

All Saints' Church, Caddington, Bedfordshire.

HN1247

Report No.1037

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| Site name and address: | All Saints' Church, Caddington, Bedfordshire, LU6 2LL | | |
| County: | Bedfordshire | District: | Central Bedfordshire |
| Village/town: | Caddington | Parish: | Caddington |
| Planning reference: | n/a | NGR: | TL 06381 19855 |
| Client name and address: | PCC of All Saints' Church, Caddington, Bedfordshire, LU6 2LL, C/O Mrs Pamela Ward. | | |
| Nature of work: | Building of a kitchenette, WC, meeting room and an external drain run | Present land use: | Church and churchyard |
| Site Status: | Listed Building | Reason for investigation: | Diocesan Faculty |
| Position in planning process: | N/A | Project brief originator: | DAC |
| Size of affected area: | 15.78m ² | Size of area investigated: | 15.78m ² |
| Site Code: | HN1247 | Other reference: | n/a |
| Organisation: | Heritage Network | Site Director: | David Hillelson |
| Project type, methods etc. | Monitoring and Recording | Archive Recipient: | Luton Museum |
| Start of work | 10/02//2016 | Finish of work | 27/09//2016 |
| Related HER Nos: | HER 1168 | Periods represented: | None |
| Oasis UID: | heritage1-239703 | Significant finds: | Disarticulated human bone |
| Monument types: | Church | | |
| Physical archive: | None | | |
| Previous summaries/reports: | None | | |

Narrative:

As part of the faculty requirements for the building of a screened kitchenette and toilet, with a meeting room above, located in the north-west corner of the north aisle of All Saints' Church, Caddington, Bedfordshire, the Heritage Network was commissioned to undertake a watching brief on the groundworks.

All Saints' Church is located on the north-west edge of the village, on the northern side of Luton Road, centred on NGR TL 06381 19855 (Figure 1).

The groundworks programme included internal and external works (Figure 2). The internal works involved the excavation of three pad foundations (Test-pits 1-3), following the removal of pews within the footprint of the new construction (Plate1); the external works involved the excavation of a drainage trench to connect the new construction in the north-west corner of the church to existing services on Collings Wells Close to the north-west of the church.

Test-pit 1 (Plate 2) was located in the north-west corner of the north aisle, between two pillars, and measured 2.8m in length, 0.4m in width and approximately 0.5m in depth. Test pit 2 (Plate 3) was located approximately 1m to the north-east of Test-pit 1 and measured 0.6m in length, 0.5m in width and approximately 0.60m in depth. Test-pit 3 (Plate 4) was located approximately 0.5m to the north-east of Test-pit 2 and measured 0.6m by 0.6m approximately 0.60m in depth. All three test-pits revealed the same stratigraphy, comprising a mixed rubble and stone make up layer for the existing floor surface, over 0.6m deep. Test pit 1 had a rubble and mortar layer, 0.2m thick overlying this.

The drainage trench was approximately 28m in length with a width of 0.5m and a depth of 0.4m. The stratigraphy in the trench was uniform, consisting of a black (10YR 2/1), soft silty clay topsoil overlying a yellowish brown (10YR 5/8) soft, sandy clay subsoil. At the north-west corner of the site the drainage trench cut through a bank defining the edge of the churchyard, which consisted of a disturbed topsoil and a redeposited natural containing modern material.

Discussion:

All Saints' Church is a Grade II* listed building (Listing 35898) of 12th century origin. The nave, south doorway and chancel arch date to this period. A north chapel was built in 14th century and extended in the 15th century to form the north aisle. The south aisle and west tower are of 15th century date. The chancel was rebuilt in the 19th century and the church was much restored in 1875.

Several fragments of disarticulated human bone were recovered during the excavation of Test-pit 3. The remains were handed to the vicar for reburial. The risk of encountering disarticulated human bone was expected and no articulated remains were exposed.

No significant archaeological features, deposits or finds were revealed during the excavation.

Illustrations:

Figure 1 Site location

Figure 2 Site layout

Plate 1 Removal of the pews, looking north-west

Plate 2 Test pit 1, looking north

Plate 3 Test pit 2, looking south

Plate 4 Test pit 3, looking south

Plate 5 Section of drainage trench, looking north-west

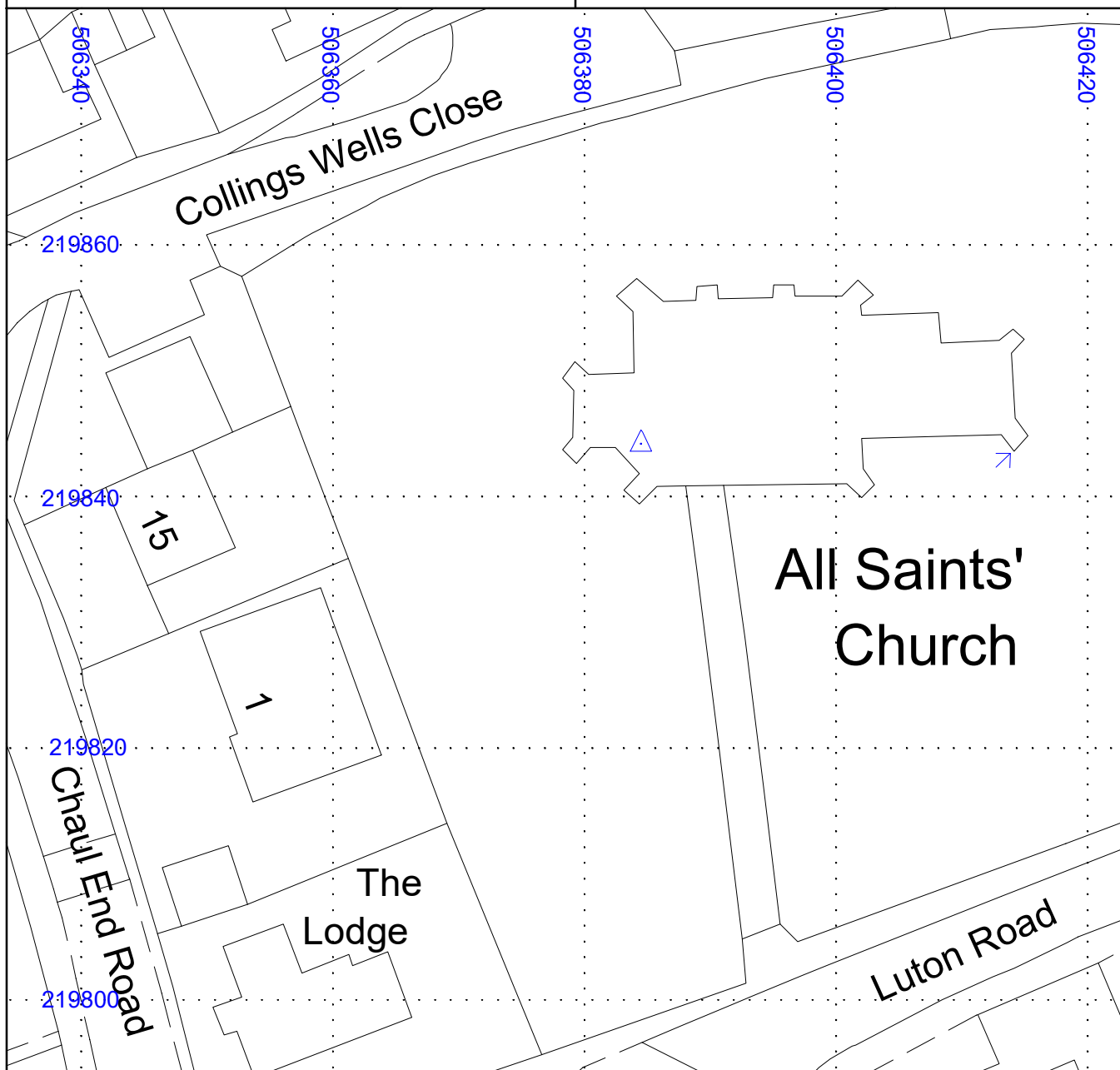
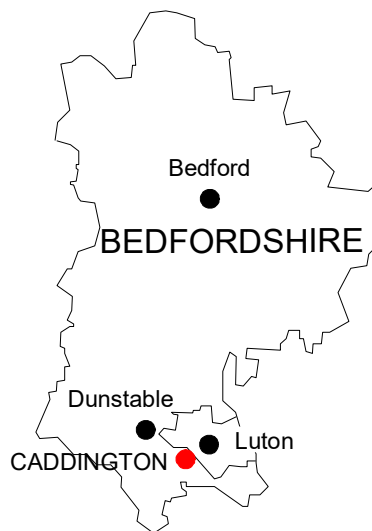
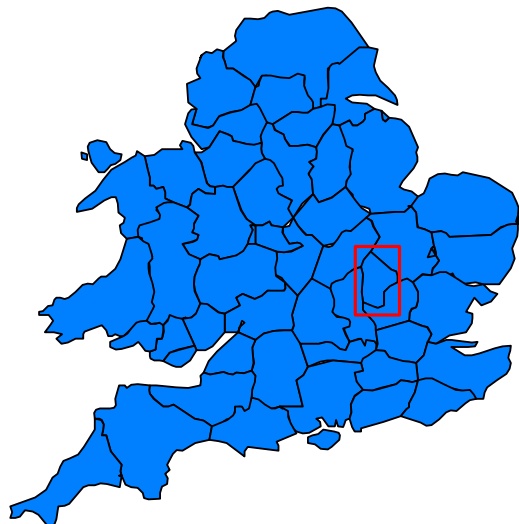
Plate 6 Section of bank at site boundary, looking north-east

Mark Sycamore
December 2016

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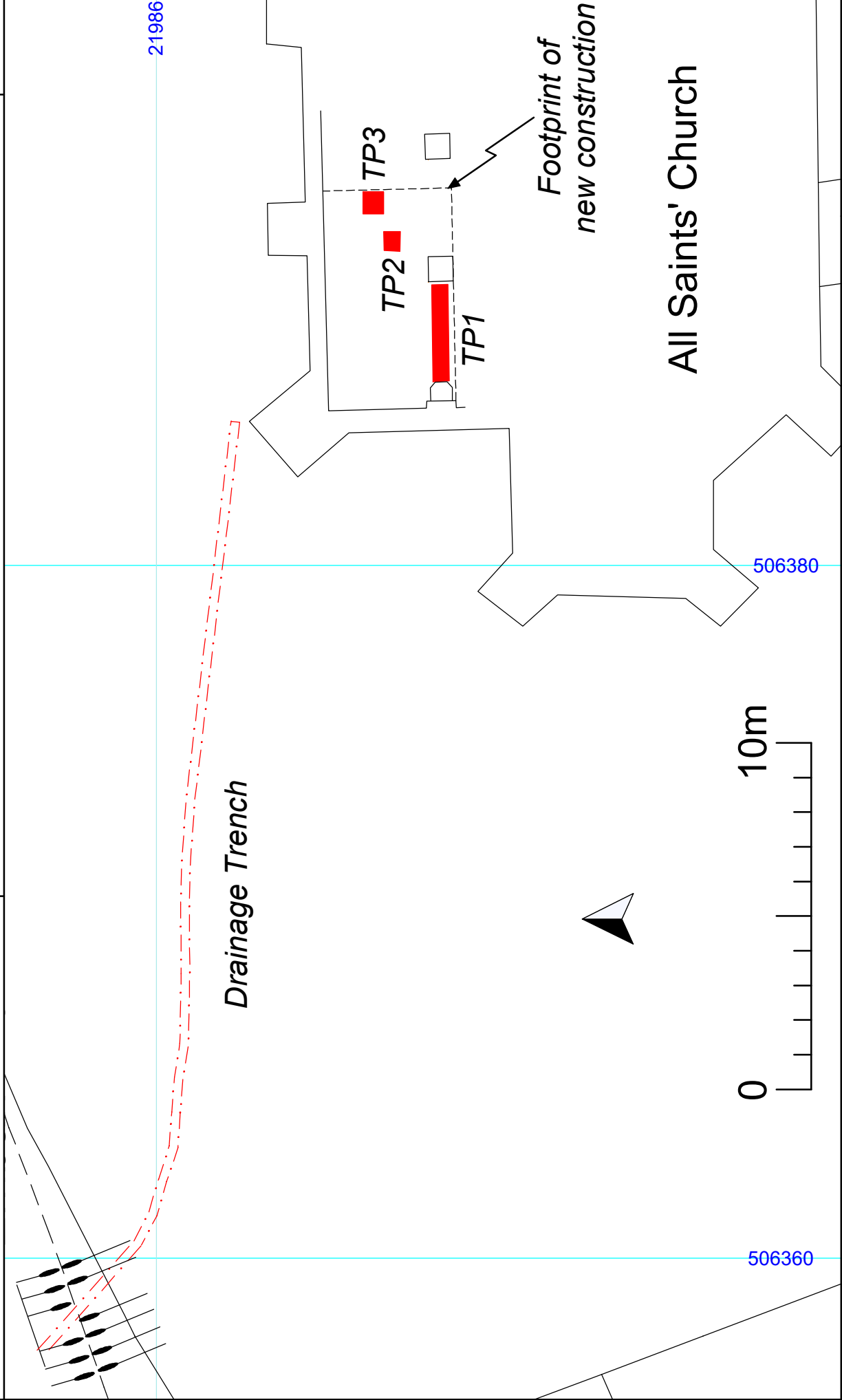


Site Location

Scale 1:500

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Figure 1



Site Layout

Scale 1:150
Figure 2



Plate 1: Removal of the pews, looking north-west



Plate 2: Test pit 1, looking north



Plate 3: Test pit 2, looking south



Plate 4: Test pit 3, looking south



Plate 5: Section of drainage trench, looking north-west



Plate 6: Section of bank at site boundary, looking north-east

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| Site Name: | CADDINGTON CHURCH, CADDINGTON, BEDS | HN ref: | HN1247 |
| | | Site Code: | |

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| Recorder(s): | DRP | Arrive time: | 08:45 | Return travel: | 1.5hrs |
| Date: | 10/02/16 | Depart time: | 10:30 | Total hours: | |

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| Reported to: | PAM WARD | Position: | |
| Purpose of visit: | O/R ON FOUNDATION TRENCHES. | | |

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| Photograph film no | |
| Staff on site: | DRP |
| Observations: | |

ARRIVED ON SITE AT 08:45 TO UNDERTAKE W/D ON FOOTING TRENCHES FOR INTERNAL SCREEN.

MET CAROLANWHEELS + PAM. INSPECTED SITE + BEGAN RECORDING

3 TRENCHES :-

T1 :- LONG TRENCH - BLANK

T2 :- 'TEST PIT' TRENCH - SQUARE - BLANK

T3 :- 'TEST PIT' TRENCH - SQUARE - BLANK + DISMEMBERED BONE FRAGMENT

ALL 3 TRENCHES DEMONSTRATED MIXED RUBBLE MAKE UP FOR EXISTING FLOOR SURFACE.

DRP TOOK GENERAL SITE SHOTS. DID DRAWINGS + SECTION. DUSTED RUBBLE VISITS WITH PAM

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| | Additional records: | | | | |
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| | Context form(s) | | | | |
| | A4 Scale dwng(s) | | | | |
| | A3 Scale dwng(s) | | | | |
| Weather: | _____ | | | Photographs | ✓ |

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| Site Name: | St. Saviour, Cadungun | HN ref: | 1247 |
| | | Site Code: | |

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| Recorder(s): | DST | Arrive time: | 4.15 | Return travel: | 2h |
| Date: | 20/4/2010 | Depart time: | 5.15 | Total hours: | 3h |

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| Reported to: | Tom Ward (via email) | Position: | Architect |
| Purpose of visit: | Inspect drainage trench. | | |

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| Photograph film no | Digital only |
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| Staff on site: | DST only |
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Observations: Arrived on site - contractor not present. Trench excavated just short of the boundary line. Trench line deviated to the south. Stratigraphy as previously observed. Width 0.30m, depth 0.40m. Baseline set up along length of trench and deviation plotted. End point triangulated from tower buttresses (see sketchbook) for drawing up on CAD. No features observed. No finds observed.

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| Weather: | Bright sun | Photographs | 1 |
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| Site Name: | Caddington, All Saints | HN ref: | 1247 |
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| Recorder(s): | DJH | Arrive time: | 07.30 | Return travel: | 1/2h |
| Date: | 27/9/2016 | Depart time: | 09.50 | Total hours: | 2h 50m |

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| Reported to: | Contractors (MI Parrott Ltd) | Position: | |
| Purpose of visit: | Monitor link to sewer in highway | | |

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| Photograph film no | Digital only |
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| Staff on site: | DJH only |
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Observations: A new sewer connection has been established in the street and the piping laid in the trench through the churchyard already observed. The link cuts through the bank marking the northern boundary of the churchyard.

The top of the bank has been cut down to the ground level in the churchyard before arrival exposing a mid yellowish brown silty clay heavily disturbed by roots. The work to cut a trench from the inspection chamber in the churchyard to the connection in the street was observed.

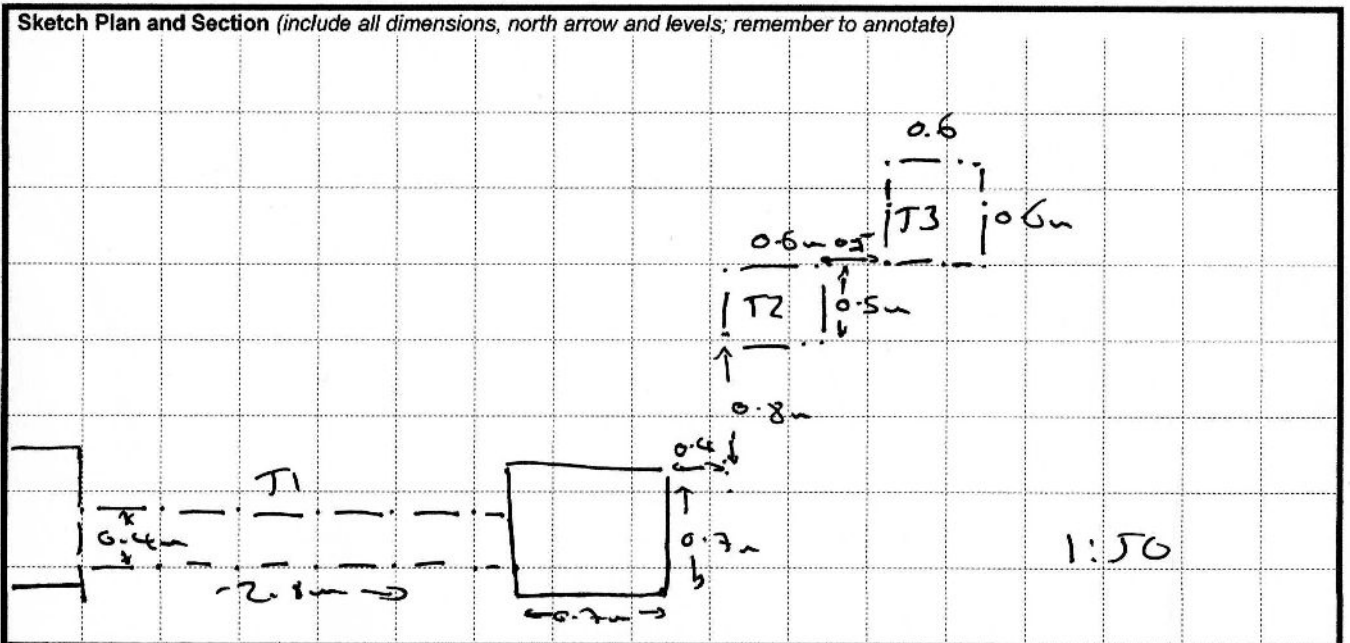
The bank is formed of very compact light yellowish brown silty clay with occasional flint and chalk inclusions which appears to represent a redeposited natural. To the south of this, topsoil has built up, providing bedding for sycamore, holly and other trees that demarcate the boundary. Within the topsoil were fragments and whole bricks, and other modern items including a fragment of bone china and a plastic bowl (!). No clear debris for the bank itself was observed.

The trench was 0.50m wide, excavated to a maximum depth of 1.00m at its northern end.

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| SITE CODE HN1247 | Site Name All Saints' Church, Caddington | | Sub-division | Map/Plan | PLOT No |
| | Length | Width | Depth | | |
| | Machine Type | | Bucket Size | | |

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| Present land use | Visibility (circle) | Poor | Moderate | Good | | | | |
| Topsoil/ Overburden | | | | | | | | |
| Colour | Composition | | | Depth | | | | |
| Subsoil | | | | | | | | |
| Colour | Composition | | | Depth | | | | |
| Natural | | | | | | | | |
| Colour | Composition | | | Depth | | | | |
| Observations (circle) | Archaeology | Root activity | Structure | Contamination | Unstable | Mod truncation | Other: | |
| | Bur'd horizon | A. Burrows | Services | Flooding | Blank | Plough mark | Land drain | |



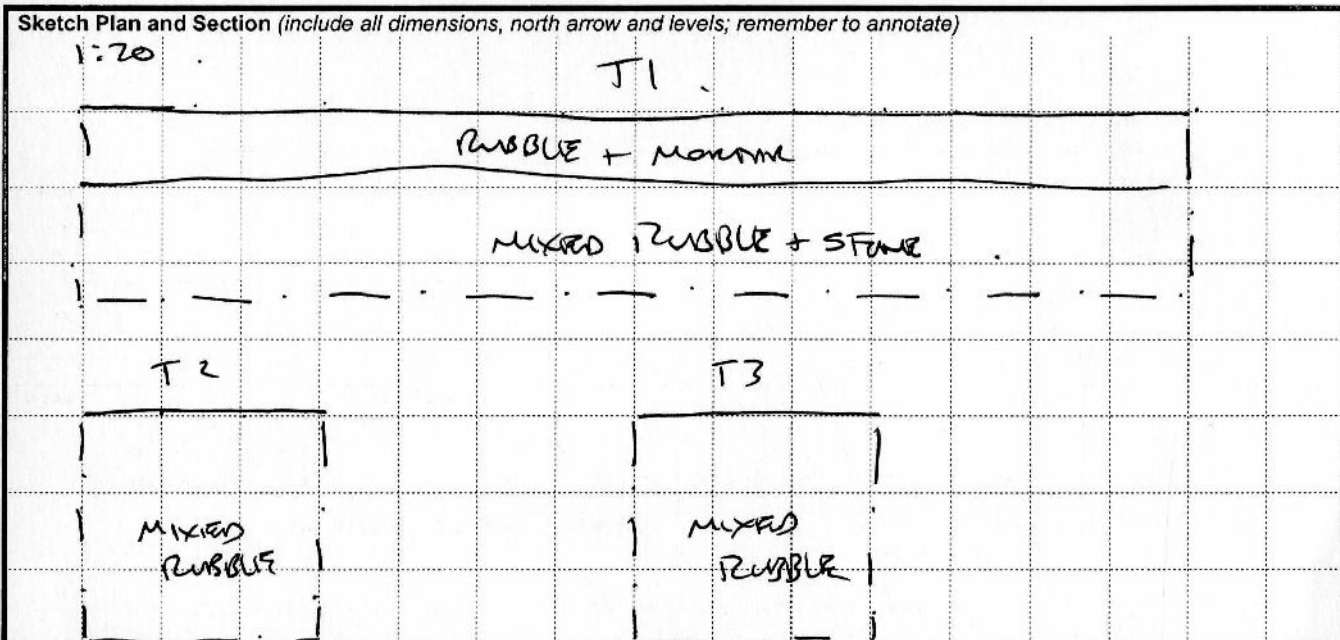
Discussion and interpretation

TRENCHES PLAN.

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| Contexts | | | |
| Finds | | | |
| Plan no. | Photo (b/w) | Signature DRP | |
| Section no. | Photo (colour) | Date 10.02.16 | |
| Levelled | Located | Samples | Checked |
| Weather conditions | | | Cont. |

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| SITE CODE HN1247 | Site Name All Saints' Church, Coddington | Sub-division | Map/Plan | PLOT No |
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| | Machine Type | Bucket Size | | |

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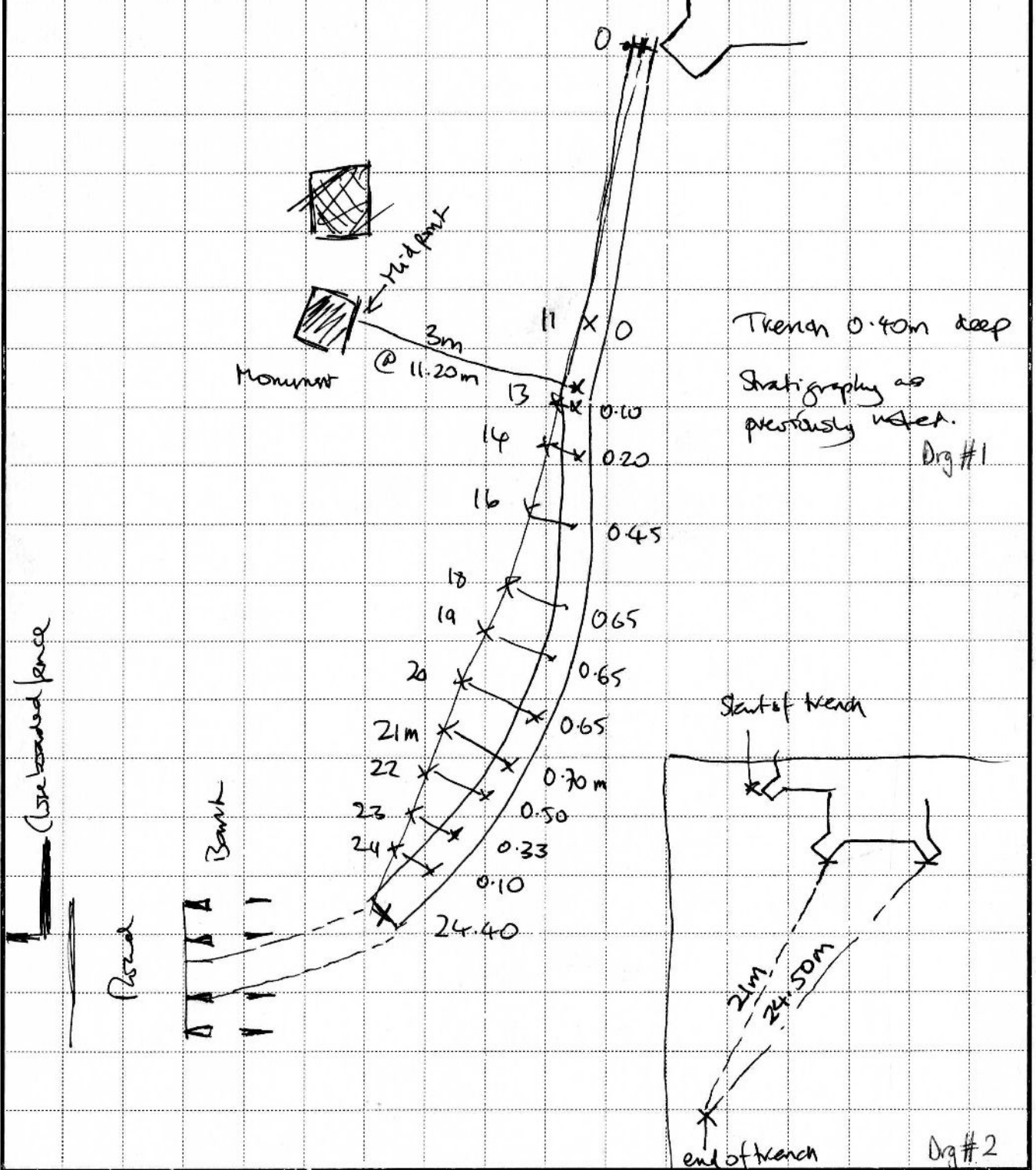
Discussion and interpretation

TRENCHED SECTIONS

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| Levelled | Located | Samples | Checked |
| Weather conditions | | | Cont. |

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| SITE CODE HN 1247 | Site Name All Saints, Coddington | Sub-division Drainage trench | CONTEXT |
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Sketch Plan and Section (include all dimensions, north arrow and levels; remember to annotate)

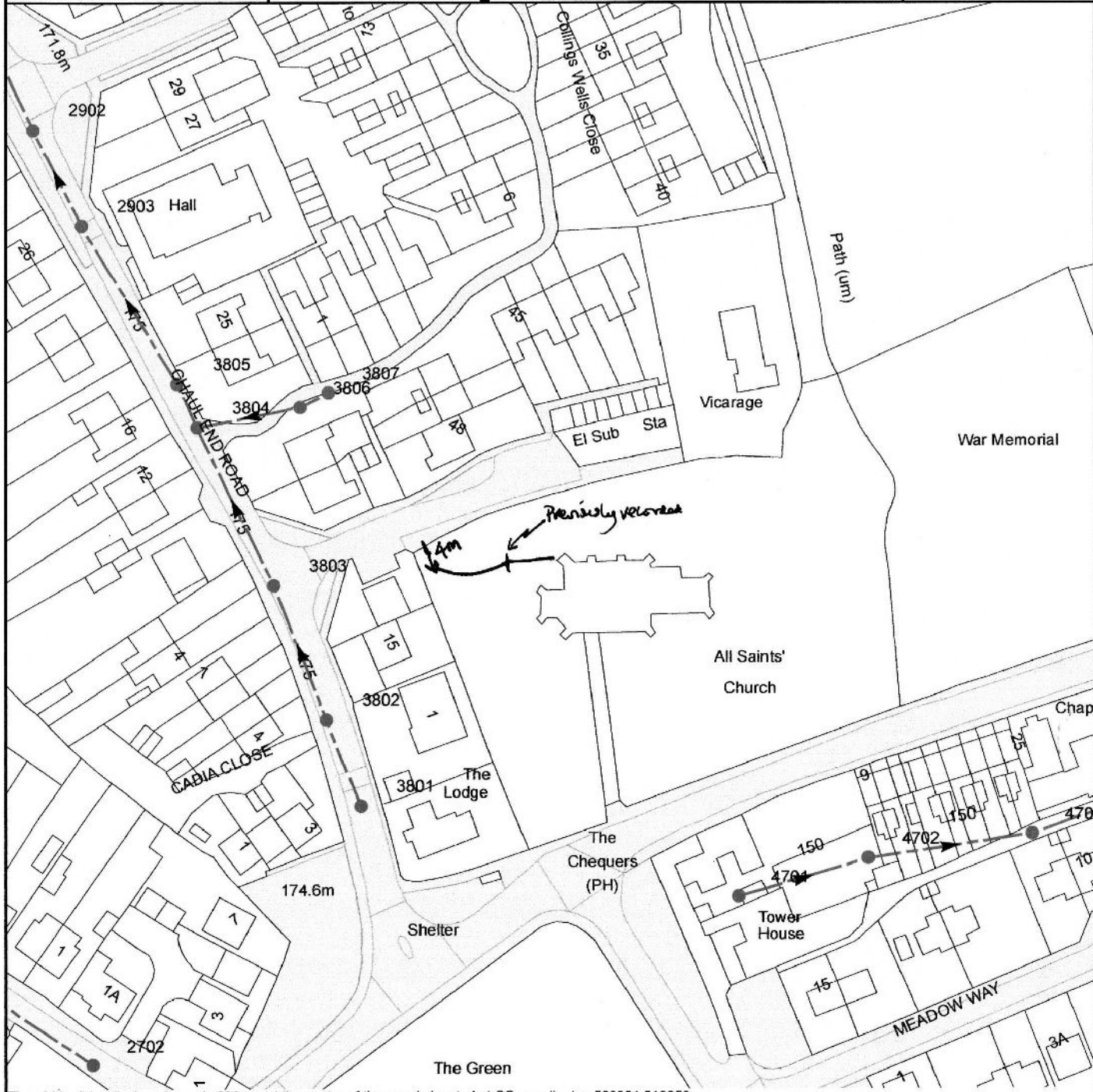


Discussion and interpretation

Trench layout and location.

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| Scale | NTS |
| Signature | DJH |
| Date | 20/4/10 |
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The width of the displayed area is 226m and the centre of the map is located at OS coordinates 506381,219859
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Drainage Trench: position DRG #3

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| HN1247_002 | View of internal works after removal of pews | SW | Y | | 18.01.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_004 | Removal of the pews | NW | Y | | 18.01.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | Sycamore, M., 2016: Plate 1 |
| HN1247_007 | Base of north wall after removal of pews | NE | Y | | 18.01.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_009 | Churchyard: area of proposed drainage works | E | Y | | 18.01.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_011 | Churchyard: area of proposed drainage works | NW | Y | | 18.01.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_017 | Interior: general view of works | NE | Y | | 10.02.16 | DRP | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_022 | Test Pit 1 | N | Y | | 10.02.16 | DRP | Heritage Network | Sycamore, M., 2016: Plate 2 |
| HN1247_025 | Test Pit 2 | S | Y | | 10.02.16 | DRP | Heritage Network | Sycamore, M., 2016: Plate 3 |
| HN1247_026 | Test Pit 3 | S | Y | | 10.02.16 | DRP | Heritage Network | Sycamore, M., 2016: Plate 4 |
| HN1247_030 | Disarticulated human bone | n/a | Y | | 10.02.16 | DRP | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_031 | Drainage trench | E | Y | | 22.02.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_033 | Drainage trench | W | Y | | 26.02.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |

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| HN1247_034 | Section of drainage trench | NW | Y | | 26.02.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | Sycamore, M., 2016: Plate 5 |
| HN1247_035 | Drainage trench | SE | Y | | 20.04.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |
| HN1247_039 | Section of bank at site boundary | NE | Y | | 27.09.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | Sycamore, M., 2016: Plate 6 |
| HN1247_041 | Section of bank at site boundary | NNE | Y | | 27.09.16 | DJH | Heritage Network | |



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