

**An Archaeological Watching Brief at
Manor Farm, Cadeby, Leicestershire.
(SK 423 027).**

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Figure 2: Location plan. Scale 1:200 (From Digimap.com).

Figure 3: Site plan. Scale 1:500.

Appendix 1: Brief on archaeological considerations for extension and swimming pool, Manor Farm, Cadeby. Leicestershire County Council, Heritage Services (19.08.2003).

Appendix 2: Design Specification for Archaeological work. ULAS 04/545 (12.12.2003).

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Summary

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during ground works for construction of an extension and swimming pool at Manor Farm, Cadeby, Leicestershire (SK 423 027; P.A 03/0648/4) by the University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) on behalf of Cadeby Homes Ltd.

No significant archaeological finds or deposits were observed during this work. The site archive will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service Accession No. X.A 7. 2004.

1. Introduction

Cadeby lies to the southwest of Leicester, and c.1km southeast of Market Bosworth (fig 1.). The site for the extension and swimming pool is at Manor Farm, Cadeby, Leicestershire (NGR SK 423 027). The site is located in an area of archaeological importance in the historic core of Cadeby, close to a series of medieval earthworks, therefore there was reasonable potential for buried archaeological deposits.

In view of this an archaeological watching brief during the initial ground works was required as part of the planning conditions by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (planning application 03/0648/4). This requirement was detailed in the *Brief for archaeological watching brief at Manor Farm, Cadeby, Leicestershire* produced by Leicestershire County Council Heritage Services (appendix 1).

The University of Leicester Archaeological Services (ULAS) was then commissioned to carry out the watching brief on behalf of the client, Cadeby Homes Ltd. The archaeological watching brief was undertaken by ULAS on the 14th January 2004.

2. Location and Geology

The development area is located to the north of at Manor Farm, Cadeby, Leicestershire (NGR SK 423 027), at a height of c.120m above O.D. The underlying geology comprised of sands and gravels.

3. Archaeological Objectives

The aims of the watching brief were:

- To identify the presence/absence of any archaeological deposits.
- To establish the character, extent and date range of any archaeological deposits to be affected by the proposed ground works.
- To excavate and record any archaeological deposits to be affected by the ground works.
- To assess the local, regional and national importance of any deposits.
- To define an appropriate mitigation strategy if necessary.
- To produce an archive and report of any results.

4. Archaeological Background

No known archaeological work has been previously undertaken within the application area. However, the proposed development is in an area of archaeological importance in the historic core of Cadeby close to a series of medieval earthworks.

5. Methodology

The watching brief involved supervision of overburden machine stripping, and ground works in advance of the construction of a swimming pool and extension to Manor Farm, Cadeby. This was carried out using a JCB 3CX with a toothed bucket. Following the machine excavation, the excavated area was examined and recorded by written record and photographs.

The work followed the *Archaeological design specification for archaeological work (ULAS 14/1/03; Appendix 2)*, and the Institute of Field Archaeologists' (IFA) *Code of Conduct* and the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological watching briefs*.

6. Results

The topsoil overburden consisted of a very dark brownish poor quality loam soil, this generally went to a depth of *c.* 0.6m. The subsoil also consisted of a light mid greyish-brown sandy gravel. The natural substratum consisted of reddish-orange sand and gravel, it began at a depth of *c.*0.8m.

The excavated area was 6m x 12.5m. The depth ranged from 1.8m at the south-end, to 1.5m at the north-end. No archaeological finds or deposits were located within overburden or in the excavated area for the swimming pool.

7. Conclusion

No significant archaeological deposits or artefacts were encountered during the watching brief.

8. Site Archive

The archive will be deposited with Leicester Museums, Arts and Records Service with the Accession No. *X.A 7.2004*. It consists of watching brief record sheet, colour transparency slides and monochrome negatives.

9. Publication

A summary of the work will be submitted for inclusion in the *Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society* in due course.

10. Acknowledgements

ULAS would like to thank Cadeby Homes Ltd for their help and cooperation during the watching brief. This archaeological watching brief was carried out by Gavin Speed and the project manager was Patrick Clay.

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12. Illustrations



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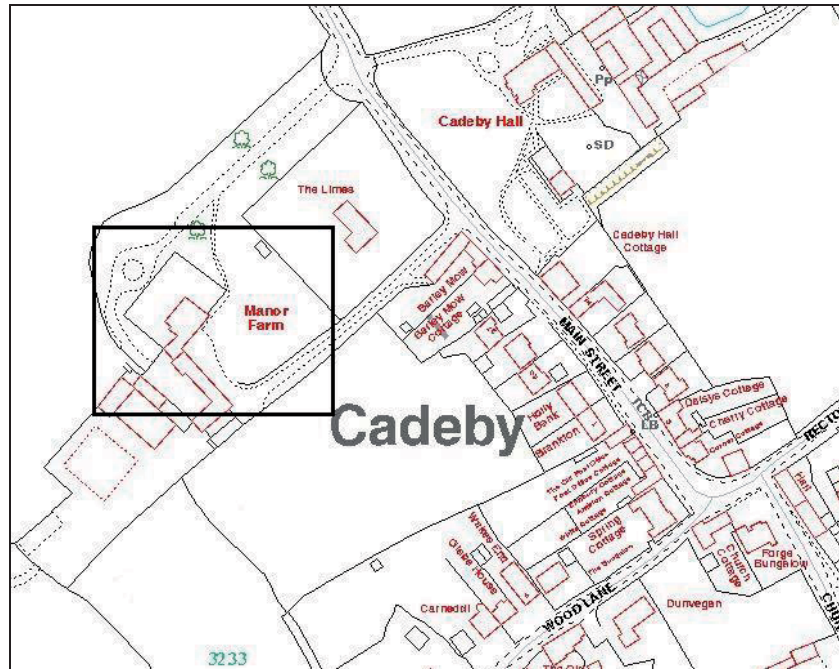


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