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A programme of Archaeological Observation,
Investigation and Recording on land at The Manor, Lower
Boddington, Northamptonshire
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PROJECT DETAILS		Oasis No: 162965
Project name	A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording on land at The Manor, Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire	
Short description	A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology in May 2011 on behalf of Mr C Holland, during groundworks for the construction of a new bowling pavilion on land at The Manor, Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire. Minimal groundworks were carried out which remained within the topsoil horizon. No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present.	
Project type	A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording.	
Site status	None	
Previous work	None	
Current Land use	Domestic garden	
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type/ period		
Significant finds		
PROJECT LOCATION		
County	Northamptonshire	
Site address	The Manor, Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire	
Study area (sq metres)	15m	
OS Easting & Northing	SP 48258 52475	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Project brief originator	The Assistant Archaeological Advisor, Northamptonshire County Council	
Project Design originator	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Director/Supervisor	David J Leigh	
Project Manager	Anthony Maull	
Sponsor or funding body	Mr C Holland	
PROJECT DATE		
Start date	May 2011	
End date	May 2011	
ARCHIVES	Location:	Content (eg pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		
Paper	Northamptonshire Archaeology	Watching brief forms (1) Colour slides (5) black and white contact prints (5) Digital photographs (12)
Digital		Report text and figures
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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Abstract

A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology on behalf of Mr C Holland, in May 2011 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new bowling pavilion on land at The Manor, Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire. Minimal groundworks were undertaken which remained within the topsoil horizon. No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present.

1 INTRODUCTION

A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken in May 2011 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new pavilion on land at The Manor, Lower Boddington, Northamptonshire (NGR SP 48258 52475; Figs 1 and 2). The work was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology on behalf of Mr C Holland following a request for a programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording by the Assistant Archaeological Advisor Northamptonshire County Council in a brief for archaeological work (Mordue 2011) issued on the 31 March 2011.

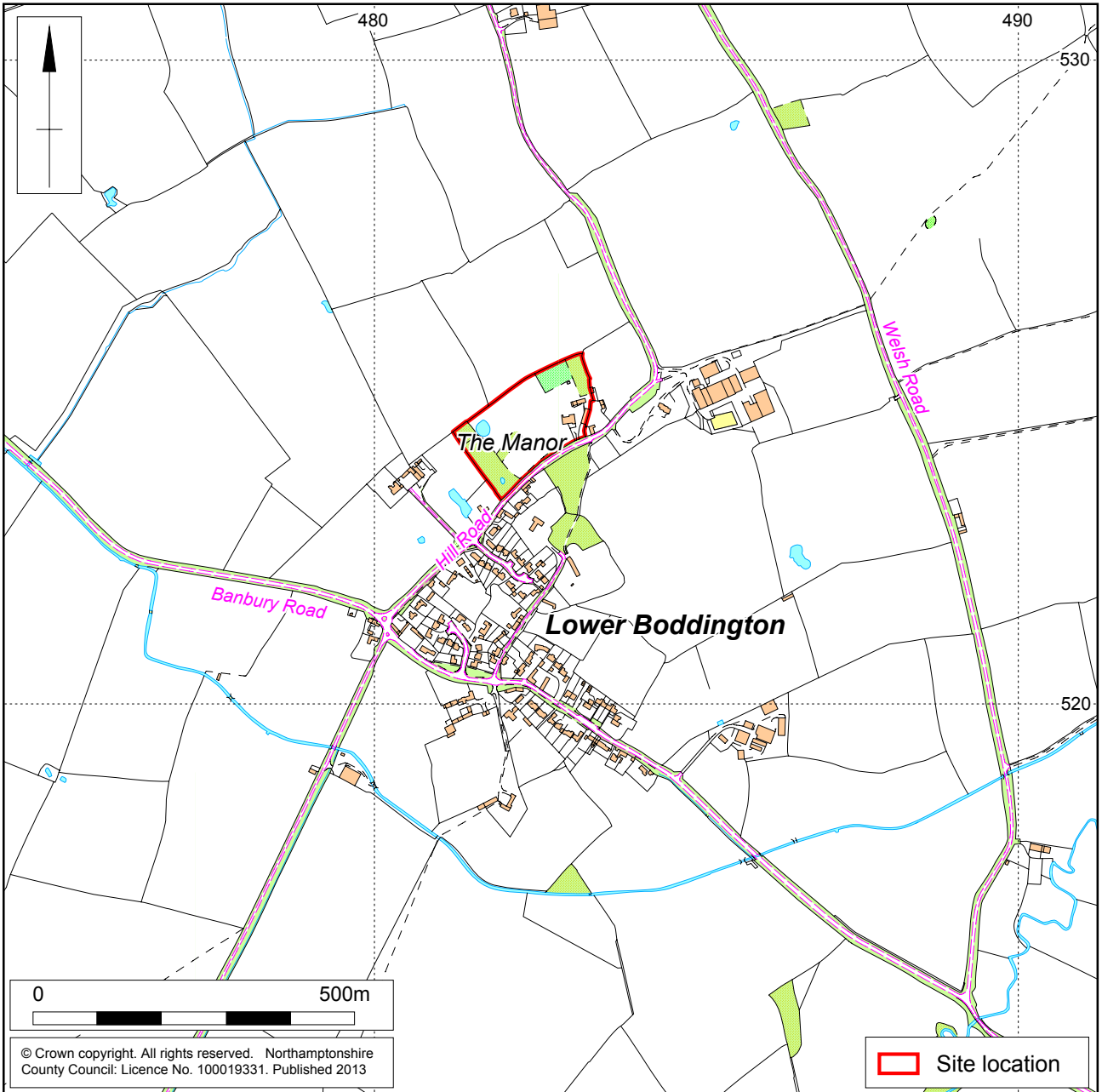
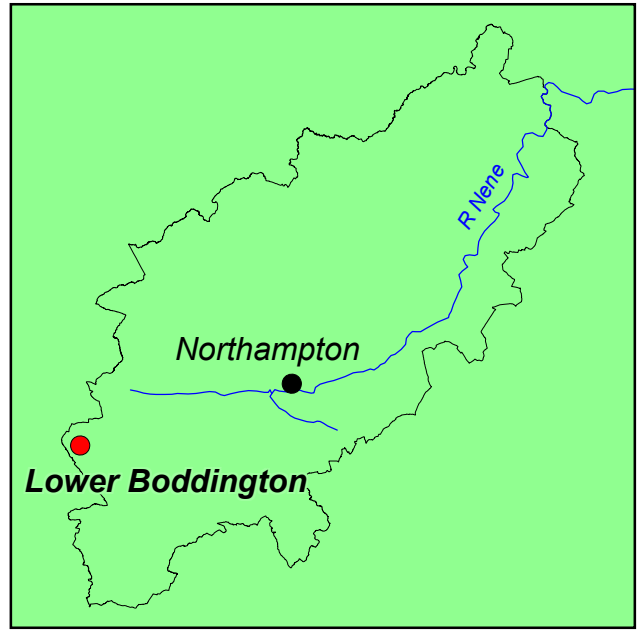
It adhered to Planning policy Statement 5 (PPS 5) subsequently replaced by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2012) and followed a Written Scheme of Investigation produced by Northamptonshire Archaeology (Leigh 2011) and the procedural document MoRPHE issued by English Heritage (EH 2006) along with the appropriate national standards and guidelines, as recommended by the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA 2008).

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location and topography

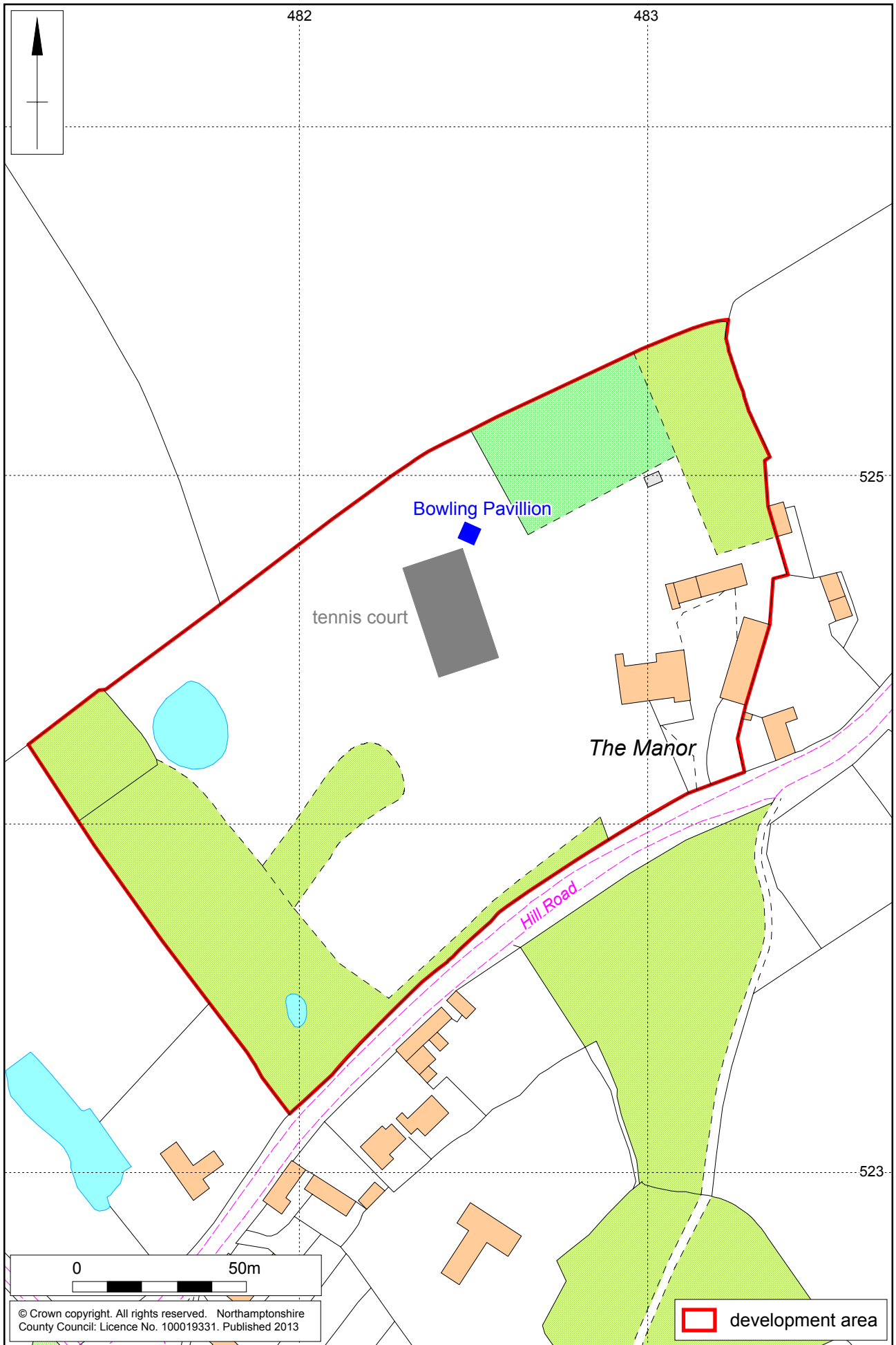
The village of Lower Boddington lies approximately 19km south-west of Daventry on ground sloping down to the west at a height of c139m above Ordnance Datum (aOD). The underlying geology has been mapped by the British Geological Survey of Great Britain as comprising Lower Lias Clays (BGS Geindex <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/geindex>).

Up to the present development the investigation area has comprised an area of lawn within the private garden belonging to The Manor.



Scale 1:10,000

Site location Fig 1



Scale 1: 1,500

Development area Fig 2

2.2 Historical background

Lower Boddington lies to the south-west of Daventry and is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086AD as *Botendon*, and comprises the remains of a shrunken medieval village. The area on which the new pavilion is to be constructed is located on land at The Manor, a Grade II Listed Building which dates from the 17th century.

Previous archaeological work recorded as having been carried out in the vicinity of the development area has comprised an earthwork survey of Lower Boddington which recorded earthworks relating to medieval settlement and use of the village and environs.

No previous archaeological work is recorded as having been carried out within the investigation area.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the archaeological investigation were to:

- ◆ Observe the groundworks for the new pavilion and to record all archaeological deposits uncovered;
- ◆ Determine the date, character, state of preservation and depth of any archaeological deposits observed and to retrieve all datable artefacts;
- ◆ Create a permanent archive and record of the archaeological information collected during the course of the fieldwork and analysis.

A photographic record in both black and white negative and colour slide was kept, with supplementary photographs in digital format. The written record used Northamptonshire Archaeology pro-forma sheets (NA 2011). The watching brief was carried out in accordance with the *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (IfA 2008).

The fieldwork was undertaken in May 2011 during groundworks for the new dwelling. The excavations for the new pavilion were undertaken using handtools.

A total of nine pits measuring 0.40m square were excavated to a maximum depth of 0.12m in which to mount the pavilion structural supports.



General view of the investigation area, looking south-east Fig 3



General view of the groundworks, looking south Fig 4

4 THE RECORDED EVIDENCE

The groundworks were of limited nature, remaining entirely within the topsoil horizon which comprised mid-brown sandy loam, containing very occasional irregular stones and charcoal flecks.

No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present.



The stratigraphic sequence Fig 5

5 THE SITE ARCHIVE

The project has generated a small archive comprising:

RECORD	NUMBER
Watching brief forms	1
Colour slides	5
Black and white contacts and negatives	5
Digital photographs	12

There is presently no appointed depository for archaeological archives in Northamptonshire. Until such time as one has been identified the project archive will be consolidated and prepared for final deposition and held with Northamptonshire Archaeology.

6 CONCLUSIONS

The groundworks were of limited nature and remained entirely within the topsoil horizon. No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present. The archaeological investigation was carried out in favourable circumstances and the results are considered to be reliable.

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