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Summary

Wessex Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by the North York Moors National Park Authority to undertake an archaeological watching brief to monitor management works associated with footpath enhancement works at Lilla Howe Scheduled Monument, Flyingdales, North York Moors (**Figure 1**). The watching brief was carried out between March 26th-28th 2012 in accordance with a work specification, Scheduled Monument Consent and Natural England SSSI Assent.

The scheme involved the consolidation of an existing path across the monument and the blocking of other informal paths which had developed around the monument. The consolidation of the main path involved the excavation of fourteen borrow pits outside of the scheduled area in order to obtain material suitable for path construction. The walkers cairns on the monument were also dismantled and stones checked for the presence of prehistoric rock art, before being reused in the construction of the new footpath surface. No rock art was identified.

The borrow pits revealed peat overlay natural yellow sand with moderate medium to large stones. No archaeological features or finds were encountered during the work.

This document contains the results of the watching brief recorded and presented on *pro forma* sheets.

The project archive is currently held at Wessex Archaeology's offices in Sheffield.

Paul White managed the project and Grace Corbett undertook the fieldwork on behalf of Wessex Archaeology.

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Site name	Lilla Howe Scheduled Monument		
Site address	Lilla Howe, Fylingdales, North York Moors		
Site code	78781	Grid ref	SE488920, 498689
Dates(s) of attendance	26/03/12 – 28/03/12		
Description of activities monitored	Monitoring the excavation of fourteen borrow pits outside of the scheduled area to consolidate footpath. Dismantling of two walkers cairns and monitoring the removal and relocation of Lilla Howe plaque stone.		
Summary of results and Interpretation			
<p>Fourteen borrow pits were excavated outside the scheduled area, six to the south, one to the north, three to the west and one to the east of the monument (Figure 1). The pits averaged 1m x 1.2m and were on average 1m deep (Plate 1). The stratigraphy was largely consistent within all pits; the natural geology consisted of dark yellow sand with moderate medium to large stones and frequent small stones which lay below 0.1-0.2m of peat. In some pits grey clay was also revealed underlying the sand. No archaeological deposits or features were identified in any of the pits. The material recovered from the pits was used to create the path across the monument (Front Cover, Back Cover, Plate 2-4).</p> <p>Two walkers cairns, one at the south side of the monument (Plate 5-6), the other at the north (Plate 7-8) were both dismantled and the stones were reused in the path construction (Back Cover). Each stone was visually examined to check for the presence of prehistoric rock art. No rock art was identified on any on the stones.</p> <p>Lilla Cross plaque was located on a stone at the north side of the monument. This was removed under archaeological supervision and reinstated outside of the scheduled area, at the southwest corner of the monument, to the south of the newly constructed path (Plate 2 and 11). A number of other paths created by walkers were re-turfed to discourage future use (Plate 9-10).</p>			
Archaeological features	No archaeological features observed	Natural features	None
Finds observed	None		
Finds collected	None	Samples	N/A
Photography	Digital: 91 shots		
Other records	Day book, Photo register, trench record sheets		
OASIS record #	Wessexar1-129446		
Current archive location	Wessex Archaeology, Sheffield		
Long term archive location	NYMNPA		
Other information			
Form completed by	GC	Date	03-04-12
Checked by	PAW	Date	18-04-12
Additional documentation attached -			
Figure 1	Location of borrow pits		



Plate 1: Borrow pit 3, view from northwest



Plate 2: New path, view from west



Plate 3: New path, view from southwest

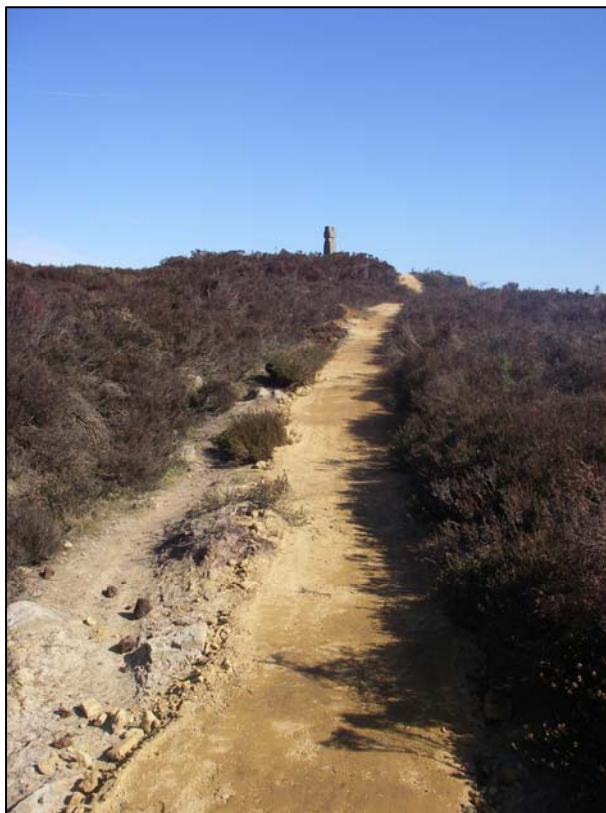


Plate 4: New path, view from west



Plate 5: Southern cairn, view from north



Plate 6: Southern cairn after removal of material



Plate 7: Northern cairn, view from northeast



Plate 8: Northern cairn after removal of material

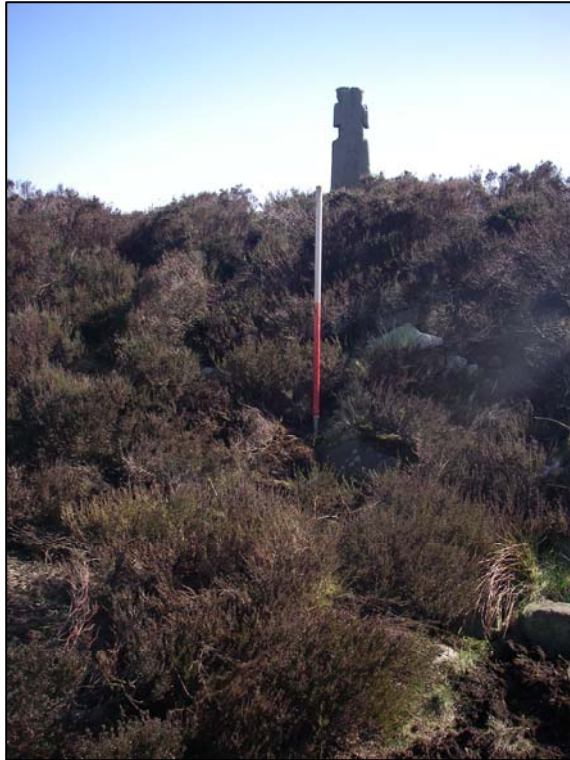


Plate 9: Re-turfing of path along north of monument

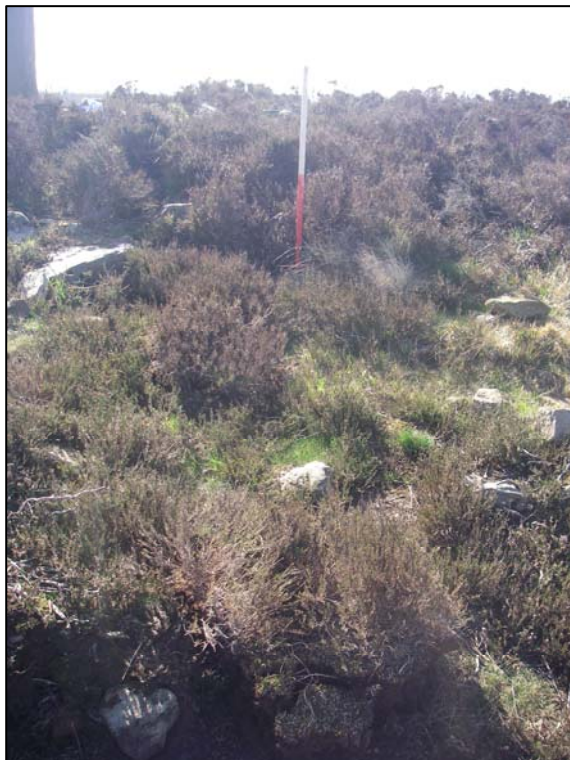
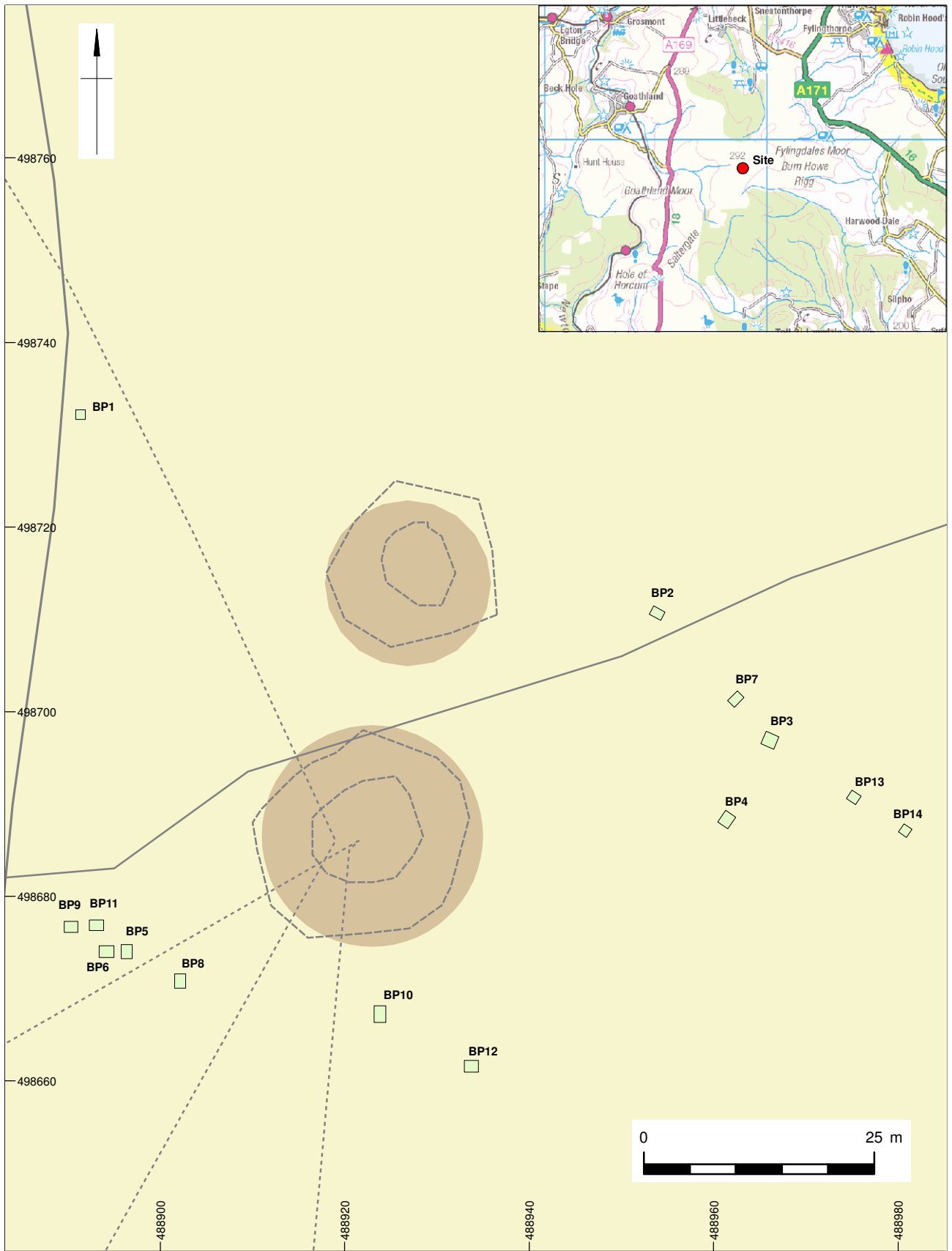


Plate 10: Re-turfing of path at east of monument



Plate 11: New location of Lilla Cross Plaque, blocking path south of new path



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Location of Borrow Pits

Figure 1



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