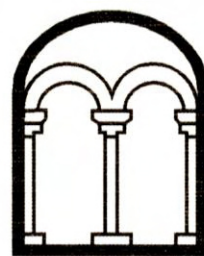


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Preface

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Structure of this report

Section 1 is an introductory chapter giving the background to the report. Section 2 describes the results of the graveyard survey and the archaeological monitoring during construction works. Section 3 interprets the meaning and significance of the results. The bibliography forms Section 4. Appendix 1 is a full descriptive catalogue of the results of the graveyard survey. Appendix 2 is the Oasis data collection form.

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Key Terms

Throughout this document the following terms or abbreviations are used:

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| ALGAO | Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers |
| CPA | County Planning Archaeologist |
| HER | Heritage Environment Record |
| HEU | Historic Environment Unit |
| IfA | Institute for Archaeologists |
| LPA | Local Planning Authority |



Non-technical Summary

Planning permission (4/02331/12/ful) was granted for the refurbishment of the church and the construction of a new church hall at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring, Hertfordshire. Because the proposed development had the potential to impact upon significant heritage assets, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) was advised that a scheme of archaeological works should be implemented at the site. The LPA attached a condition to the planning permission requiring the submission of a written scheme of archaeological investigation for approval, followed by its implementation. The required archaeological works comprised: a survey of the gravestones prior to their relocation and archaeological monitoring and recording during construction of the new church hall. Albion Archaeology was commissioned to survey the gravestones and to undertake the archaeological monitoring of the development works.

Akeman Street Baptist Church is located on the western side of Akeman Street near its junction with the High Street at grid reference SP92311131. The areas affected by the groundworks formed part of the graveyard on the north side of the church. Akeman Street Baptist church is part of the later post-medieval expansion of the town and was a centre for the non-conformist community within the area. The church was first built in 1808 and rebuilt in 1832.

The majority of the gravestones date from the early 19th century, particularly during the 1830s and 1840s. These graves are located to the south of the two earliest burials which date from 1814 and 1817, probably indicating a northern limit to burials during the first half of the 19th century. A few later graves (1860s-1880s) were created in the north of the cemetery. The latest recorded burial dates from 1905.

The more elaborate memorials were located in the south and west of the area, nearest to the church. These include graves with bodystones and a cluster of family vaults, two of which had obelisk memorials.

The development of the memorials follows a typical pattern with simple early 19th century designs succeeded by more elaborate memorials in the later 19th century. The materials also change over time as non-local stones such as slate and granite became available due to developments in transport, particularly the opening of the London to Birmingham Railway in 1837.

The archaeological monitoring works recorded details of the 19th century cemetery but found no evidence of any earlier activity on the site. The absence of earlier evidence is not significant because the potential for archaeological observations was very limited with only a small area of relatively clean sub-soil exposed in the north-west of the development area. The design for the new church hall minimised subsurface disturbance through the use of piled foundations and a floor supported on raised ground beams. The 19th century burials remain in situ below the new development.



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Background to the Report (planning background)**

Planning permission (4/02331/12/ful) was granted for the refurbishment of the church and the construction of a new church hall.

Albion Archaeology had previously produced a desk-based assessment (2010) and building survey and impact assessment (2012), which were submitted as part of the planning application process.

Because the proposed development had the potential to impact upon significant heritage assets, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) was advised that a scheme of archaeological works should be implemented at the site. In accordance with this advice, and of paragraph 141 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the LPA attached a condition to the planning permission requiring the submission of a written scheme of archaeological investigation for approval, followed by its implementation.

Discussions with Kate Batt, the Hertfordshire County Planning Archaeologist (Hertfordshire County Council HEU), confirmed that the scheme of investigation required was a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording during construction of the new hall, to include a survey of the gravestones prior to their removal.

Albion Archaeology was commissioned to survey the gravestones and to undertake the archaeological monitoring of the development works. This report presents the results of the graveyard survey and archaeological monitoring.

1.2 **Site Location, Description, Topography and Geology**

Akeman Street Baptist Church is located on the western side of Akeman Street near its junction with the High Street (Figure 1); it is centred on OS grid reference SP92311131.

The areas affected by the groundworks formed part of the graveyard on the north side of the church and lay at a height of *c.* 140m OD. The ground falls steeply from the eastern front of the chapel to Akeman Street itself which is at 135m OD.

Tring lies in the north-eastern part of the Chiltern Hills, just to the south of the Greensand Ridge. The underlying geology of the site is Hollywell Nodular Chalk Formation and New Pit Chalk Formation. No superficial deposits are recorded in this location.

1.3 **Archaeological and Historical Background**

Akeman Street Baptist church is part of the later post-medieval expansion of the town and was a centre for the non-conformist community within the area. The church was first built in 1808 and rebuilt in 1832. The development area was used as a burial ground from 1808 onwards, although it is now closed.



The Desk-Based Assessment (Albion Archaeology 2010) examined the known archaeological background to the development area. The results are summarised below.

Existing historical records show the plot of land occupied by the church was open ground prior to its construction. It is likely that in the medieval period it was part of the agricultural hinterland of Tring. No early medieval, Roman or prehistoric remains have been previously recorded within the development area or its immediate vicinity, however Tring is situated close to the meeting of two important routeways; the prehistoric Icknield Way and the Roman Akeman Street. Iron Age and Roman remains have been recorded in the wider Tring area. In addition the development area is located near the centre of the medieval settlement in an area of Archaeological Significance (10) and a Conservation Area. The junction between Akeman Street and the High Street was the focus of the post-medieval development of the town, represented by a market house, and a considerable number of 16th and 17th century cottages, coaching inns, small-scale industrial workshops and mills.

The main burial ground of the Church was on its western side, but the areas immediately to the north and south of the church were also used for burials from c.1808 onwards. The grave monuments are typical of a small, mid-19th century cemetery, largely comprising simple headstones.

1.4 Development Works

The development consisted of a new church hall, constructed on a small burial plot adjacent to the north side of the existing building. The new hall is one storey high and is constructed with a raised floor on piled foundations. The piling operations were carried out from decking to minimise ground disturbance. The design incorporates a suspended pre-cast concrete ‘beam and block’ floor on ground beams supported by the piles. The design minimised any ground disturbance, with ground reduction restricted to the western half of the new build. The raised floor level is above the existing ground surface in the eastern half of the new hall.

The gravestones within the area of the new building were removed and relocated in an area to the west of the building prior to the start of construction works.

1.5 Project Objectives

The objectives of the archaeological works identified in the WSI (Albion 2014) were as follows:

The immediate objective of the archaeological fieldwork is to monitor and supervise all groundworks that have the potential to disturb archaeological remains. The piling works are unlikely to result in groundworks of sufficient scale or depth to expose archaeological remains in a way that allows excavation and recording. However, any archaeological deposits that are encountered will be investigated, characterised and recorded. In particular the existing record of the gravestones will be enhanced to ensure that location, type and inscription of those stones that will be removed is fully recorded. The method statements outlined in appendix 1 cover the possibility of uncovering remains that require investigation and record.



The monitoring is largely precautionary and will ensure that the piling operations are carried out with due regard to potential buried archaeology.

Although the graveyard would have caused a degree of disturbance to any earlier buried remains, the proximity of significant Iron Age and Roman remains indicates the development area has the potential for the investigation to contribute to regional research topics identified within published Research Frameworks for the Eastern Counties (Brown and Glazebrook 2000, Medlycott and Brown 2008, Medlycott 2011). These may include the following subjects:

- *Processes of economic and social change and development during the Late Iron Age and Iron Age/Roman transition*
- *Roman town development*

For this reason it is important to ensure that the agreed piling scheme and construction operations minimises any potential damage to below ground archaeology.

1.6 Methodology

The methodology employed for the investigation is detailed in the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by Albion Archaeology (Albion 2014). The graveyard survey to record the memorial stones prior to them being relocated was undertaken on the 14th and 15th of June 2015. Monitoring of construction works was carried out between the 6th July and the 17th August 2015.



2. RESULTS

The results of the fieldwork described below and illustrated in Figures 2 and 3. An illustrated catalogue with detailed records of all of the gravestones forms Appendix 1 at the back of the report.

2.1 Graveyard Survey

Thirty-seven monuments were recorded (Figure 2). The stones were generally in fairly good condition with very few completely illegible inscriptions or broken or disintegrated examples.

The earliest recorded date of death was 1814 and the latest was 1905. The earliest burials identified in the survey date from 1814 (Grave 29) and 1817, 1818 (Grave 11). These earlier graves were located towards the northern side of the burial ground. The majority of the graves appear to have been created in the 1820s, 1830s and 1840s. These graves in a broad distribution to the south of the two earliest graves noted above. A few graves (numbers 12, 18 and 19) with dates in the 1860s and 1880s were located in the northern part of the cemetery. The latest recorded date of death was 1905.

Most of the graves consisted of a simple arrangement marked by head and foot stones. Two of the graves in the northern part of the burial ground had remains of kerb stones (Graves 12 and 13). Seven of the graves (1, 2, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 27) had a body stone between the head and foot stones. All of the graves with bodystones were located along the southern and western edges of the graveyard.

The majority of the headstones are from relatively local limestone. Only a small number of the monuments were made from stone imported from further afield. A headstone and footstone on Grave 2 are in slate Grave 2 has head and footstones in slate and commemorates Job Honour (d.1850) and his wife Rachel (d.1862). The obelisk memorial above Grave 6 appears to be in fine grained limestone and dates from the 1850s. The adjacent obelisk on Grave 5 is in polished granite and dates from the 1860s.

The majority of the headstones are relatively simple in design, consisting of quite plain lettering recording names and dates with some religious verses or poems. Only a few of the headstones have elaborate decoration. Grave 12, from the 1880s, is in a Gothic arched shape. In the upper part it has a relief panel with naturalistically carved heads of wheat and grapevines and along the sides are elaborate columns.

The largest and most elaborate monuments were located in the south-western part of the area. These consisted of two obelisks type memorials (Graves 5 and 6) set within rectangular kerbed bases and a chest tomb (Grave 3) that would have originally been surrounded by iron railings.

In addition to the *in situ* gravestones there was a group of six headstones (30 to 35) that had been previously relocated against the northern boundary of the burial ground.



Three re-used headstones (38, 39 and 40) that were found during archaeological monitoring works were recorded and incorporated with the other records from the graveyard survey (Appendix 1).

The graveyard contained burials arranged in eight north-south aligned rows. All of the more prominent memorials were located along the southern and western ends of the graveyard, close to the path. Vaults containing larger, multiple burials were clustered in the south-west of the graveyard.

A number of the stones were inscribed with the names of the stonemason. Five were by Thompson Aylesbury on stones dating from the 1830s. One was by Young Tring, also dating from the 1830s and another was marked J Hobbs on a headstone dating from the 1880s.

2.2 Archaeological Monitoring

During the construction of the new church hall any groundworks with the potential to uncover archaeological remains were subject to archaeological monitoring. The ground surface in the development area slopes down towards the south east, towards the existing building on the south and towards Akeman Street to the east. The results of archaeological monitoring are illustrated in Figures 3 and 4, and Images 1 to 4.

Due to the slope of the site and the use of a suspended floor only the western part of the development needed to be reduced. An area measuring approximately 11m east-west by 8.5m north-south was machined down to the development formation level at 136.55m OD. The maximum depth of soil removed was 550mm in the north-west corner of the trench. The depth of soil gradually thinned out to nothing at the eastern edge of the trench.

2.2.1 Soil layers

The upper part of the soil profile consisted of a dark to mid grey silty topsoil layer with occasional chalk fragments and small stones (labelled B on Figure 4). In the deepest, north-west part of the trench a subsoil layer was exposed at a depth of approximately 450mm below the ground surface (labelled A on Figure 4). This was light yellow brown silt with frequent chalk fragments and occasional stones.

2.2.2 Grave cuts

A small number of grave cuts were identifiable as chalky fills within the darker topsoil layer in the eastern part of the trench.

A cut corresponding to the surface location of grave 14 measured 1.85m long, 0.65m wide with rounded ends. It contained a mixed chalky fill.

A cut corresponding to the surface location of grave 15 was rectangular in plan with straight sides. It measured 1.75m long and 0.6m wide and contained a fill of clean chalk fragments.



A larger, oblong cut filled with clean chalk fragments was identified within the grave row to the west of the two individual grave cuts described above. This cut was 2.6m long north-south and 1.75m wide east-west. It corresponds to the surface location of graves 8, 9 and 10.

2.2.3 Vaults

Three family burial vaults, corresponding to graves 3, 5 and 6, were seen in the south-western part of the trench. A head stone (Grave 4) which refers to a vault and records 13 individuals presumably indicates the presence of another vault which lay below the construction formation level in this part of the site.

Piling adjacent to the surface location of the obelisk memorial of grave 5 went into a brick-lined burial vault (Image 4). There was void of at least 1.5m below the brick arch over the vault. No remains were visible through the hole in the top of the vault. It appeared to have a soil fill in the base of the void.

The kerbstones and uppermost soil layers were removed from grave 6 which formerly contained an obelisk memorial (Image 4). The vault itself was not affected by the ground reduction or piling. Part of the fill above the vault and a single strip of brickwork were exposed. The fill within the north two-thirds consisted of clean chalk fragments whilst the southern part was filled with light yellow brown chalky soil.

Ground reduction below the surface location of the chest tomb on grave 3 uncovered the top of a brick vault measuring 2.5m east-west by 1.5m north-south (Images 2 and 3). The top of a brick arch extended along the long axis of the structure and the area to either side of the arch was filled with bricks laid flat. The details visible on top suggest that the vault is roofed with a barrel vault running the length of the structure. A D-shaped cut filled with clean chalk fragments at the west end of the vault indicates a construction cut for the vault or possibly an access point.

2.3 Artefacts

No archaeological artefacts were noted during the monitoring of the groundworks.



3. ANALYSIS

3.1 Graveyard Survey

The earliest burial is dated 1814, indicating that this part of the graveyard was in use relatively soon after the construction of the church in 1808. The majority of the graves were established in the early 19th century, particularly during the 1830s and 1840s. These graves form densely packed rows to the south of the two earliest burials (Graves 11 and 29), perhaps indicating the presence of a boundary or northern limit to the extent of burial during the first half of the 19th century. A few later graves (1860s-1880s) were created in the north of the cemetery. The latest recorded burial is dated 1905 (Grave 19), suggesting this part of the cemetery was closed in the early 20th century.

The distribution of different types of graves shows that the more elaborate memorials were located nearest to the church in the south and west of the cemetery. Graves with bodystones lined the edge of the path along the south side and a group of family vaults, two with obelisk memorials, were clustered in the south-west of the area.

The development of the memorials follows a typical pattern reflecting changing artistic styles and attitudes to death. The simple designs of the early 19th century headstones are succeeded by more elaborate memorials in the later 19th century.

The materials also change over time as non-local stones such as slate and granite became available due to developments in transport, particularly the opening of the London to Birmingham Railway in 1837.

3.2 Archaeological Monitoring

The archaeological monitoring works recorded details of the 19th century cemetery but found no evidence of any earlier activity on the site.

The absence of earlier evidence is not significant because the potential for archaeological observations was very limited with only a small area of relatively clean sub-soil exposed in the north-west of the development area. The design for the new church hall minimised subsurface disturbance through the use of piled foundations and a floor supported on raised ground beams. The 19th century burials were left *in situ* below the new development.



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5. APPENDIX 1: GRAVEYARD SURVEY CATALOGUE



APPENDIX 1: GRAVEYARD SURVEY

Albion Archaeology carried out a Graveyard Survey on June 15th and 16th 2015. The survey was carried out by Mark Phillips, Jo Barker and Helen Parslow.

Methodology

The graves were assigned numbers on a plan of the graveyard starting at the western end. Some additional graves and headstones which were identified during the recording work were added to the sequence as they were identified. Each separate element of the grave was recorded on a pro-former recording sheet. The photographic record consists of digital images of the headstone (front and back) and footstone and bodystone where present. The gravestones were recorded *in situ* prior to relocation in advance of construction work. A small group of head and foot stones (numbers 30 to 35) had been relocated against the north wall of the graveyard at some time in the past. These were recorded *in situ* prior to relocation. Three buried headstones were found during archaeological monitoring of the construction works. These were recorded in the same way as the other headstones and the details added to the results of the graveyard survey.

Results

Forty separate memorials or graves were recorded. Individuals identified on the gravestones are listed alphabetically by family name in Table 1 at the end of Appendix 1. The detailed results of the survey are presented in the catalogue below and in Figure 2 which shows the location of the graves and relocated/re-used headstones. The individual elements (headstone, bodystone, footstone, obelisk, kerbstones) are described with a transcription of the memorial and images of the different elements. Note that all of the footstones match the shape and stone of the corresponding headstone.

Conventions used in the transcription of the memorials are shown below:

---- illegible

[] added by recorder where inscription was indistinct

All graves are east /west orientated and unless otherwise stated the dedication is on the East facing or Front side

*= Flower symbol used for punctuation in the inscription



Stone masons

The names of three stone masons were identified. These are generally inscribed on the lower front face of the headstone, close to ground level. The names on the headstones are listed below with information from historic trade directories and the numbers and dates of the graves.

Thompson Aylesbury

In Pigot's Directory of Buckinghamshire for 1830-31 William Thomson is listed under stone and marble masons, with his address given as Kingsbury, Aylesbury. Five headstones carry his name, Grave 16 (1837), Grave 21 (date illegible), Grave 24 (1833), Grave 25 (1832) and Grave 34 (1835).

J Hobbs

Kelly's Directory for 1890 lists James Hobbs as a stone and monumental mason at Western Road, Tring. One headstone was by Hobbs, Grave 12 (1884).

Young Tring

There was one headstone by Young, Grave 20 (1838). A search of trade directories failed to identify this name in Tring.



GRAVE 1

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.35m in height

6 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

Sacred

TO THE MEMORY OF

SUSANNAH WIFE

OF HENRY TOMKINS

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE 26 JUNE 1833

AGED 38 YEARS

Also REBECCA their Daughter died July 1821

Also Josiah their Son died August 183[5]

Aged 8 Years

And of Charles their Son died December 1834

Aged 7 Years

A kingdom Jesus has prepared

For children, through His blessed word

Suffer, and prevent them not.

Christ describes their happy lot

Also SOPHIA their Daughter died April ---1857

AGED 7 YEARS

AND OF ANN TOMKINS

MOTHER OF HENRY TOMKINS

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOVEMBER 9 1857

AGED 85 YEARS



Grave 1: Front of headstone



Bodystone

The bodystone has no markings

It is 1.79 m in length and is narrower at the headstone end, widens out in the middle and narrows again towards the footstone. It is slightly domed and 180mm in height.

Visible only on the south side of the bodystone is a low kerb along the length of the bodystone 250 mm wide and approx. 10mm in height. The bodystone does not reach the footstone and there is a gap of 40mm (partly due to movement in the footstone)

Bodystone looking North

Footstone

Limestone . Only has initials for 5 people so appears to miss off Ann Tomkins?

_480mm in height

Stone reads as follows:

S*T 18--

R*T, 1821

J*T, 183[5]

C*T 183-

S*T 18—



Grave 1: Back of headstone



Grave 1: Footstone



Grave 1: Bodystone looking north



GRAVE 2

Headstone

Slate Headstone – 1.16m in height

Similar to Roman Stalae in style

RELICT = Widow

2 people commemorated

Stone reads

To
THE MEMORY OF
JOB HONOUR.
A MUCH RESPECTED DEACON OF THIS CHURCH
FOR FORTY EIGHT YEARS
WHO DIED NOVEMBER 16TH 1850.
AGED 72 YEARS
—————
ALSO OF
RACHEL.
RELICT OF THE ABOVE.
WHO DIED JAN^Y 21ST 1862.
AGED 70 YEARS .
—————
FOR IN WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED
AND ROSE AGAIN EVEN SO THEM ALSO
WHICH SLEEP IN JESUS WILL GOD
BRING WITH HIM
—————



Grave 2: Front of headstone



Bodystone

Limestone?

1.7m in length

310mm in width (fairly even down length)

58mm height/thick with 10mm kerbstone

Footstone

Slate footstone – 568mm in height

J.H. 1850

R.H. 1862



Grave 2: Back of headstone



Grave 2: Footstone



Grave 2: Head, foot and body stones



GRAVE 3

Chest tomb

1.87 m in length (EW)

1.12m in width (NS)

830mm High

Has kerb stone visible around three sides of the tomb (not viable in the north side but overgrown)

Remains of railings (Iron) on the Southern and Eastern sides. But those that remain cut off at ground height.

Southern side would have had 15 rails 60 x 60mm in size, on base of limestone 320mm in width.

No decipherable inscription on sides or top, possibility of an 8 visible.



Grave 3: Chest tomb



GRAVE 4

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.557m in height

13 people commemorated

Stone reads

VAULT

THE REMAINS OF

| | |
|--|---|
| WILLIAM FOSTER. ----- ----- -- SARAH FOSTER ----- ----- ----- 28 YEARS -- EDWARD FOSTER. ----- -----NE 19 1832 AGED 26 YEARS -- ELIZA FOSTER. DIED OCT 12 18-- AGED 3 YEARS ELIZABETH FOSTEROF EDWARD FOSTER DIED ----17 ----1820? ----- YEARS -- ALSO OF MARK YOUNG DIED MARCH 18-- AGED 7 YEARS | ----- ----- ----- -- FREDERICK WILLIAM ----- -----5----- -- SARAH ANNE DIED----- AGED 20 MONTHS -- SUSANNAH DIED NOV -----3 AGED – MON--- -- ELIZA. ----- AGED 3? YEARS -- MARY ELIZABETH DIED OCT--- AGED 10 MONTHS -- SARAH ANNE YOUNG DIED NOV 20 18-- AGED 13 YEARS |
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Grave 4: Front of headstone



Grave 4: Back of headstone



GRAVE 5

Obelisk

2 people commemorated, 3 SIDES INSCRIBED, 1 SIDE (NORTH) BLANK

Polished granite, 2.62 m in height

Plinth -Square in shape. So 1.011 m in width and thickness

Plinth stone is rusticated

Surrounded by kerb stone on 3 sides (but fourth side where path now is) – not centrally within it

Stone reads as follows:

North Face – No inscription



Grave 5: North face of obelisk



South Face

THE
FAMILY VAULT
OF
Thomas Butcher
WHO WAS FOR 58 YEARS
CONNECTED WITH
THE CHURCH ASSEMBLING HERE
AND DIED NOV 14TH 1862
AGED 82 YEARS
AND OF HIS SON
Thomas Butcher
WHO ALSO WAS CONNECTED
THEREWITH FOR 29 YEARS
AND DIED APRIL 5TH 1871,
AGED 65 YEARS



Grave 5: South face of obelisk



West Face.

**AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY
ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES
AND THERE SHALL BE NO MORE
DEATH. NEITHER SORROW, NOR
CRYING, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE
ANYMORE PAIN FOR THE FORMER
THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY**



Grave 5: West face of obelisk



East Face

**I AM THE RESURECTION
AND THE LIFE, HE THAT
BELEIVETH IN ME, THOUGH,
HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL
HE LIVE AND WHOSOEVER
LIVETH, AND DELIVERETH IN
ME, SHALL NEVER DIE!**



Grave 5: east face of obelisk



GRAVE 6

Obelisk

6 people commemorated, All 4 SIDES INSCRIBED

Fine-grained limestone, 1.73 m in height

Plinth -Square in shape. So 600mm in width and thickness

Surrounded by kerb stone on 3 sides (but fourth side where path now is) – not centrally within it

Stone reads as follows:

South side

IN MEMORY
OF
MARY
THE BELOVED WIFE OF
THOMAS GLOVER
WHO DIED
6 MARCH 1876.
AGED 55.
WHATSOEVER THY HANDS
FINDETH TO DO. DO IT
WITH THY MIGHT,



Grave 6: South face of obelisk



East side

IN MEMORY
OF
RICHARD GLOVER
26 YEARS
PASTOR OF THIS CHURCH
HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE
7TH MAY 1861
AGED 76 YEARS
MY RECORD IS ON HIGH

ALSO
ANN. HIS WIFE
8TH MAY 1867,
AGED 83
BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS



Grave 6: East face of obelisk



North side

**IN MEMORY
OF THOMAS MARSHALL
GLOVER
WHO DIED
FEBRUARY 11TH 1878**

**AND THERE SHALL BE NO
NIGHT THERE**



Grave 6: North face of obelisk



West Side

IN MEMORY

OF

ALICE SARAH

WHO DIED

23RD MARCH 1863

AGED 3½ MONTHS

—————

ALSO

MARY MILDRED

WHO DIED

19TH OCTOBER 1864

—————

CHILDREN OF

THOMAS AND

MARY GLOVER.

AROUND THE THRONE OF GOD

IN HEAVEN

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN STAND



Grave 6: West face of obelisk



GRAVE 7

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.595m in height

2 people commemorated

RELICT = Widow

Stone reads as follows:

IN MEMEORY OF
WILLIAM FIRTH
many years a respectable surgeon
of this town
who departed this life
August the 4th 1825
Aged 52 Years
Also of
HARRIET FIRTH
relict of the above
who departed this life
April 25th 1853
Aged 76 Years

—
FOR THE MERCY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

UNTO ETERNAL LIFE



Grave 7: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

580mm in height

Stone reads as follows: (nb Very gothic swirly lettering for WF)

WF

1826

HF 1853



Grave 7: Back of headstone



Grave 7: Footstone



GRAVE 8

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.260m in height

Mostly legible but stone has "laminated" in places

Note also different scripts /fonts used

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In memory of

EDWARD FOSTER

Who departed this life

March 13th 1833

Aged 52 years

—

Also of SUSANNAH his wife

Who departed this life

IN ____ 1845

____d 61 Years



Grave 8: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

460mm in height (BUT BROKEN IN TWO)

Stone reads as follows:

E.F 18-3

SF ,-----



Grave 8: Back of headstone



Grave 8: Broken footstone



GRAVE 9

Headstone

Broken Limestone Headstone only 320mm remains of the height

No visible inscription

Footstone

Limestone

330mm in height

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

R + S

1838



Grave 9: Broken front of headstone



Grave 9: Footstone



GRAVE 10

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 983mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

M^R GEORGE CUTLER

AGED 61 YEARS

DIED

AUGUST 2ND

1845

Footstone

Limestone

375mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

G.C, 1845



Grave 10: Front of headstone



Grave 10: Footstone



GRAVE 11

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.095m in height

3 people commemorated (wife and children of George who is buried in next grave)

Note on reverse of headstone the edges are finished with a drafted margin

Stone reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF

REBECCA Wife of

GEORGE CUTLER

Who departed this Life

October 12th 1818

Aged 29 Years

Also two Sons of the above

WILLIAM and HENRY

WILLIAM died April 16th 1817

Aged 11 Months

HENRY Died

December 23rd 1818

Aged 5 Months



Grave 11: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

323mm in height

3 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

RC 1818

WC 1817

HC 1818



Grave 11: Footstone



Grave 11: Back of headstone (note the drafted margin of stone)



GRAVE 12

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.48m in height – remains of kerb on top largest fragment 1.226m x 155mm x 125mm

Has stonemason/undertakers name toward bottom left J HOBBS.

Gothic style, pointed arch with attached columns on sides of the stone. Ornate carved panel in head of arch with grapes (blood of Christ) and wheat (Body of Christ) carved in sharp relief.

3 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In Loving Memory of
THOMAS FRED FLEET
WHO DIED APRIL 28 1884
AGED 71 YEARS.

—————
REST IN PEACE.

Also of
ELIZABETH WIFE OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED JUNE 6 – 1866
AGED 54 YEARS

—————
IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH

Also of
ANN FLEET
WIFE OF THE ABOVE.
WHO DIED DECEMBER 7TH 1897
AGED 68 YEARS
THY WILL BE DONE



Grave 12: Front of headstone



Grave 12: Back of headstone



GRAVE 13

Headstone

Broken Limestone Headstone 876mm in height. kerb – 2m in length and 756mm wide, kerb 80mm thick

Not inscribed has metal lettering

Stone reads as follows:

[E]T

R 27TH 1900

YEARS

—

MY SHEPHERD



Grave 13: Front of headstone

GRAVE 14

Headstone

Limestone Headstone very short 378mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

HENRY HARRIS

died January 12th

1841 (?)

Aged 7 months



Grave 14: Front of headstone



GRAVE 15

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.23m in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

To
the Memory of
ROBERT JENNINGS MOODY
Who departed this life
-----RY 1842
-----35 (?) YEARS



Grave 15: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

455mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

R .J.M

1842



Grave 15: Back of headstone



Grave 15: Footstone



GRAVE 16

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.104m in height

Stone mason/undertaker Thompson from Aylesbury

4 people commemorated (only 2 by name)

Stone reads as follows:

In
MEMORY
OF ANN, WIFE OF
JOHN PHILBY
WHO DIED 23RD JANUARY 1837
AGED 72 YEARS
AND TWO OF THEIR CHILDREN

Also
OF THE ABOVE
JOHN PHILBY,
WHO DIED 8TH MAY 1845
AGED 67 YEARS



Grave 16: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

424mm in height

2 people commemorated

Note also the mistake on footstone originally a J had to be changed to A

Stone reads as follows:

A. P. 1837

J.P. 1845



Grave 16: Back of headstone



Grave 16: Footstone (note alteration)



GRAVE 17

No stones

GRAVE 18

Headstone

limestone? Headstone 1.421m in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In
AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE
OF
MR. JOHN. OSBORN
OF TRING
WHO DIED DECEMBER 28TH 1864
AGED 65
THY WILL BE DONE



Grave 18: Front of head stone



Footstone

Limestone

556mm in height

Nothing inscribed



Grave 18: Back of headstone



Grave 18: Footstone



GRAVE 19

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.330m in height

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

-----n Memo----

MARY BUDD

BELOVED WIFE OF JOSEPH BUDD

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE APRIL – 1883

AGED 58 YEARS

—————

NOT LOST -----NOT LOST TO LOVE

BUT GONE -----‘S HOUSE ABOVE

---SO O

JOSEPH BUDD

-----OCTOB – 20-----

--D 80 YEARS



Grave 19: Front of headstone



Footstone (No photo?)

Limestone

336mm in height

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

M B

1883

J B

1905



Grave 19: Back of headstone



GRAVE 20

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.213m in height - may read 1838 or 1858

Stone mason/undertaker – Young Tring

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In
Memory of
FRANCIS PIDDINGTON.
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
NOEMBER 16TH 1838
AGED 17 YEARS

THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED



Grave 20: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

329mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

F+P

1838



Grave 20: Back of headstone



Grave 20: Footstone



GRAVE 21

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.335m in height -

Stone mason/undertaker – Thompson Aylesbury

3 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
JOHN GOODSON
WHO DIED APRIL 14TH 18-8
AGED
TWENTY ONE YEARS
CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL

—————
ALSO
HIS DAUGHTER ANN
Who died jan^y 22nd 1842
In the 16th year of her age

—————
That ye sorrow not -----
Others which -----

AND
RHODA GOODSON
-----DIED MAY 6TH 1868



Grave 21: Front of headstone



Bodystone

The bodystone has no markings

It is 1.825 m in length and is even in width (286mm) It is slightly domed and 120mm in height.

Visible only on the south side of the bodystone is a low kerb along the length of the bodystone 100mm wide and approx. 8mm in height. The body stone looks as if it has moved as is off centre from the headstone.

Footstone

Limestone

480mm in height

Cannot be read as headstone from grave 36 against it



Grave 21: Back of headstone



Grave 21: Bodystone



Grave 21: Grave showing head, body and foot stones



GRAVE 22

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.100m in height -

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In Memory of
WILLIAM SON
OF THOMAS and
MARTHA GRIFFIN
OF Drayton Beauchamp
Who departed this life
September 29th 1831
AGED 8 YEARS.



Grave 22: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

300mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

----, 1831.



Grave 22: Back of headstone



Grave 22: Footstone



GRAVE 23

No Headstone

Bodystone

The bodystone has been inscribed with double cross?

It is 1.970 m in length and is even in width (490mm) It is domed and 100mm in height.

Footstone

Limestone. Slightly displaced and leaning

420mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

T.G 1854



Grave 23: Bodystone



Grave 23: Footstone



GRAVE 24

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.390m in height -

Stone mason/undertaker – Thompson Aylesbury

RELICT = Widow

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

SACRED
TO
THE MEMORY OF
THOMAS WOODMAN
[deacon] of this church ----1 years
Who departed this life
30th June 1833
AGED 57 YEARS
Who -----unto all

—————
Also of
ELIZABETH WOODMAN
[RELICT] OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED FEBRUARY 10TH ----0
AGED 63 YEARS



Grave 24: Front of headstone



Bodystone

The bodystone has been inscribed with double cross?

It is 2.00m in length. The width varies, at headstone end is 300mm, in centre is 420 mm and at footstone end 290mm It is domed and 110mm in height.

The stone has moved as the headstone shows wear

Footstone

Limestone. Slightly displaced and leaning

360mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

T*W 1833



Grave 24: Bodystone



Grave 24: Footstone



Grave 24: Showing all head, body and foot stones



GRAVE 25

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.260m in height -

Stone mason/undertaker – Thompson -Thompson Aylesbury – Note Thompson has name inscribed at base on both sides (of front of stone)

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In
Memory of
JOB HONOUR
Son of
HENRY and ELIZTH HONOUR
Who departed this life
October 29th 1832
AGED 32 YEARS
Behold he taketh away, who can hinder him
Who will say unto him, What doest thou?
Job Chap. 9th Verse 12th
Also REBECCA HONOUR.
his widow
Who died 21st March 1835
PATIENCE IN TRIBULATION



Grave 25: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone. Slightly displaced and leaning

358mm in height

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

J.H 1832

R.H.1835

Bodystone(NO PHOTO)

The bodystone is plain

It is 1.983m in length. The width varies, at headstone end is 340mm, at footstone end 300mm It is only very slightly domed and 110mm in height.



Grave 25: Back of head stone



Grave 25: Footstone



GRAVE 26

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.160m in height -

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In
Memory of
FRANCIS WIFE OF
JOHN WALSTER,
Who departed this life
23rd October 1838
AGED 21 YEARS
'may my humble-----spirit stand
----- bring them clothed in wh-----
The m—n place at his right ----
Of infinite delight

LYDIA AITKINS
Died -----31,



Grave 26: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone. Very deep in ground

100mm in height

Nothing readable



Grave 26: Back of headstone



Grave 26: Footstone



GRAVE 27

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.40m in height -

5 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In memory of

MARIA

WIFE OF EDWARD SMITH

WHO DIED JAN^Y 24TH 1845

AGED 37 YEARS

ALSO OF

SARAH THEIR DAUGHTER

WHO DIED NOV^R 13TH 1837

AGED 4 YEARS

ALSO OF THREE CHILDREN WHO DIED

IN INFANCY

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD"



Grave 27: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone. Very deep in ground

430mm in height

Stone reads as follows:

M.S 1845



Grave 27: Back of head stone



Grave 27: Footstone



GRAVE 28

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.40m in height -

Both front and back inscribed

5 people commemorated (4 on the front and 1 on the back)

Front of Stone reads as follows:

SECRET

TO THE

Beloved Memory

Of

GEORGE SMITH

who departed this life

DECEMBER 18TH 1843

Aged 72 Years

—————
ALSO THREE OF HIS CHILDREN

WHO DIED IN THEIR INFANCY

Peace tis the Lord Jehovah's hand

That blasts our joys in death

Changes the visage once so dear

And gathers back the breath



Grave 28: Front of headstone



Back of Stone reads as follows:

SACRED
TO
THE MEMORY OF
MARY ANN SMITH
Who departed this life
13th March 1864
Aged 73 years

The following are the closing lines of a farewell

Written by her to her children

Oh shun the world's bewitching snares
And seek the narrow road
That heads from this deceitful one
Up to the throne of God



Grave 28: Back of headstone

Footstone



Limestone. As with headstone both faces are inscribed

450mm in height

Front of Stone reads as follows:

G*S

1843

Reverse of stone reads

M.A.S

1864



Grave 28: Front of footstone



Grave 28: Back of footstone



GRAVE 29

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.10m in height -

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

In Memory of

Ann, wife of

GEORGE SMITH

Who departed this life

March 25th, 1814 Aged 36 Years

Ordain'd to lose the partner of my breast,

Whose virtue warm'd me and whose love was blest

Trained every tie that Binds soul to prove

Her duty friendship and her Friendship love

But yet remembering that the parting sigh

Appoints the just to slumber not die

The starting tear I checked embrace Christ's rod

And not to earth resign'd ---- God



Grave 29: Front of headstone



Footstone

Limestone

250mm in height

Stone reads as follows:

--S



Grave 29: Footstone



GRAVE 30

Headstone - Leaning against wall

Limestone Headstone 975mm in height -

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

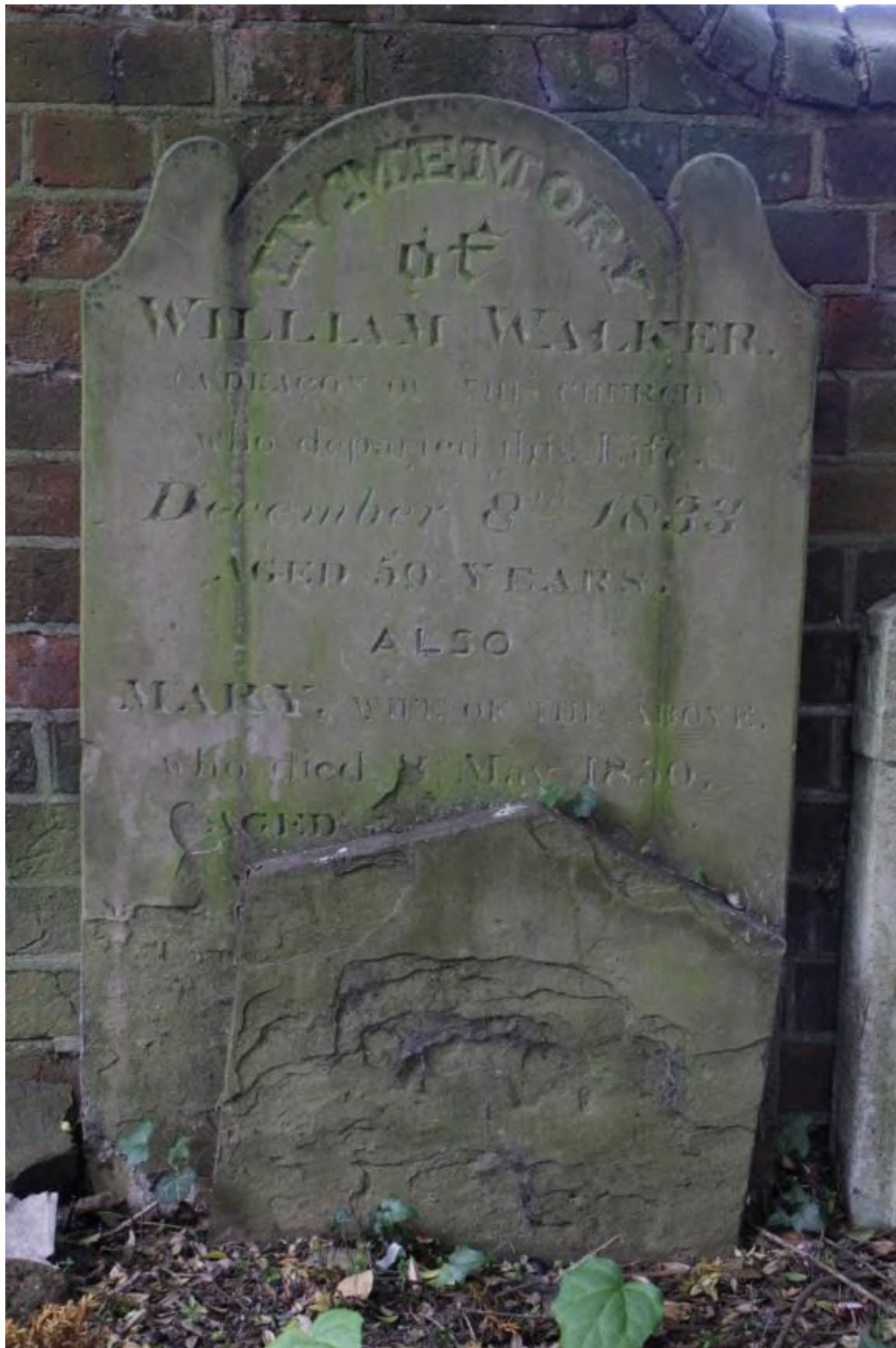
IN MEMORY
of
WILLIAM WALKER
(A DEACON OF THIS CHURCH)
Who departed this life
December 8th 1833
ALSO
MARY, WIFE OF THE ABOVE
who died 8 May 1850.
AGED -----

Footstone – probably not a match to this stone as shape different- probably footstone for headstone 31)

Limestone

400mm in height

Not readable as probable inscribed side is leaning against headstone)



Grave 30: Front of headstone.

(In front is a footstone, probably for grave 31 but described above)



GRAVE 31

Headstone - Leaning against wall

Limestone Headstone 715mm in height -

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

--- memory ---
FR-----E WIFE OF
HENRY BARBER
-----18---

Below this appears a script (at least two lines) which is unreadable as buried in ground or broken



Grave 31: Front of headstone



GRAVE 32

Headstone - Leaning against wall

Limestone Headstone 1.54m in height -

3 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

SACRED

to

the memory of

SARAH TOMPKINS

who departed this 11th October 1833

AGED 72 YEARS

Also REBECCA

Daughter of the above

Who departed this life 8th September 1834

Aged 18 Years

Also LYDIA, WIFE OF

JOHN HOLDER

Who departed this life 29th March 1855

AGED 56 YEARS

---I --world of grief and ---

In God -----



Grave 32: Front of headstone



Footstone – leaning against headstone 33

Limestone

690mm in height

Stone reads as follows:

S+T, 1833

R+T 1834

L+H,1835



Grave 32: Front of footstone



GRAVE 33

Headstone - Leaning against wall (FOOTSTONE FOR GRAVE 32 LEANING AGAINST)

Limestone Headstone 1.54m in height -

No inscription visible on this side, possibly on side facing wall



Grave 33: Headstone



GRAVE 34

Headstone - Leaning against wall

Limestone Headstone 1.18m in height

Stone mason/undertaker –Thompson Aylesbury

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

IN MEMORY

OF

THOMAS GATES

Who departed this life

December 27th 1835

AGED 70 YEARS

ALSO OF

PHEBE GATES

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

AUGUST 10TH 1839

AGED 72 YEARS



Grave 34: Front of headstone



GRAVE 35

Headstone - Leaning against wall

Limestone Headstone 1.21m in height

Stone mason/undertaker –Thompson Aylesbury (NB to one side unlike normal)

2 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

Sacred

To

the memory of

MARY. WIFE OF

WILLIAM CLARK,

who departed this life

2nd January 1834

AGED 50 YEARS

With patience to the last she did submit

And murmur'd not what the Lord though fit

A lingering sickness, smart and pain

Physicians skill and medicine prov'd in vain

But she with Christian courage did resign

Her soul to God at His appointed time

ALSO

WILLIAM CLARK

who departed this life

23rd August 1835

AGED 51 YEARS



Grave 35: Front of headstone



GRAVE 36

Headstone

Limestone Headstone 1.390m in height -

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

**Beneath
Are interred the
Remains of SARAH Daughter of
JOHN AND CHARLOTTE FOSTER
Who died March the 18th 1823
Aged 2 years and 3 Months**

Footstone

Limestone

205mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

S.F 1823



Grave 36: Front of footstone



Grave 36: Front of headstone



GRAVE 37

No headstone

Bodystone

The bodystone very simple no markings

It is 1.86 in length. And 400 mm wide (very flat) 10mm deep

Footstone

Limestone

340mm in height

1 person commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

J.W 1848



Grave 37: bodystone



Grave 37: front of footstone



GRAVE 38

Headstone - Found below ground where it had been re-used to cover a soakaway

Limestone Headstone 720cm in height

3 people commemorated (two on front , one on back)

Stone reads as follows:

Front

MRS R 1867

C.E.R. 1885

Back

W.R. 1915.



Grave 38: front of headstone



Grave 38: back of headstone



GRAVE 39

Headstone - Found below ground where it had been re-used to cover a soakaway

Limestone Headstone 800mm in height

3 people commemorated

Stone reads as follows:

Front

T
1884
E - F
1866
A - F
1897



Grave 39: Front of headstone



GRAVE 40

Headstone/ memorial stone - Found below ground where it had been re-used to cover a soakaway

Limestone Headstone 400mm in height

1 person(?) commemorated

Stone reads as follows: (*the second line after "UST" reads either 3 OR 5)

Front

..AN CUTLER

..UST 3 1846

23 YEARS

THIS ..ONGREGATION

KNEW HIM

..S STONE IS DEDICATED

HIGH REGARD

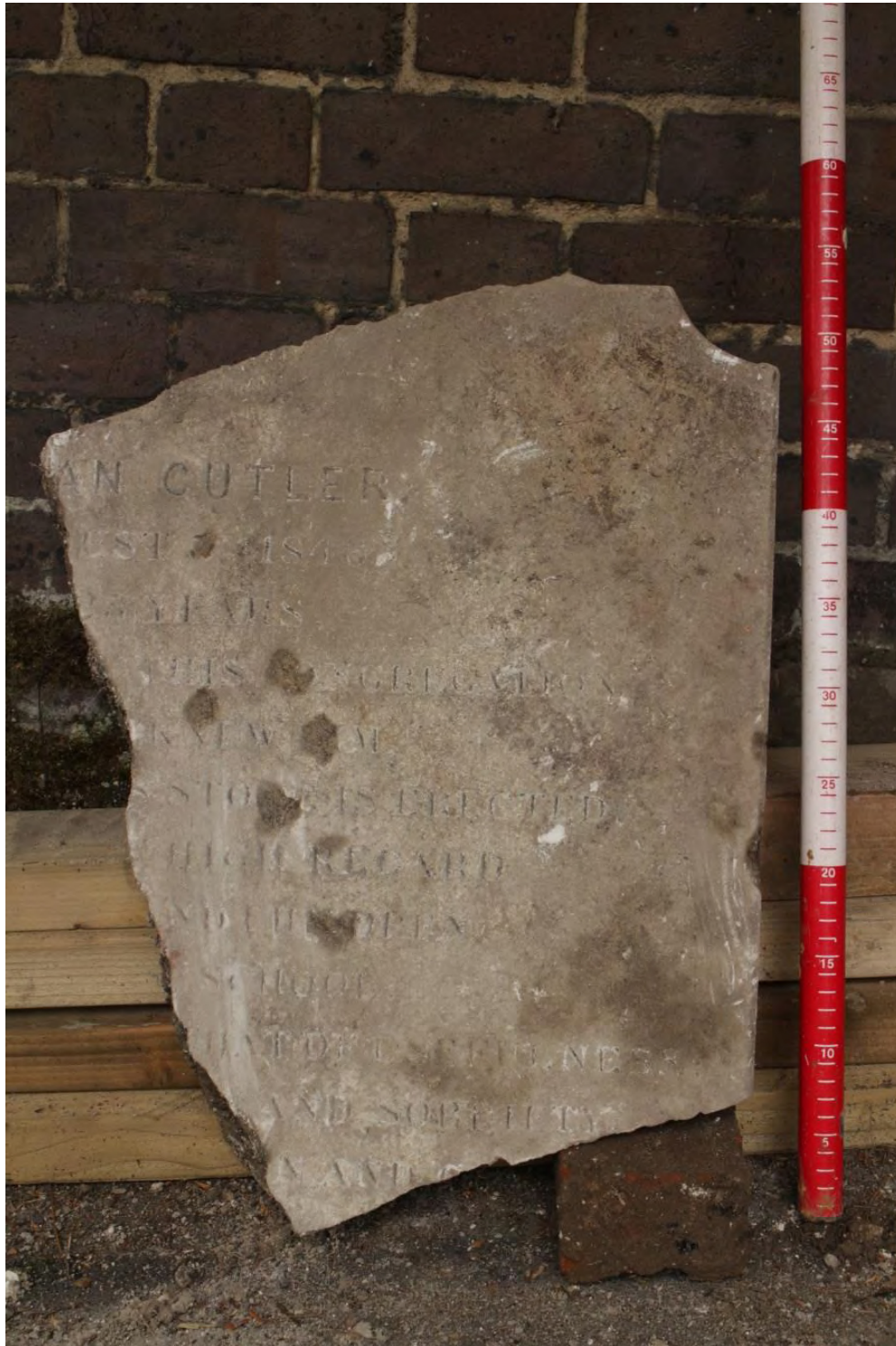
..ND ...H OPEN

SCHOOL

..HAT OF USEFULNESS

AND SOBRIETY

..N AND



Grave 40: Front of broken memorial stone

**Table 1: Individuals identified on gravestones listed alphabetically by family name**

| Family Name | Died | First name | Grave No |
|-------------|--|---|----------|
| Barber | 18-- | Fr-----e | 31 |
| Budd | 1883 1905 | Mary Joseph | 19 |
| Butcher | 1862 1871 | Thomas Thomas | 5 |
| Clark | 1834 1835 | Mary William | 35 |
| Cutler | 1818 1817 1818 | Rebecca William Henry | 11 |
| Cutler | 1845 | George | 10 |
| Cutler | 1846 | ... an | 40 |
| Firth | 1825 1853 | William Harriet | 7 |
| Fleet | 1884 1866 1897 | Thomas Fred Elizabeth Ann | 12 |
| Foster | 1823 | Sarah | 36 |
| Foster | 1832 | William Sarah Frederick Edward Sarah Anne Eliza Susannah Eliza Eliza Elizabeth Edward Mary Elizabeth | 4 |
| Young | | Mark Sarah Anne | |
| Foster | 1833 1845 | Edward Susannah | 8 |
| Gates | 1835 1839 | Thomas Phebe (?) | 34 |
| Glover | 1876 1861 1867 1878 1863 1864 | Mary Richard Ann Thomas Marshall Alice Sarah Mary Mildred | 6 |
| Griffin | 1831 | William | 22 |
| Goodson | 18-8 | John | 21 |



| | | | |
|------------|--|--|----|
| Goodson | 1842 1868 | Ann Rhoda | 21 |
| Harris | 1841? | Henry | 14 |
| Honour | 1832 1835 | Job Rebecca | 25 |
| Honour | 1850 1862 | Job Rachel | 2 |
| Moody | 1842 | Robert Jennings | 15 |
| Osborn | 1864 | John | 18 |
| Philby | 1837 1845 | Ann John | 16 |
| Piddington | 1838 | Francis | 20 |
| Smith | 1814 | Ann | 29 |
| Smith | 1843 1864 | George Mary Ann | 28 |
| Smith | 1845 1837 | Maria Sarah | 27 |
| Tompkins | 1833 1834 | Sarah Rebecca | 32 |
| Holder | 1855 | Lydia | |
| Tompkins | 1833 1821 1833 1835 1857 1857 | Susannah Rebecca Josiah Charles Sophia Ann (Thomas) | 1 |
| Walker | 1833 1850 | William Ann | 30 |
| Walster | 1838 | Francis | 26 |
| Aitlins | | Lydia | |
| Woodman | 1833 | Thomas Elizabeth | 24 |



6. APPENDIX 2: HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SUMMARY SHEET

| | | |
|---|-------------------|---|
| Site name and address: Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring, Hertfordshire | | |
| County: Hertfordshire | | District: Dacorum |
| Village/Town: Tring | | Parish: Tring |
| Planning application reference: 4/02331/12/ful | | |
| HER Enquiry reference: enquiry undertaken as part of earlier desk-based assessment | | |
| Client name, address: Roger Molyneaux Architects on behalf of the Akeman Street Baptist Church | | |
| Nature of application: Refurbishment of the existing church and construction of new church hall | | |
| Present land use: Former grave yard next to north side of church | | |
| Size of application area: c. 450sq.m | | Size of area investigated: 240sq.m |
| NGR (to 8 figures): SP 9231 1131 | | |
| Site code (if applicable): ABT1723 | | |
| Site director/Organization: Mark Phillips / Albion Archaeology | | |
| Type of work: Graveyard survey & archaeological monitoring | | |
| Date of work: | Start: 14/06/2015 | Finish: 17/08/2015 |
| Location of site archive/Curating museum: Dacorum Heritage Trust Museum | | |
| Related HER Nos: 10403 | | Periods represented: Post-medieval and modern. |
| Relevant previous summaries/reports: <i>Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring, Hertfordshire: Heritage Asset Impact Assessment</i> (Albion Archaeology Report 2010/105) | | |
| Summary of fieldwork results: Recorded 40 graveyard monuments prior to the relocation of the monuments to the west of the church. Date range of burials 1814 to 1905, mainly dating from 1830s and 1840s. Archaeological monitoring during groundworks produced limited information on 19th century graveyard and vaults. No earlier features or artefacts observed. Only small area of ground reduction with limited potential for archaeological observations. | | |
| Author of summary: M Phillips | | Date of summary: 29/06/2016 |



7. APPENDIX 3: OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM

OASIS ID: albionar1-178194

Project details

| | |
|--|---|
| Project name | Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring |
| Short description of the project | Planning permission was granted for the refurbishment of the church and the construction of a new church hall at Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring, Hertfordshire. The required archaeological works comprised: a survey of the gravestones prior to their relocation and archaeological monitoring and recording during construction of the new church hall. Albion Archaeology was commissioned to survey the gravestones and to undertake the archaeological monitoring of the development works. The majority of the gravestones date from the early 19th century, particularly during the 1830s and 1840s. These graves are located to the south of the two earliest burials which date from 1814 and 1817, probably indicating a northern limit to burials during the first half of the 19th century. A few later graves (1860s-1880s) were created in the north of the cemetery. The latest recorded burial dates from 1905. The archaeological monitoring works recorded details of the 19th century cemetery but found no evidence of any earlier activity on the site. The absence of earlier evidence is not significant because the potential for archaeological observations was very limited with only a small area of relatively clean sub-soil exposed in the north-west of the development area. The design for the new church hall minimised subsurface disturbance through the use of piled foundations and a floor supported on raised ground beams. The 19th century burials remain in situ below the new development. |
| Project dates | Start: 14-06-2015 End: 17-08-2015 |
| Previous/future work | Yes / Not known |
| Any associated project reference codes | ABT1723 - Contracting Unit No. 4/02331/12/ful - Planning Application No. DACHT: 4575 – Museum Accession Number |
| Type of project | Recording project |
| Monument type | CHAPEL Post Medieval GRAVEYARD Post Medieval HEAD STONE Post Medieval GRAVE Post Medieval |
| Significant Finds | NONE |
| Investigation type | ""Watching Brief"", ""Recorded Observation"" |
| Prompt | Planning condition |

Project location

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Country | England |
| Site location | HERTFORDSHIRE DACORUM TRING Akeman Street Baptist Church, Tring-Graveyard Survey and Archaeological Monitoring |
| Study area | 240 Square metres |
| Site coordinates | SP 9231 1131 Point |

Project creators

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Name of Organisation | Albion Archaeology |
| Project brief originator | No Brief |
| Project design | Albion Archaeology |

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Graveyard Survey and Archaeological Monitoring*



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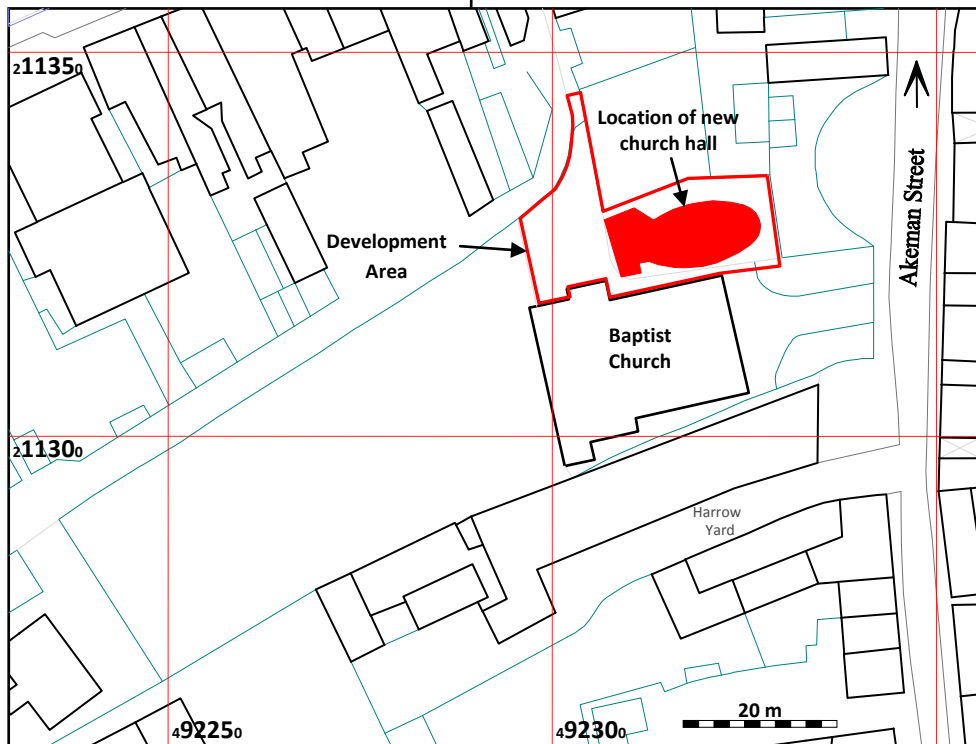
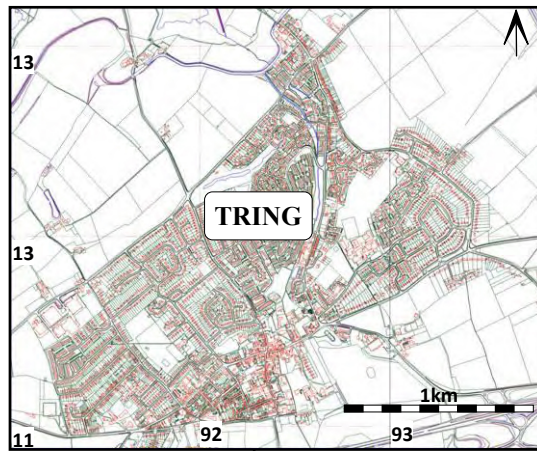
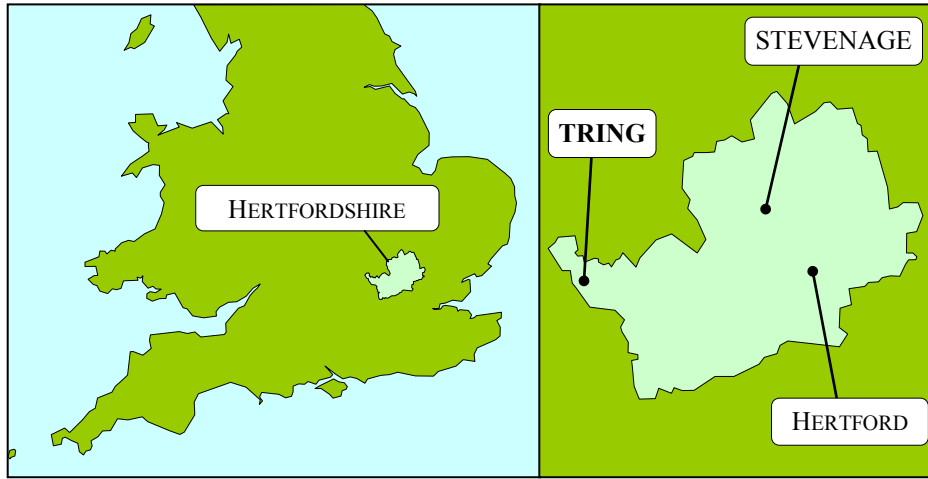


Figure 1: Site location plan

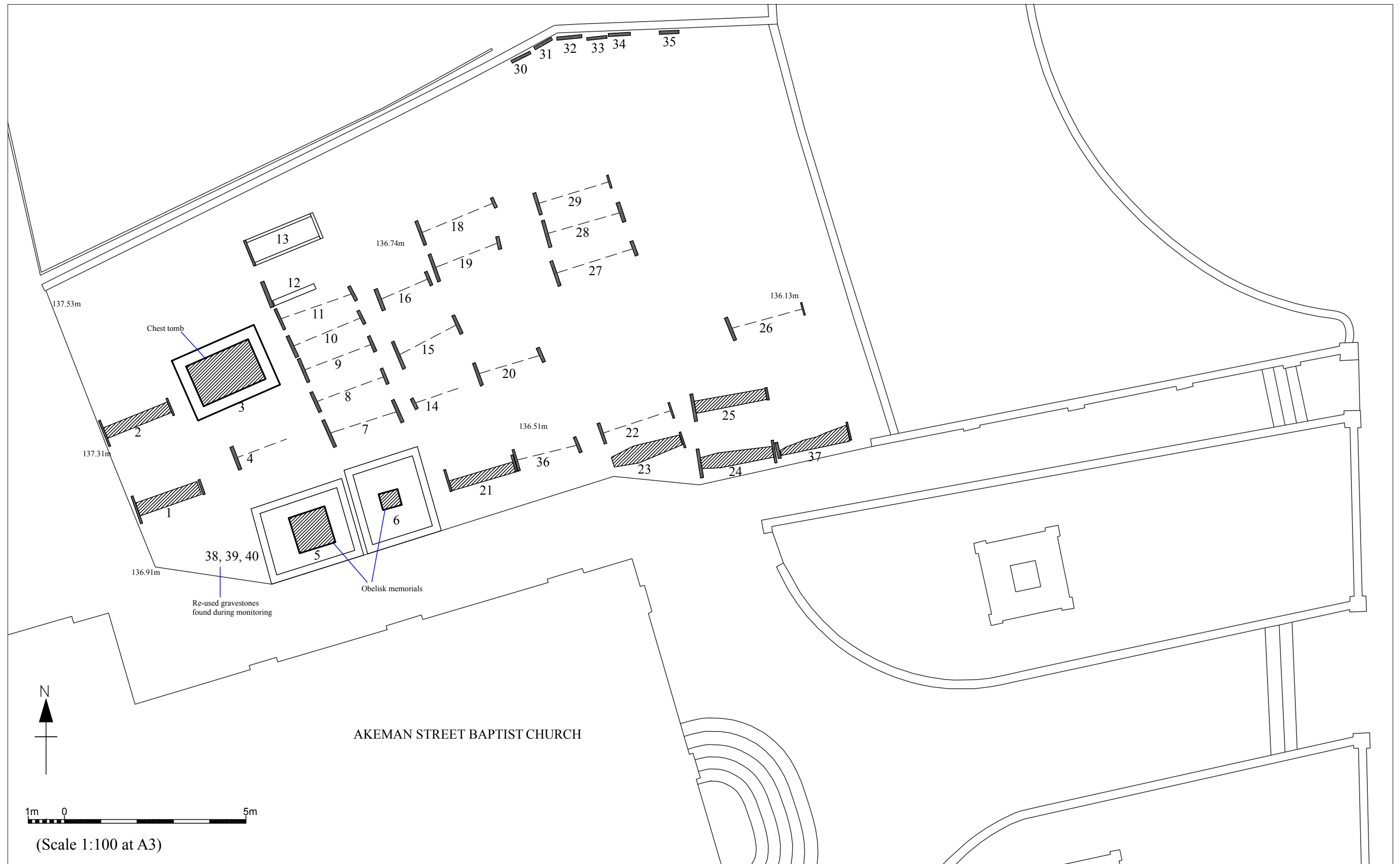


Figure 2: Graveyard survey plan

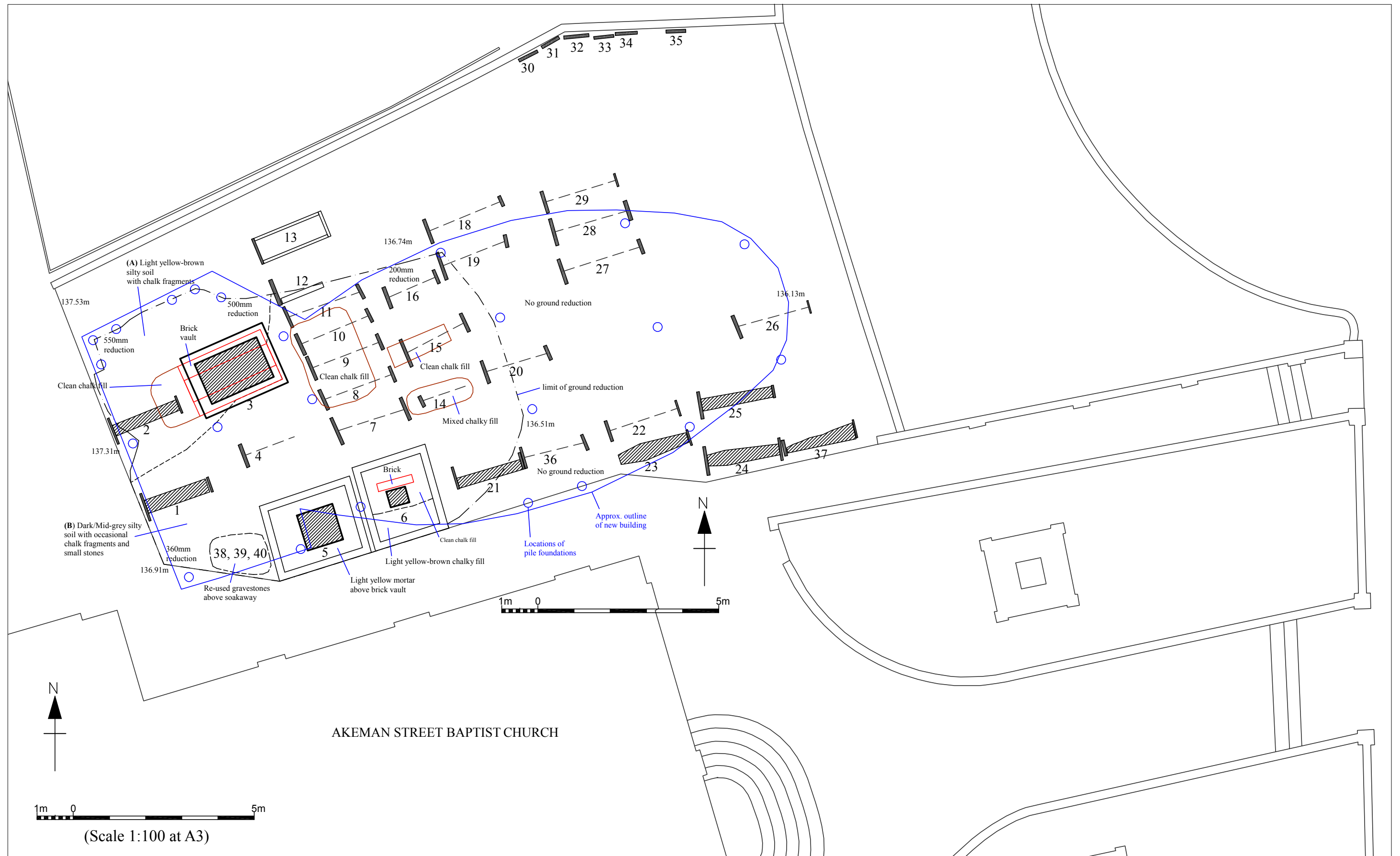


Figure 3: Archaeological monitoring

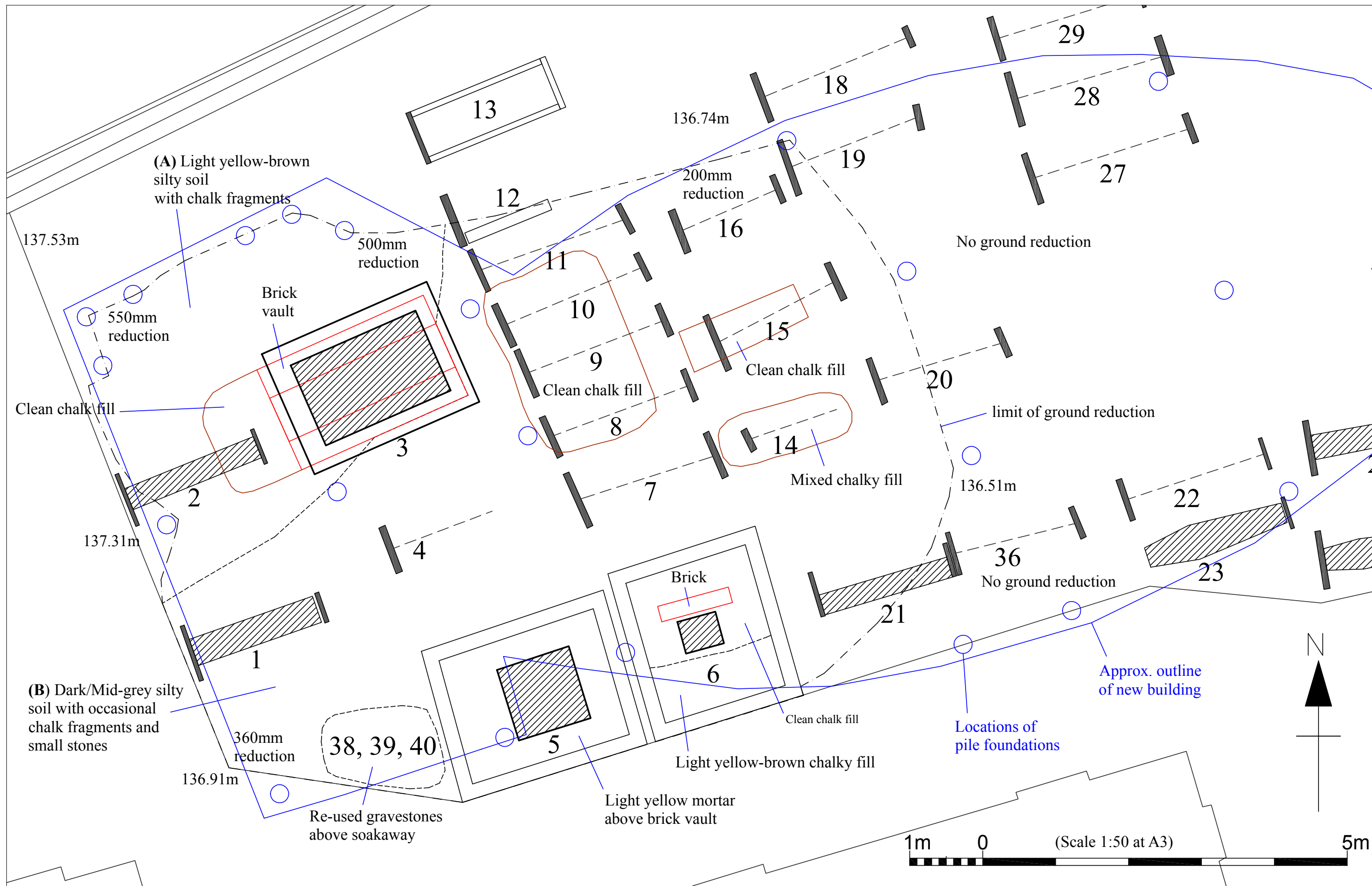


Figure 4: Archaeological monitoring (detail)



Image 1: General view of groundworks, looking west

The image shows the dig becoming shallower towards the east (foreground) (scale 1m)



Image 2: General view of groundworks looking east

Shows brick vault (Grave 3) cutting light chalk subsoil in foreground (Scale 1m)



Image 3: Brick vault in grave plot 3, looking south
Shows top of brick arch along centre of vault (Scale 1m)



Image 4: Vaults 5 and 6 viewed looking west
Shows top of Vault 6 in foreground and Vault 5 enclosed by barrier (Scale 1m)

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