

St George's Church Hanworth

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A note on a Watching Brief

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This note is the result of an archaeological watching brief undertaken on 28th September 2001 within the grounds of St George's Church, Hanworth (NGR 511230 1711920).

Groundworks in advance of a new boiler house had reduced the ground level within a plot 9m X 5.5m on the north side of the entrance lane to the church. This consisted of a footing trench around the perimeter of the area that measured 820mm wide. The depth of the footing was 1200mm on the southern side and 510mm on the north, reflecting the change in ground level to the north. The footing base, which was virtually flat. The ground level within the footing trench had been reduced by 360mm and was still in the topsoil. The topsoil was recorded in the southern section as being 600mm thick over 200mm of a brick debris layer over 400mm to the base of redeposited gravel.

The groundworks appear not to have disturbed any deposits of archaeological significance. However there was a band of dark grey silt and gravel in the base of the northern footing trench which appeared to be on the line of the postulated medieval boundary ditch. This was not seen in the south trench as a land drain obscured the point in the southeast corner where the ditch would have run.

No finds were recovered and sherds of later salt glazed pottery were seen to the redeposited gravel.