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A Programme of Archaeological Observation,
Investigation and Recording on land at
The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell, Northamptonshire
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Project name	A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording on land at The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell, Northamptonshire	
Short description	A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology, on behalf of Mr E Potter in December 2012, during groundworks for the construction of a new double garage on land at The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell, Northamptonshire. Modern disturbance was recorded throughout the investigation area. No archaeological features or artefacts were present.	
Project type	A Programme of Archaeological Observation, Investigation and Recording Planning Application No: DA/2012/0664	
Site status	None	
Previous work	None	
Current Land use	Private garden	
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type/ period	Garden of Grade II Listed Building	
Significant finds		
PROJECT LOCATION		
County	Northamptonshire	
Site address	The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell, Northamptonshire	
Study area (sq metres)	25m	
OS Easting & Northing	SP 76787 72346	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Project brief originator	The Assistant Archaeological Advisor, Northamptonshire County Council	
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Director/Supervisor	David J Leigh	
Project Manager	Anthony Maull supported by David J Leigh	
Sponsor or funding body	Mr E Potter	
PROJECT DATE		
Start date	December 2012	
End date	December 2012	
ARCHIVES	Location	Content (eg pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		
Paper	Northamptonshire Archaeology	Watching brief forms (1) Colour slides (4) black and white contact prints (4) Digital photographs (12)
Digital		Report text and figures
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
	Journal/monograph, published or forthcoming, or unpublished client report (NA report)	
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**A PROGRAMME OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL
OBSERVATION, INVESTIGATION AND RECORDING
ON LAND AT THE GRANGE, HIGH STREET, SCALDWELL
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
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Abstract

A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology, on behalf of Mr E Potter in December 2012 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new double garage on land at The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell, Northamptonshire. Modern disturbance was recorded throughout the investigation area. No archaeological features or artefacts were present.

1 INTRODUCTION

A programme of archaeological observation, investigation and recording was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology in December 2012 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new double garage on land at The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell, Northamptonshire (NGR SP 476787 272346; Planning Application No: DA/2012/0664, Figs 1, 2 and 3). The work was undertaken on behalf of Mr E Potter and was carried out 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 issued 20 November 2012 (Mordue 2012).

It adhered to the National Planning Policy Framework (DCLG 2012) and followed a Written Scheme of Investigation produced by Northamptonshire Archaeology (Leigh 2012) 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 Scaldwell lies approximately 14km to the north of Northampton. The development area (here on referred to as the site) lies on level ground at an approximate height of 125m aOD. The site fronts directly onto High Street and is bounded to the west by Peters Lane and to the east by Back Lane.

The underlying geology has been mapped by the British Geological Survey as comprising Glacial Sand and Gravel as comprising Glacial Sand and Gravel (BGS Geotindex: <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/geotindex>).

2.2 Historical background

The investigation area lies within the historic settlement of Scaldwell and within an area of archaeological interest.

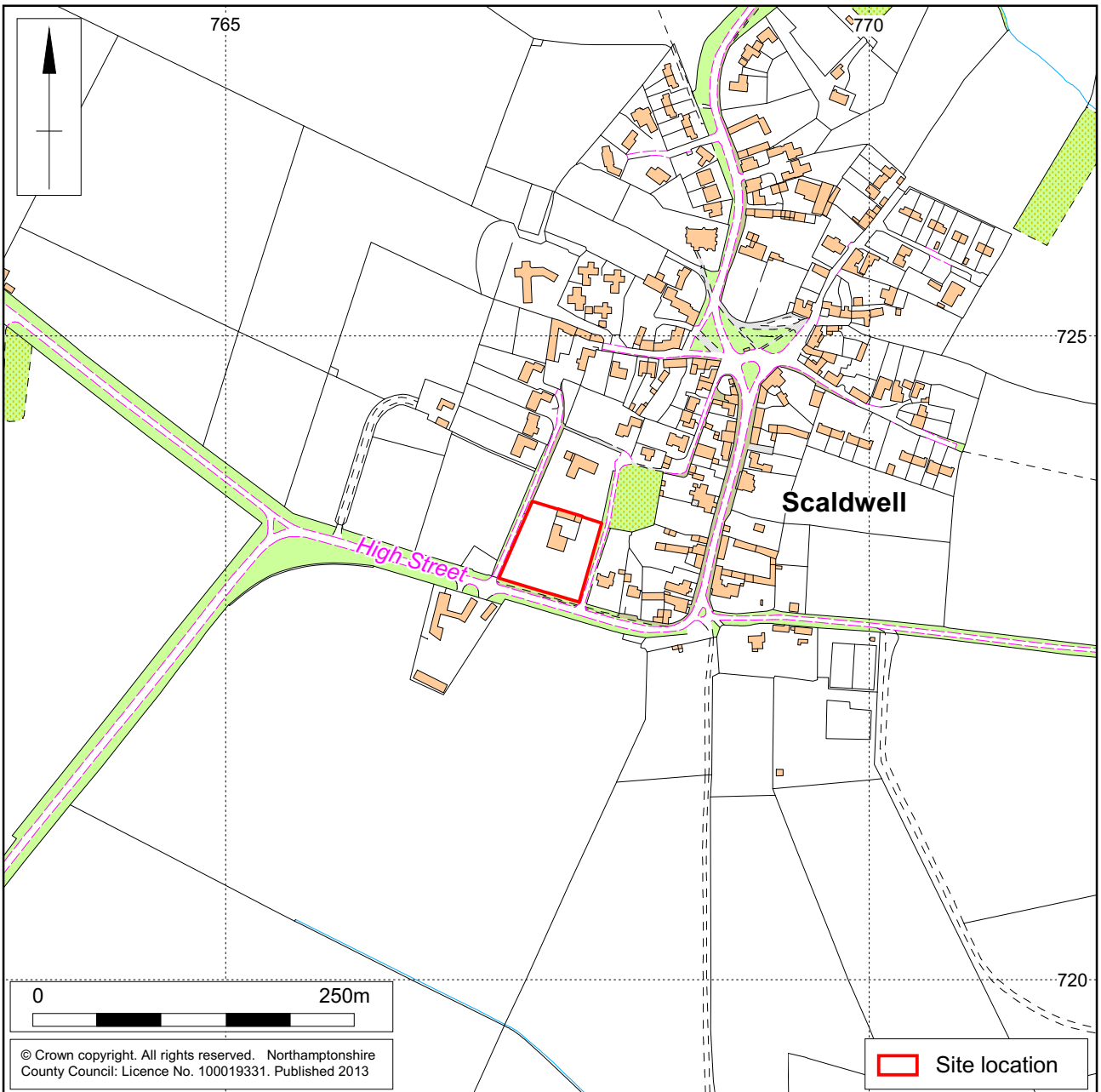
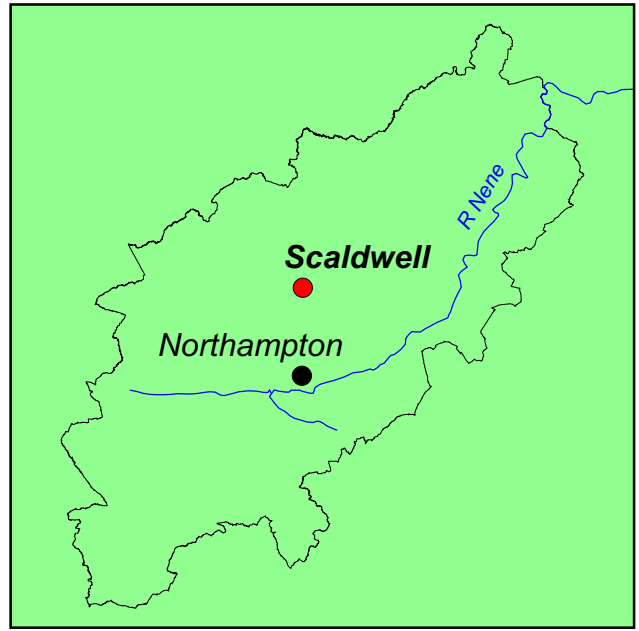
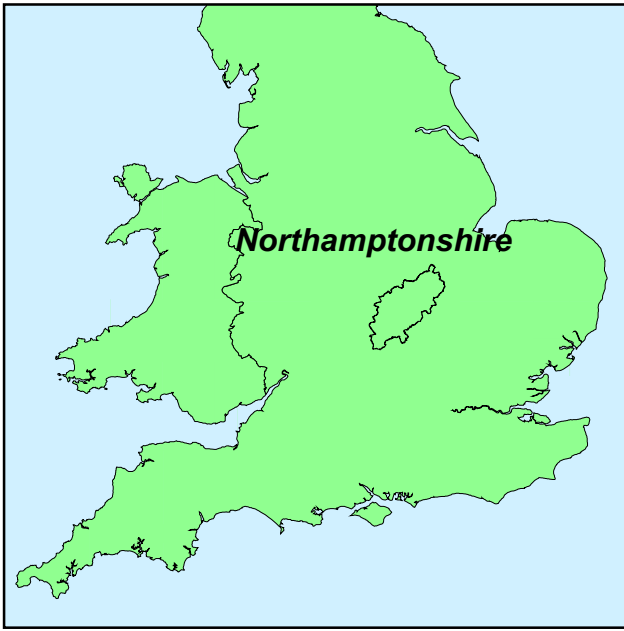
To the north-east of the site, settlement remains and pottery kilns of possible Romano-British date were recorded during ironstone quarrying in 1920 (National Monument Record No:343741). A loomweight and pottery of Romano-British date have also been recorded to the north-east of the village (MNR No: 343735).

North of the site the Northamptonshire Historic Environment Record lists finds of Saxon and medieval date reported from unstratified contexts.

The village is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086AD where it is referred to as *Scalde(s)welle*. Evidence of medieval activity comprises a medieval coin hoard recorded on the eastern boundary of the village (NMR No: 343743). The parish church of St Peter and St Paul lies to the north of the site. The church dates from the 13th century, subsequently undergoing restoration in 1863.

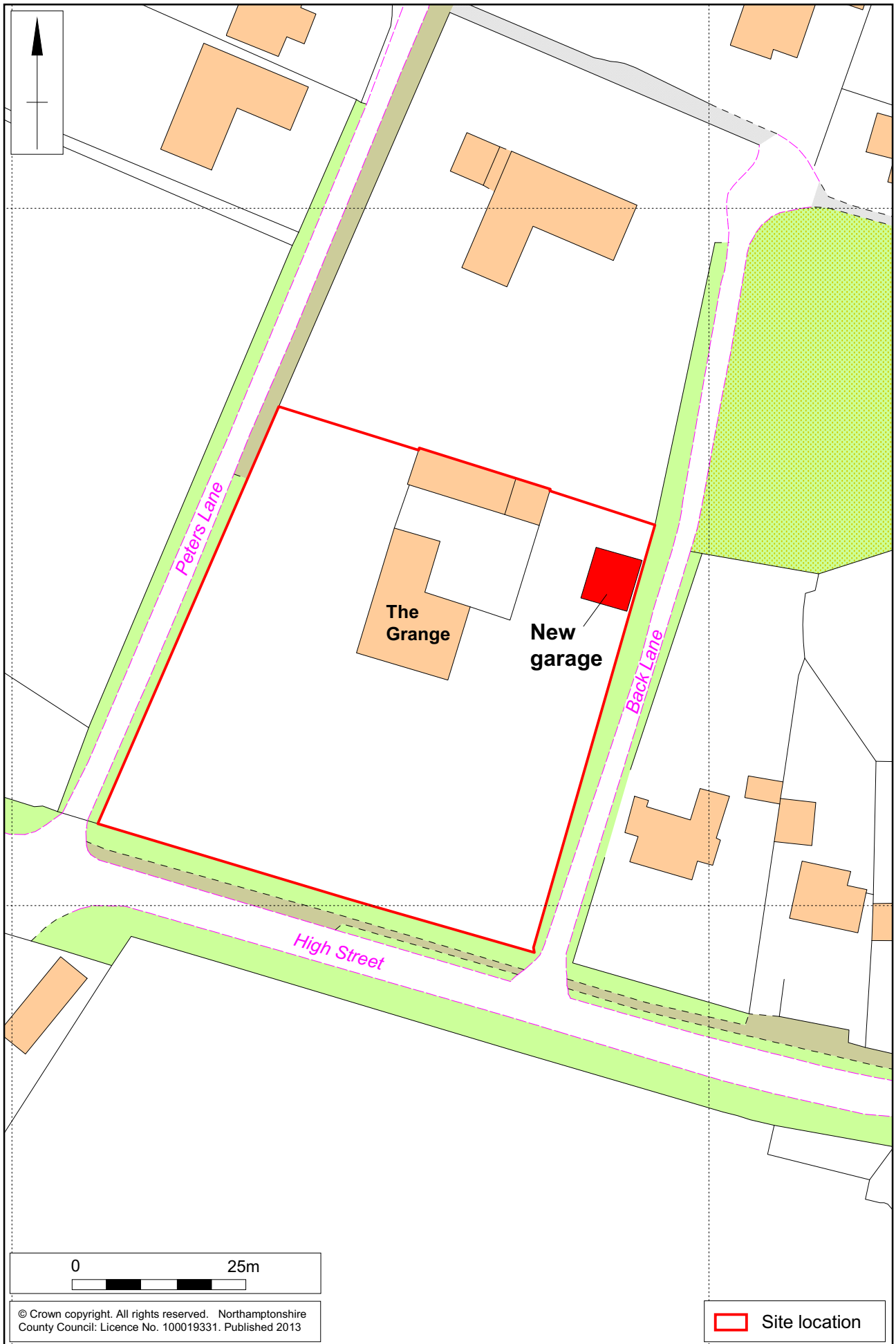
The Grange comprises a Grade II Listed building of early 19th century date. No previous archaeological work is recorded as having been carried out within the investigation area. Up to the present application the site has comprised an area of the private garden belonging to The Grange.

Prior to the commencement of the groundworks an opening had been made into a brick-built wall that creates the boundary with Back Lane (Fig 4).



Scale 1:5000

Site location Fig 1



Scale 1:750

Area of archaeological observation Fig 2

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The aims of the archaeological investigation were to:

- ◆ Observe the groundworks for the new double garage 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 during the course of a single visit in December 2012 during groundworks for the new double garage. The groundworks were carried out using a 360° tracked mini excavator fitted with a toothless bucket (Fig 5). The works comprised the removal of topsoil across the area of the new garage, followed by the excavation of foundation trenches approximately 0.70m wide and with a maximum depth of 0.80m (Fig 6).



The Grange, looking north Fig 3



The opening created in the boundary wall, looking west Fig 4

4 THE RECORDED EVIDENCE

The natural substratum was encountered at a depth of approximately 0.28m below present ground level and comprised mid brown sand and fragmented ironstone. This was overlain by mid brown sandy loam subsoil, up to 0.22m thick, containing numerous fragments of modern ceramic building material and irregular stones along with very occasional small fragments of corroded modern metal constructional items. Sealing this was patchy grey-brown topsoil, up to 0.03m thick.

No archaeological features or artefacts were present.



General view of the groundworks in progress, looking south Fig 5



General view of the foundation trenches, looking south-west Fig 6

5 THE SITE ARCHIVE

The project has generated a small archive comprising:

RECORD	NUMBER
Watching brief forms	1
Colour slides	4
Black and white contacts and negatives	4
Digital photographs	12

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



The stratigraphic sequence Fig 7

6 CONCLUSIONS

Modern disturbance was recorded throughout the investigation area which may have occurred during relatively recent landscaping activity.

No archaeological features or artefacts were present. The absence of any artefactual evidence, would suggest, but not preclude, that no significant archaeological deposits are present in the immediate vicinity of the investigation area.

The archaeological investigation was carried out in favourable circumstances and the results are considered to be reliable.

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