

OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM:

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Project details

Project name Churchyard of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, City of London

Short description of the project Archaeological monitoring took place during groundworks for a temporary metal artwork known as 'Altar', on the lawned area to the southwest of St Botolph's Church. This forms part of Sculpture in the City 2015, the City's annual public art programme. The foundations comprised 4 metal spikes driven in from ground level (c 16m OD), to support uprights and thence the main sculpture. The spikes (with screw-threaded lower section) measured 1.3m in length by up to 115mm in diameter. They were placed at each corner of a rectangle measuring c 2.47m x 0.84m in plan. Initial ground probing identified an obstruction at the proposed southeast corner, at a depth of 0.69m (c 15.3m OD). This was found at two points, as a solid edge c 0.3m east of the final foundation position and as a total obstruction c 1.85m further to the east. Examination of the probe point revealed flecks of fine pale cream stone. No obstructions were encountered at the other 3 foundation points. The obstruction noted above may well form parts of single ledger stone, laid E-W and with its western end forming the first recorded point. The obstruction level is similar to that of ledger stones exposed during previous archaeological monitoring, and is assumed to represent the burial ground surface prior to the creation of public gardens and localised raising of surfaces in 1863 (the first City churchyard to be so converted).

Project dates Start: 05-07-2015 End: 07-07-2015

Previous/future work Yes / No

Any associated project reference codes 15/00334/FULLR3 - Planning Application No.

Any associated project reference codes BOT15 – Sitecode

Type of project Recording project

Site status Local Authority Designated Archaeological Area

Current Land use Other 5 - Garden

Monument type GRAVESTONE Uncertain

Significant Finds None

Investigation type ""Watching Brief""

Prompt Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	GREATER LONDON CITY OF LONDON CITY OF LONDON Churchyard of St Botolph without Bishopsgate
Postcode	EC2M 3TL
Study area	0.05 Square metres
Site coordinates	TQ 33174 81490 51.516116018 -0.0804753297116 51 30 58 N 000 04 49 W Point

Project creators

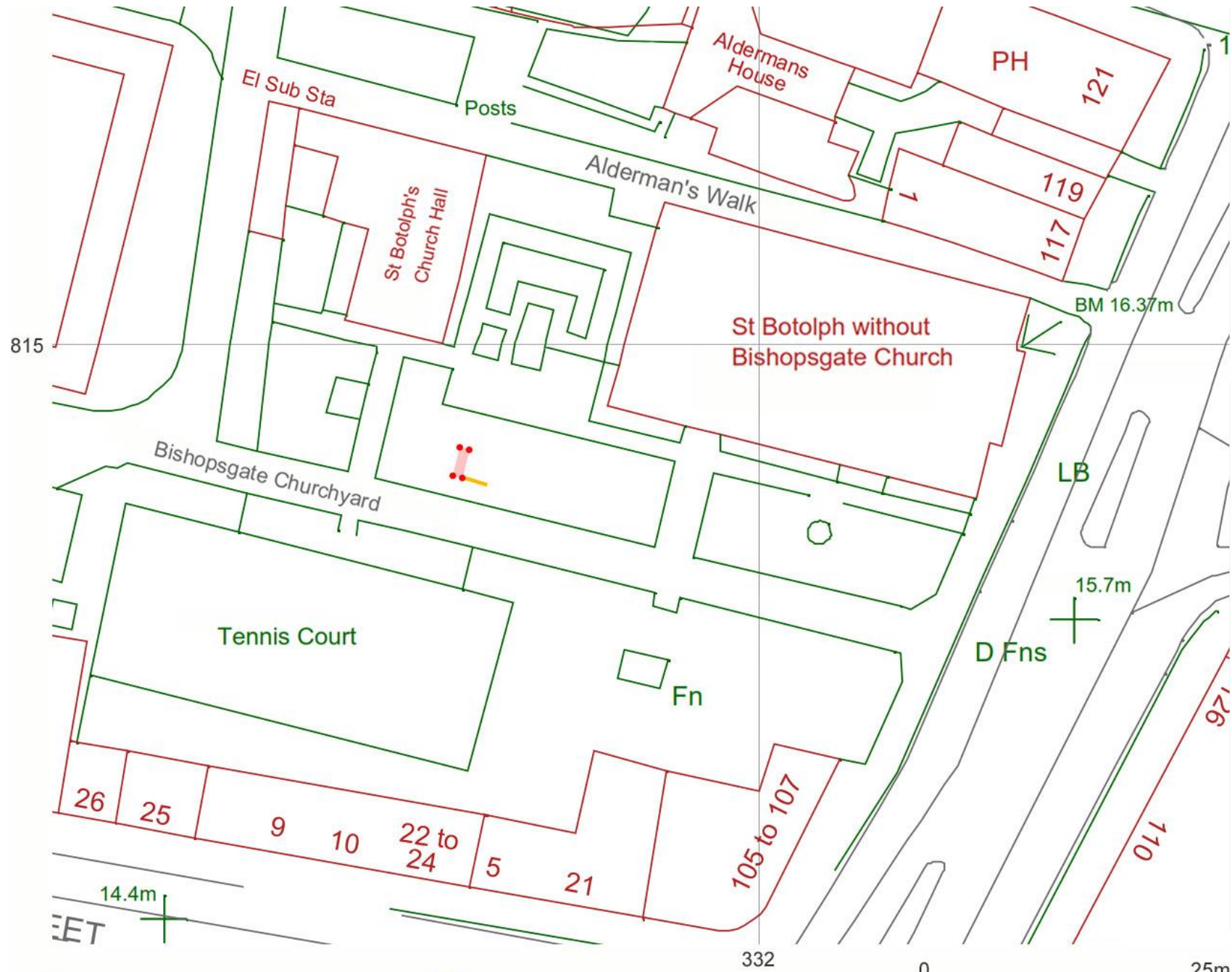
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Project brief originator	City Archaeologist
Project design originator	Compass Archaeology
Project director/manager	Geoff Potter
Type of sponsor/funding body	City of London Corporation

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Museum of London Archaeological Archive
Digital Contents	"Survey"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography"
Paper Archive Exists?	No

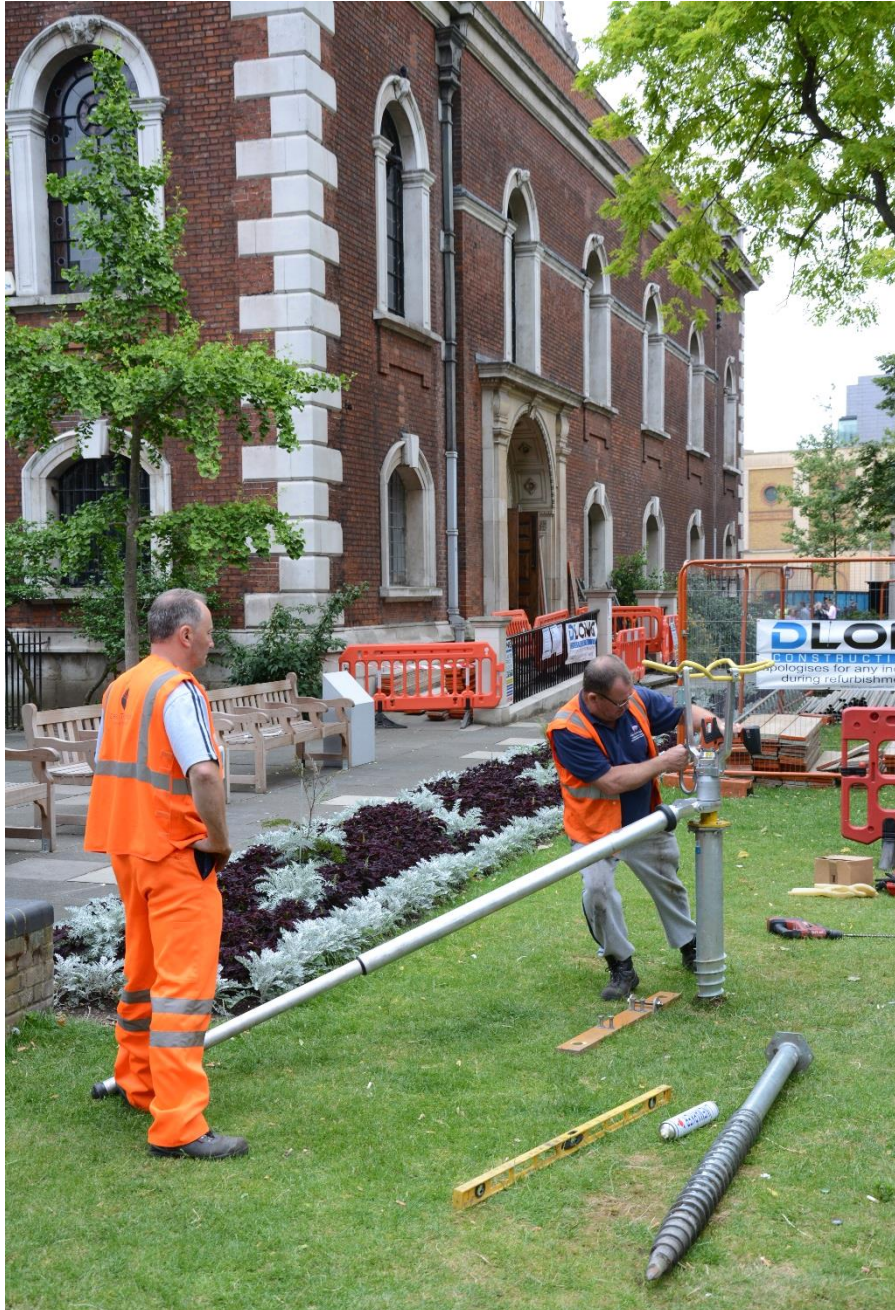
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• Location of spikes (4 no.) to support artwork — Approximate location of probable buried ledger stone





Installation of northeastern (on left) and northwestern foundation spikes, each 1.3m in length