Transect	GPS No	Material	Notes	SF No.
2	7	155	MS3 - Medieval Sandy ware	c.1300-1450+ jug base	1
2	4	28	EA - Black ware	c.1650-1750+	2
2	2	25	EA3 - Mottled ware	c.1680 - 1780/1800	3
3	2	33	EA1 - Earthenware 1	c.1500-1750	4
3	2	32	EA - Black ware	c.1650-1750+	5
3	9	164	EA - Black ware	c.1650-1750+	6
1	2	49	EA1 - Earthenware 1	c.1500-1750	7
1	3	184	EA1 - Earthenware 1	c.1500-1750	8
1	9	212	EA6 - Black ware	c.1650-1750+	9
1	5	194	EA7 - Slipware	c.1640-1740+	10
1	9	204	EA6 - Black ware	c.1650-1750+	11
1	17	239	PM - Potters Marston	c.1100-c.1300+	12
1	19	254	EA1 - Earthenware 1	c.1500-1750	13
1	1	169	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	170	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	171	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	172	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	173	EA - Earthenware flower pot	modern discarded	
1	1	174	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	175	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	176	EA - Earthenware brick/tile	modern -discarded	
1	1	177	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	178	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	179	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	180	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	1	181	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	1	182	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	1	183	EA10/PO - Fine White China	modern - discarded	

Field No.	Transect	GPS No	Material	Notes	SF No.
1	1	185	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	40	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	41	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	42	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	43	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	44	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	45	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	46	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	47	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	2	48	EA - Earthenware tile	modern - discarded	
1	3	186	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	3	187	EA - Earthenware brick/tile	modern -discarded	
1	3	188	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	3	189	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	3	190	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	4	50	EA - Earthenware flower pot	modern discarded	
1	4	51	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	4	52	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	4	53	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	5	191	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	5	192	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	5	193	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	5	195	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	5	196	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	5	197	Clay pipe stem	post med/modern - discarded	
1	5	198	EA - Earthenware brick/tile	modern -discarded	
1	6	54	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	6	55	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	7	199	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	7	200	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	7	201	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	7	202	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	7	203	EA - Earthenware flower pot	modern discarded	
1	8	56	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	8	56	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	8	57	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	8	58	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	9	205	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	9	205	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	9	206	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	9	207	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	



Field No.	Transect	GPS No	Material	Notes	SF No.
1	9	208	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	9	209	Clay pipe stem	post med/modern - discarded	
1	9	210	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	10	59	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	10	60	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	10	61	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	10	62	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	10	63	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	10	64	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	10	65	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	10	66	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	10	67	Clay pipe stem	post med/modern - discarded	
1	10	68	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	11	211	EA - Earthenware flower pot	modern discarded	
1	11	213	EA - Earthenware brick/tile	modern -discarded	
1	11	214	EA - Earthenware brick/tile	modern -discarded	
1	11	215	EA10/PO - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	11	215	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	11	217	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	12	69	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	12	70	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	12	71	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	13	218	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	13	219	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	13	220	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	13	221	Clay pipe stem	post med/modern - discarded	
1	13	222	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	13	223	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	13	224	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	14	72	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	14	73	EA - Earthenware flower pot	modern discarded	
1	14	74	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	14	75	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	14	76	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	14	78	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	14	79	EA8 – Cream ware	modern - discarded	
1	14	80	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	15	225	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	15	226	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	15	227	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	

Field No.	Transect	GPS No	Material	Notes	SF No.
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1	15	229	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	15	230	EA10/PO - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	15	231	EA10/PO - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	15	232	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	15	233	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	15	234	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
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1	16	85	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
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1	16	89	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	16	90	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	17	235	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	17	235	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	17	236	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	17	237	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	17	238	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	17	240	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	17	241	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	17	242	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	17	242	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	17	242	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
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1	17	244	EA10/PO - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	17	245	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	17	246	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	17	247	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	17	248	EA - Earthenware flower pot	modern discarded	
1	17	249	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	17	250	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	

Field No.	Transect	GPS No	Material	Notes	SF No.
1	17	250	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	18	91	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	18	92	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
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1	18	96	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	18	96	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	18	97	EA - Earthenware tile	modern - discarded	
1	18	98	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	18	99	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	18	100	EA10 Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	19	251	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	19	252	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	19	252	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	19	253	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	19	255	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	19	256	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	19	257	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
1	19	257	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
1	19	258	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
1	19	258	SW - Stoneware	modern - discarded	
2	1	149	EA - Earthenware brick/tile	modern -discarded	
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2	4	27	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
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2	5	153	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
2	7	154	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
3	1	159	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
3	1	160	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
3	2	34	EA8 – Cream ware	modern - discarded	
3	3	160	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	
3	5	162	EA10 - Fine White China	modern - discarded	
3	7	163	Clay pipe stem	post med/modern - discarded	
3	8	35	EA2 - Earthenware	post med/modern - discarded	



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Site/ Parish: Ratby, Leics. Accession No.: XA81 2014 Document Ref: ratby3.docx Material: pot/cbm & misc. finds. Site Type: field to SE of village	Submitter: J. Browning Identifier: D. Sawday Date of Identification: 1.07.2014 Method of Recovery: field walking Job Number:14/710
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## Appendix 2. Leicestershire & Rutland Historic Environment Record

### Leicestershire CC HNET

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Export generated by HBSMR from [exeGesIS](#) [SDM](#)

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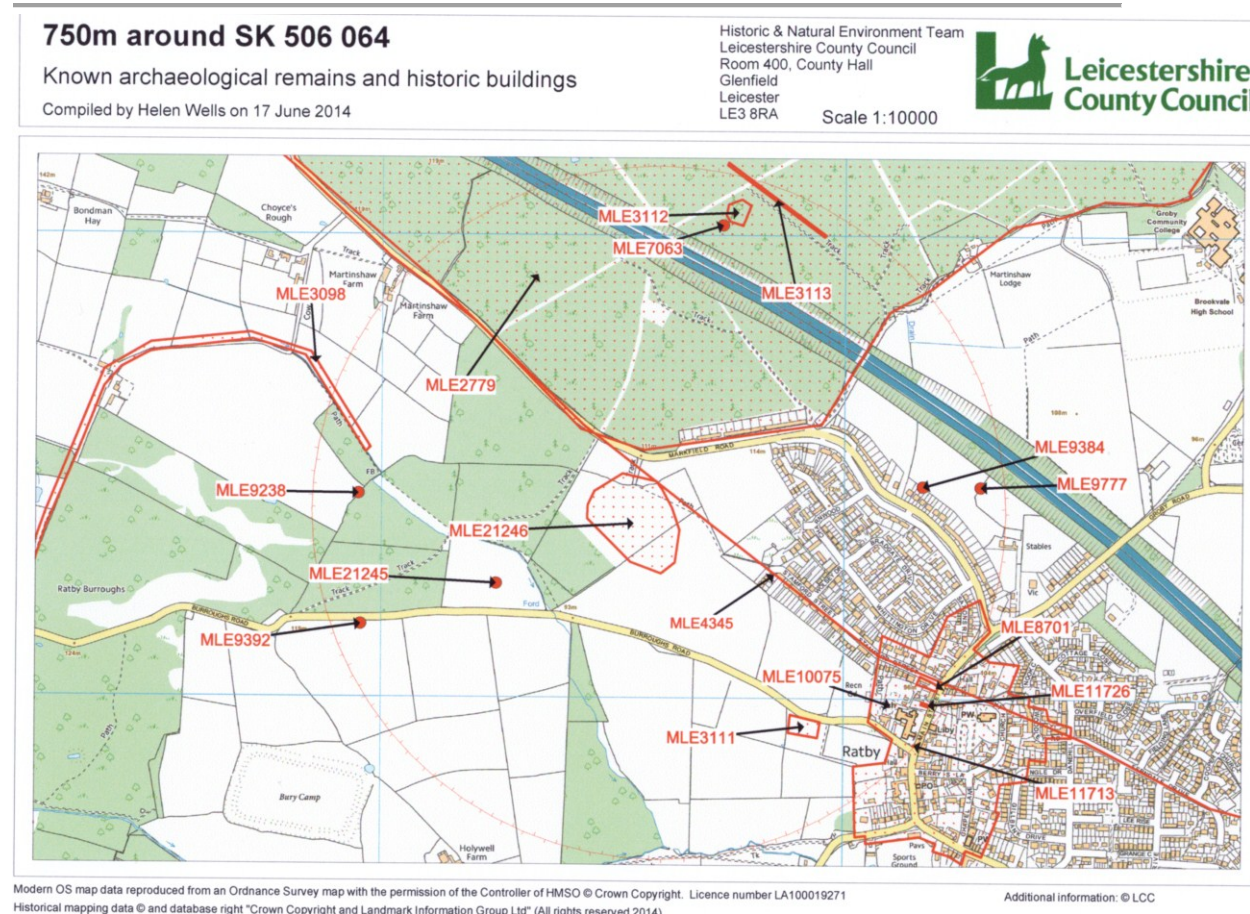


Figure 9. HER records for the vicinity of the application area.

### Record Index

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#### Name

Later extent of Groby Park

Earthworks of the park pale, The Burroughs/Burgh Park

Possible moat west of Ratby Village

Possible Iron Age enclosure, Martinshaw Wood

Wood bank, Martinshaw Wood

'Via Devana' Roman road

Mesolithic pebble hammer, Martinshaw Wood

Hosiery workshops, Weavers Court

Medieval coin from north of Bury Camp

Medieval papal bull from rear of 70 Markfield Road

<a href="#">MLE9392</a>	Bridle bit from north of Bury Camp
<a href="#">MLE9777</a>	Medieval horse pendant from north of Ratby
<a href="#">MLE10075</a>	Historic settlement core of Ratby
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<a href="#">MLE11726</a>	85 MAIN STREET (WEST SIDE)
<a href="#">MLE21245</a>	Roman coins from north-east of Bury Camp
<a href="#">MLE21246</a>	Medieval/post-medieval finds north-west of Ratby

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## Full Record Information

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### Record Details

ID (Preferred Ref.):	MLE2779
Name:	Later extent of Groby Park
Map Sheet:	SK50NW
Grid Reference:	Centred SK 50 08 (2928m by 2950m) (Approximate)
Summary:	There are many medieval references to Groby Park (1288, 1325, 1512, etc). It is described as having been disparked in 1622. The pattern of fields suggests an enclosed area of 360ha (890 acres). The medieval park was originally much smaller.

Description:

### Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Groby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Markfield, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

DEER PARK (Early Medieval to Early Post-medieval - 1201 AD to 1699 AD)

### Find Types

### Designations

### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Old SMR Ref	50NW BX
SHINE Candidate (No)	

### Associated Activities/Events

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### Record Details

ID (Preferred Ref.):	MLE3098
Name:	Earthworks of the park pale, The Burroughs/Burgh Park
Map Sheet:	SK40NE
Grid Reference:	Centred SK 492 062 (792m by 1081m) (Approximate)
Summary:	The Burrough was part of a small medieval park called Burgh Park (MLE3097). The park pale survives along the west side of the wood and continues north then turns east. A small area of pale lies immediately east of Bury Camp.

Description:

### Sources

#### Location - Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

#### Monument/Component Types

PARK PALE (Medieval - 1067 AD to 1539 AD)

#### Find Types

#### Designations

#### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade

Reference/Title

Old SMR Ref

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SHINE Candidate (No)

#### Associated Activities/Events

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##### Record Details

ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE3111

Name:

Possible moat west of Ratby Village

Map Sheet:

SK50NW

Grid Reference:

Centred SK 509 059 (69m by 50m)

Summary:

Cropmarks of a possible moat were noted here in the 1980 though this interpretation has been questioned. The allotments immediately north of the site were walked in the 1990s and the only material found was C19th/C20th.

Description:

#### Sources

#### Location - Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

#### Monument/Component Types

MOAT? (Medieval - 1067 AD? to 1539 AD?)

#### Find Types

#### Designations

#### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade

Reference/Title

Old SMR Ref

50NW AD

SHINE Candidate (No)

#### Associated Activities/Events

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##### Record Details

ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE3112

Name:

Possible Iron Age enclosure, Martinshaw Wood

Map Sheet:

SK50NW

Grid Reference:

Centred SK 507 070 (53m by 56m)

Summary:

An earthwork was noted on vertical aerial photographs and confirmed during a site visit in 1985. The enclosed area is c.50m x 40m and it is under dense tree cover. It was thought that it could be an Iron Age enclosure.

Description:

## Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

SUB CIRCULAR ENCLOSURE (Iron Age - 800 BC? to 42 AD?)

### Find Types

### Designations

### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Old SMR Ref	50NW AQ
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	

### Associated Activities/Events

Event ID	Name/Ref	Organisation	Description
ELE970	Martinshaw Wood		

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### Record Details

ID (Preferred Ref.):	MLE3113
Name:	Wood bank, Martinshaw Wood
Map Sheet:	SK50NW
Grid Reference:	Centred SK 508 070 (215m by 161m) (Approximate)
Summary:	A linear bank was noted on RAF vertical photographs and confirmed on the ground in 1985, under dense tree cover. At least 500m of the earthworks survive.

### Description:

## Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

WOOD BANK (Medieval - 1067 AD? to 1539 AD?)

### Find Types

### Designations

### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Old SMR Ref	50NW AR
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	

### Associated Activities/Events

Event ID	Name/Ref	Organisation	Description
ELE970	Martinshaw Wood		

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### Record Details

ID (Preferred Ref.):	MLE4345
Name:	'Via Devana' Roman road
Map Sheet:	SK40NE



Grid Reference: Centred SK 460 090 (28064m by 11681m) (Approximate)

Summary: Various cropmarks and excavation evidence suggest the line of the Roman road.

Description: In Ashby Woulds cropmarks of two parallel lines running across four fields passing below Warren House Farm plus the alignment thereafter and subsequent excavations confirmed the presence of the Via Devana Roman road. Cropmarks relating to the road are clearly visible at SK 4072 1139 where it runs through a Roman small town (MLE9016). This area was investigated by geophysical survey in 2011, where the line of the road was clear. <1> The area around SK 3862 1225 was investigated by gradiometer during a wider survey in 2012, to help determine the possible alignment of the road. Anomalies identified may relate to the roadside ditches associated with the Road; alternatively, they could be caused by ploughing activity. <2>

#### Sources

Number	Reference
	Unpublished document: Browning, J. 1999. An archaeological desk-based assessment for land reclamation and development at Ellistown Colliery, Ellistown, Leicestershire.
<1>	Unpublished document: Walford, J. 2011. Archaeological geophysical survey at Ravenstone Road, Ibstock.
<2>	Unpublished document: Adcock, J. 2012. Geophysical survey of archaeology at the Diamond Wood Flagship Site, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicestershire.

#### Location - Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Bagworth & Thornton, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Groby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Markfield, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Glenfield, Blaby, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Ashby-de-la-Zouch, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Ashby Woulds, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Heather, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Ibstock, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Kirby Muxloe, Blaby, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Normanton Le Heath, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Packington, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Ravenstone with Snibstone, North West Leicestershire, Leicestershire
Civil Parish	Stanton-under-Bardon, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

#### Monument/Component Types

ROAD (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

#### Find Types

#### Designations

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Conservation Area	Ratby

#### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
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Old SMR Ref	31NW AD
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Old SMR Ref	40NE L
Old SMR Ref	50NW CE
SHINE Candidate (No)	
Old SMR Ref	40NW AR

#### Associated Activities/Events

Event ID	Name/Ref	Organisation	Description
ELE1372	Warren House Farm		
ELE6853	Whittington Grange, possible Roman road	Loughborough Archaeological Society	
ELE8097	Geophysical survey of archaeology at the Diamond Wood Flagship Site, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicestershire	GSB Prospection Ltd	

#### Record Details

<b>ID (Preferred Ref.):</b>	MLE7063
<b>Name:</b>	Mesolithic pebble hammer, Martinshaw Wood
<b>Map Sheet:</b>	SK50NW
<b>Grid Reference:</b>	SK 507 070 (point) (Estimated from sources)
<b>Summary:</b>	A pebble hammer with hour glass perforation was donated to the Museums Service. It had been brought to the surface by Home Guard grenade practice. It measured 11.4cm by 3.6cm. In 1984 it was mapped at about SK507070.

#### Description:

#### Sources

#### Location - Administrative Areas

<b>Civil Parish</b>	Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire
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#### Monument/Component Types

FINDSPOT (Mesolithic - 10000 BC to 4001 BC)

#### Find Types

HAMMER (1) (Mesolithic - 10000 BC to 4001 BC)

#### Designations

#### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Old SMR Ref	50NW BM
SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	

#### Associated Activities/Events

#### Record Details

<b>ID (Preferred Ref.):</b>	MLE8701
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**Name:** Hosiery workshops, Weavers Court  
**Map Sheet:** SK50NW  
**Grid Reference:** Centred SK 512 060 (46m by 32m)  
**Summary:** In 1983 there were two late C19th workshops standing at the junction of Stamford Street and Main Street. Both had long strips of windows at the end as well as along the sides, while the chimneys at each end of the building suggested that the shops were heated.  
**Description:** "Two large workshops of c.1860 at the junction of the main street and Stamford Street are the most interesting survivals of the hosiery industry that dominated the village. They stand in a brick paved yard. Two-storey, with long strips of windows at the ends as well as the sides. The chimneys indicate that they were heated."

#### Sources

Number	Reference
	Bibliographic reference: Pevsner N. 1984. The Buildings of England Leicestershire and Rutland. p358
	Bibliographic reference: Palmer, M (ed). 1983. Leicestershire Archaeology - The Present State of Knowledge - Industrial Archaeology. p21

#### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

#### Monument/Component Types

HOSIERY WORKSHOP (Late Post-medieval to Modern - 1870 AD to 2050 AD)

#### Find Types

#### Designations

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Conservation Area	Ratby

#### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Old SMR Ref	50NW DG
SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	

#### Associated Activities/Events

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#### Record Details

**ID (Preferred Ref.):** MLE9238  
**Name:** Medieval coin from north of Bury Camp  
**Map Sheet:** SK40NE  
**Grid Reference:** SK 499 064 (point)  
**Summary:** In 2001, a Venetian Soldino of c.1400-1413 was recovered via metal detecting. It is a silver coin, probably minted by Doge Michele Steno.  
**Description:**

## Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

FINDSPOT (Late Medieval - 1400 AD to 1413 AD)

### Find Types

COIN (1) (Late Medieval - 1400 AD to 1413 AD)

### Designations

### Other Statuses and References

#### Type/Grade

Old SMR Ref

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)

#### Reference/Title

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### Associated Activities/Events

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#### Record Details

##### ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE9384

##### Name:

Medieval papal bull from rear of 70 Markfield Road

##### Map Sheet:

SK50NW

##### Grid Reference:

SK 511 064 (point)

##### Summary:

A papal bull of John XXII (1316-34) was found here via metal detecting in 2002.

##### Description:

## Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

FINDSPOT (Early Medieval - 1316 AD to 1334 AD)

### Find Types

BULL (1) (Early Medieval - 1316 AD to 1334 AD)

### Designations

### Other Statuses and References

#### Type/Grade

Old SMR Ref

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)

#### Reference/Title

50NW DN

### Associated Activities/Events

#### Record Details

##### ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE9392

##### Name:

Bridle bit from north of Bury Camp

##### Map Sheet:

SK40NE

##### Grid Reference:

SK 499 061 (point)

**Summary:** In 2000 a corroded copper alloy bar with a broken loop at each end was recovered via metal detecting. It looks like a bridle bit segment from a snaffle type bit. It could be Iron Age but equally a Roman (or possibly medieval) date is possible.

**Description:**

#### Sources

#### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

#### Monument/Component Types

FINDSPOT (Iron Age - 800 BC? to 42 AD?)

#### Find Types

BRIDLE (1) (Iron Age - 800 BC? to 42 AD?)

#### Designations

#### Other Statuses and References

##### Type/Grade

Old SMR Ref

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)

##### Reference/Title

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#### Associated Activities/Events

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#### Record Details

##### ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE9777

##### Name:

Medieval horse pendant from north of Ratby

##### Map Sheet:

SK50NW

##### Grid Reference:

SK 512 064 (point)

##### Summary:

A medieval shield shaped horse pendant with blue and possibly yellow enamel was found here via metal detecting in 2003.

**Description:**

#### Sources

#### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

#### Monument/Component Types

FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1067 AD to 1539 AD)

#### Find Types

PENDANT (1) (Medieval - 1067 AD to 1539 AD)

#### Designations

#### Other Statuses and References

##### Type/Grade

Old SMR Ref

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)

##### Reference/Title

50NW DR



## Associated Activities/Events

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### Record Details

**ID (Preferred Ref.):** MLE10075  
**Name:** Historic settlement core of Ratby  
**Map Sheet:** SK50NW  
**Grid Reference:** Centred SK 512 059 (471m by 570m)  
**Summary:** Medieval and post-medieval historic settlement core of Ratby, as deduced using historic mapping etc.  
**Description:** Ratby was 'an important village for hosiery'. <1>  
  
Known as Rotebie in 1086 (Domesday Book). Rota (OE male personal name) + Oscand. by 'village, farmstead'. 'The settlement associated with Rota'. <2>

### Sources

Number	Reference
<1>	Bibliographic reference: Palmer, M (ed). 1983. Leicestershire Archaeology - The Present State of Knowledge - Industrial Archaeology. p21
<2>	Bibliographic reference: Bourne, Jill. 2003. Understanding Leicestershire & Rutland Place Names. p73

### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

VILLAGE (Late Anglo Saxon to Late Post-medieval - 850 AD to 1899 AD)

### Find Types

### Designations

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Conservation Area	Ratby

### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
Historic Core	273
SHINE Candidate (Possible)	

## Associated Activities/Events

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### Record Details

**ID (Preferred Ref.):** MLE11713  
**Name:** WAR MEMORIAL, MAIN STREET (WEST SIDE), RATBY  
**Map Sheet:** SK50NW  
**Grid Reference:** Centred SK 511 059 (4m by 4m)  
**Summary:** Stone war memorial c.1920.  
**Description:** Listed building description:  
War memorial. c.1920. Portland stone. Tall, square

stone base raised on 3 steps with memorial inscriptions and the names of those who lost their lives in both World Wars. Topped with rocky platform surmounted by a sculpted female figure of Winged Victory.

## Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

#### Civil Parish

Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

WAR MEMORIAL (Modern - 1920 AD to 2050 AD)

### Find Types

### Designations

#### Type/Grade

Listed Building (II)  
Conservation Area

#### Reference/Title

1385705 WAR MEMORIAL  
Ratby

### Other Statuses and References

#### Type/Grade

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)

#### Reference/Title

### Associated Activities/Events

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### Record Details

#### ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE11726

#### Name:

85 MAIN STREET (WEST SIDE)

#### Map Sheet:

SK50NW

#### Grid Reference:

Centred SK 511 059 (18m by 11m)

#### Summary:

Cruck framed house, probably early C17th.

#### Description:

Listed building description:  
House. Probably early C17, altered C18-C20. Cruck-framed with red brick and plain tile roof with brick ridge stacks. Rubble stone plinth. Single storey and attic, raised to 2 storeys, C20. Gable facing, entrance to left in long 2-window range. 4-unit plan including integrated stable to left. 2-light and 3-light casement over 2-light casements with brick cambered arches. Central part-gazed door under similar arch. Stable door to left. On right gable end, facing street, a 3-light casement on each floor. Rear mostly blank but for 2 small casements.  
Interior: 2 pairs of cruck blades, probably full and slightly truncated at base. 2 open fireplaces, one with spice cupboards and a partly wattle and daub hood over. C19 marbled slate fireplace in ground floor room facing street.

## Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

CRUCK HOUSE (Early Post-medieval to Modern - 1601 AD to 2050 AD)

### Find Types

#### Designations

##### Type/Grade

Listed Building (II)

##### Reference/Title

1320290 85 MAIN STREET  
(WEST SIDE)

Conservation Area

Ratby

#### Other Statuses and References

##### Type/Grade

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)

##### Reference/Title

### Associated Activities/Events

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#### Record Details

##### ID (Preferred Ref.):

MLE21245

##### Name:

Roman coins from north-east of Bury Camp

##### Map Sheet:

SK50NW

##### Grid Reference:

SK 5024 0624 (point)

##### Summary:

Two Roman coins were found here via metal detecting (one in 2011): a sestertius of Marcus Aurelius and a silver denarius of Hadrian.

##### Description:

### Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

FINDSPOT (Early Roman - 134 AD to 180 AD)

### Find Types

COIN (1) (Early Roman - 117 AD to 138 AD)

COIN (1) (Early Roman - 161 AD to 180 AD)

### Designations

#### Other Statuses and References

##### Type/Grade

SHINE Candidate (No)

Portable Antiquities Scheme

Portable Antiquities Scheme

##### Reference/Title

LEIC-FFB2A6 Sestertius

LEIC-ED8EB4 Denarius

### Associated Activities/Events

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### Record Details

**ID (Preferred Ref.):** MLE21246  
**Name:** Medieval/post-medieval finds north-west of Ratby  
**Map Sheet:** SK50NW  
**Grid Reference:** Centred SK 5054 0637 (199m by 216m)  
**Summary:** During 2004/5 a number of metal finds dating from the late Anglo-Saxon period to the post-medieval period were recovered: a Saxon bridle fitting, medieval spindle whorl, 3 medieval coins, a medieval/post-medieval mount, a post-medieval coin and a post-medieval powder flask nozzle.

### Description:

### Sources

### Location - Administrative Areas

**Civil Parish** Ratby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicestershire

### Monument/Component Types

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Late Anglo Saxon to Late Post-medieval - 850 AD to 1800 AD)

### Find Types

SPINDLE WHORL (1) (Medieval - 1067 AD to 1539 AD)  
COIN (1) (Early Medieval - 1199 AD to 1216 AD)  
COIN (1) (Early Medieval - 1247 AD to 1279 AD)  
COIN (1) (Early Medieval - 1272 AD? to 1327 AD?)  
MOUNT (1) (Late Medieval to Early Post-medieval - 1350 AD to 1699 AD)  
COIN (1) (Early Post-medieval - 1573 AD)  
POWDER FLASK (1) (Early Post-medieval to Late Post-medieval - 1600 AD to 1800 AD)  
BRIDLE FITTING (1) (Late Anglo Saxon - 850 AD to 1066 AD)

### Designations

### Other Statuses and References

Type/Grade	Reference/Title
SHINE Candidate (No)	
Portable Antiquities Scheme	Various See finds records

### Associated Activities/Events

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