



Northamptonshire Archaeology

A programme of Archaeological Observation,
Investigation and Recording on land at
111 Neale Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire
November 2011 - October 2012



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Short description	A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology between November 2011 and October 2012, on behalf of Mr A Defazio, during groundworks for the construction of a new double garage and side extensions to 111 Neale Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire. Disturbed soils were present throughout the investigation area. 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 belonging to 111 Neale Avenue	
Future work	No	
Monument type/ period		
Significant finds		
PROJECT LOCATION		
County	Northamptonshire	
Site address	111 Neale Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire	
Study area (sq metres)	100m	
OS Easting & Northing	SP 868 803	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
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Start date	November 2011	
End date	October 2012	
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	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Physical		
Paper	Northamptonshire Archaeology	Watching brief forms (2) black and white negatives (6) Colour slides (6) Digital photographs (17)
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OBSERVATION, INVESTIGATION AND RECORDING
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Abstract

A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology on behalf of Mr A Defazio between November 2011 and October 2012 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new double garage and side extensions to 111 Neale Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire. Disturbed soils were present throughout the investigation area. No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present.

1 INTRODUCTION

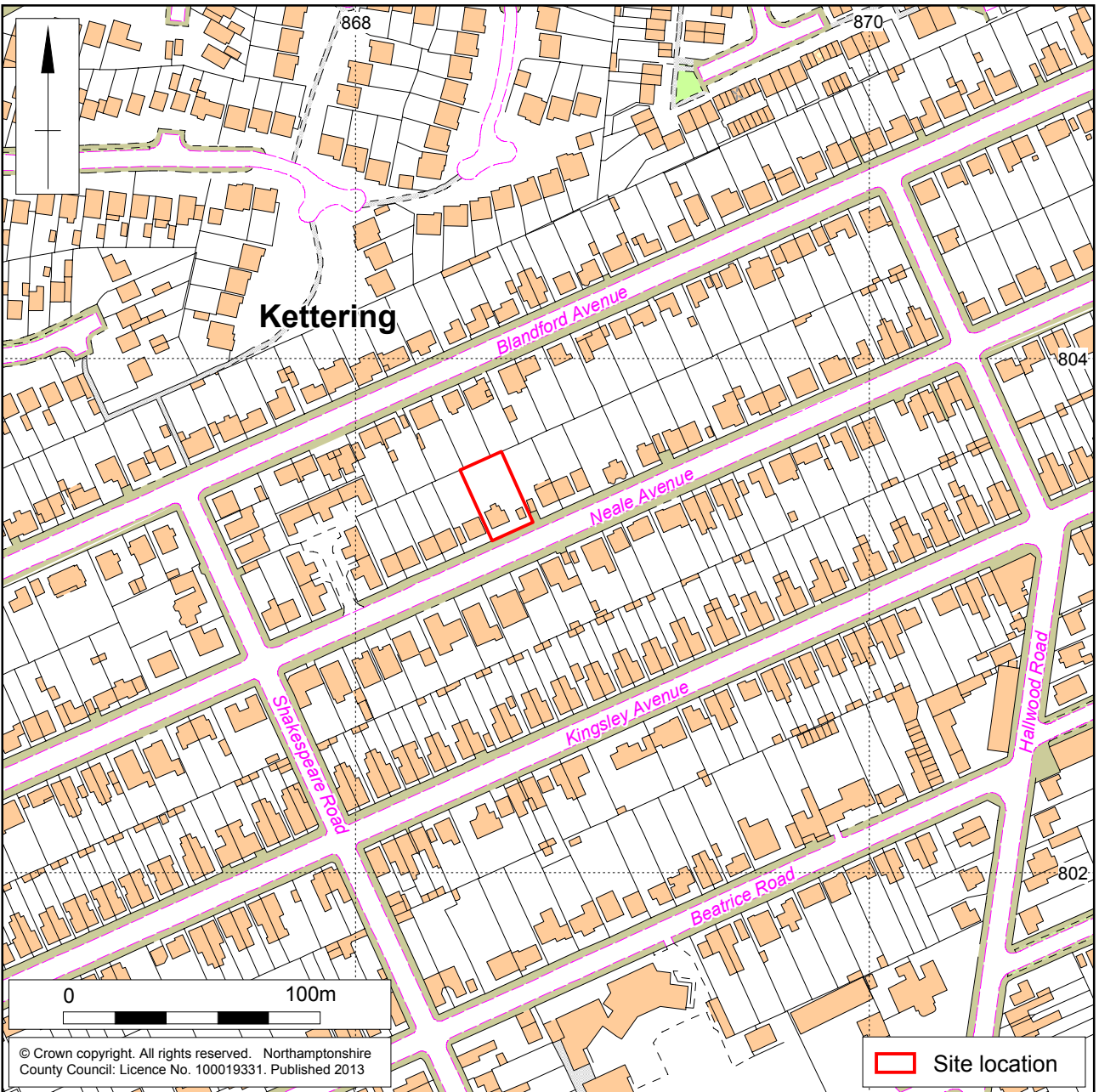
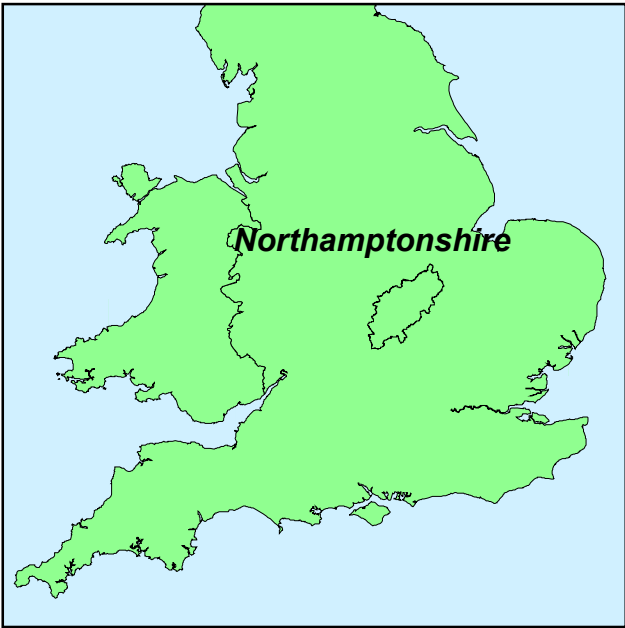
A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken between November 2011 and October 2012 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new double garage and side extensions to 111 Neale Avenue, Kettering, Northamptonshire (NGR SP 868 803; Figs 1, 2 and 3). The work was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology on behalf of Mr A Defazio, following a request for a programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording by the Assistant Archaeological Advisor, Northamptonshire County Council.

It adhered to Planning policy Statement 5 (PPS 5) subsequently replaced by the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 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 development area lies within a residential area on the north side of Neale Avenue on an area of relatively level ground at a height of approximately 100m aOD. It lies within a residential area and fronts directly onto Neale Avenue. The underlying geology has been mapped by the British Geological Survey as comprising Grantham Formation siltstone, Mudstone or sandstone (BGS Geindex <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/geoindex>).



Scale 1:2500

Site location Fig 1



Scale 1:250

Areas of archaeological investigation Fig 2

2.2 Historical background

The site lies in an area of particular archaeological interest, to the north of Kettering town centre in the county of Northamptonshire.

A significant un-walled Romano-British settlement is known to have been situated in the northern part of Kettering. Excavations undertaken in 1968 and 1971 revealed quarry pits and a possible threshing floor along with evidence for a timber building of Romano-British date nearby at Kipling Road.

Evidence of Romano-British funerary activity in the immediate area of the site comprises both inhumation and cremation burials. The Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record lists a number of burials recorded in Neale Avenue. These include an inhumation burial found in 1924 in the garden of No 111, whilst another skeleton was recorded during construction work in 1929. Development works at No 109 in 1966 revealed a pit of Romano-British date. Archaeological investigations were undertaken during the construction of a new dwelling at 172 Neale Avenue (Leigh 2013), however, no archaeological deposits were present.

Up to the present application the development area has comprised the domestic garden belonging to number 111 Neale Avenue. No previous archaeological work is recorded as having been carried out in the development area.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the archaeological investigation were to:

- ◆ Observe the groundworks for the new double garage and side extensions 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 black and white negative and colour slide film 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 between November 2011 and October 2012 during groundworks for the new double garage and side extensions. The groundworks were undertaken using a 360° mechanical excavator fitted with a combination of toothed and toothless buckets (Fig 4) and the excavation of foundation trenches for the new garage (Fig 5) and extensions (Fig 6).



111 Neale Avenue and the area of the new extension, looking south Fig 3



General view of the groundworks, looking south-west Fig 4

4 THE RECORDED EVIDENCE

A disturbed stratigraphy was recorded throughout the investigation area. The natural substratum was encountered at a depth of approximately 0.40m below present ground level (Fig 6) and comprised pale yellow-orange sand and ironstone. This was overlain by grey-brown sandy loam, up to 0.40m thick, containing numerous fragments of modern ceramic building material and very occasional modern corroded metal items and re-deposited ironstone.

No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present.



The area of the double garage, looking north Fig 5



The stratigraphic sequence Fig 6

5 THE SITE ARCHIVE

The project has generated a small archive comprising:

RECORD	NUMBER
Watching brief forms	2
Black and white negatives	6
Colour slides	6
Digital photographs	17

The archive will be consolidated and prepared for deposition. This will be held with Northamptonshire Archaeology until such time as a suitable depository has been appointed.

6 CONCLUSIONS

A disturbed stratigraphy was recorded throughout the investigation area. No archaeological deposits or artefacts were present. The absence of any artefactual evidence would suggest, but not discount, that no significant archaeological deposits are present in the immediate area. The archaeological investigation was carried out in favourable circumstances and the results are considered to be reliable.

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