

Northamptonshire Archaeology

An archaeological watching brief
on land at Parkstone, 4 Wykin Lane,
Stoke Golding, Leicestershire
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PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	An archaeological watching brief on land at Parkstone, 4 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks connected with the construction of a new extension. A truncated natural substratum was noted throughout the area of the new extension. No archaeological deposits were present and no artefacts were recovered.	
Project type	Watching brief	
Site status	None	
Previous work	None	
Current Land use	Garden	
Future work	No	
Monument type/ period		
Significant finds		
PROJECT LOCATION		
County	Leicestershire	
Site address	4 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire	
Study area (sq.m or ha)	1.5ha	
OS Easting & Northing	SP 398 968	
Height OD		
PROJECT CREATORS		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology	
Project brief originator	The Senior Planning Archaeologist, Leicestershire County Council	
Project Design originator	David J.Leigh	
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Project Manager	Steve Parry	
Sponsor or funding body	Mr and Mrs Wheatley	
PROJECT DATE		
Start date	September 2006	
End date	June 2007	
ARCHIVES	Location (Accession no.)	Content (eg pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		None
Paper	Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Record Service Accession No:	Watching brief forms (1) Colour slides (4) black and white contact prints (4)
Digital	Ditto	Report text and figures

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PARKSTONE, 4 WYKIN LANE, STOKE GOLDING,
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Abstract

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology in June 2006 during groundworks connected with the construction of a new extension on land at Parkstone, 4 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire. A truncated natural substratum was noted throughout the area of the new extension. No archaeological deposits were present and no artefacts were recovered.

1 INTRODUCTION

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Northamptonshire Archaeology in June 2006 during groundworks associated with the construction of a new extension on land at Parkstone, 4 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire (NGR SP 398 968; Fig 1; Plate 1). The work was carried out on behalf of Mr and Mrs Wheatley of Parkstone, Stoke Golding and was undertaken to fulfil the requirements of a written specification for archaeological investigation produced by Northamptonshire Archaeology and approved by The Senior Planning Archaeologist, Leicestershire County Council on the 9th June 2006.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Location and topography

The development area is located within the village of Stoke Golding and fronts directly onto Wykin Lane. The underlying geology has been mapped by the British Geological Survey of Great Britain as comprising Chalky Till.

2.2 Historical background

The development area is located within the historic medieval and post-medieval core of the village of Stoke Golding (Sites and Monuments Record No: MLE 2908). To the west and adjacent to the development area is a scheduled earthwork (Scheduled Monument 21673, MLE 2904-5) believed to be a medieval garden and fishponds.

No previous archaeological investigations are recorded as having been carried out in the development area. Up to the present development the site has been occupied by the rearmost part of the driveway and the rear garden of Parkstone, 4 Wykin Lane.

3 OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY

The specific aims of the project have been to:

- ◆ Observe the groundworks connected with the construction of the new extension and associated groundworks, 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.

The fieldwork comprised a single visit to the site during the groundworks. The new extension is located to the rear of the dwelling in the area of the garden and along the eastern side which up to the present application has been used as a driveway. The groundworks comprised the partial removal of the driveway and the excavation of foundation trenches. These were excavated to a maximum depth of 1.0m with a maximum width of 0.43m. The groundworks were carried out using a 360° mini-excavator excavator fitted with a combination of both toothed and toothless buckets.

A photographic record in both black and white negative and colour slide was kept. The written record used Northamptonshire Archaeology pro-forma sheets. The watching brief was carried out in accordance with the standards and guidelines for an archaeological watching brief (IFA 2001).

4 THE RECORDED EVIDENCE

Within the foundation trenches closest to the dwelling and in the area of the former driveway a truncated natural substratum was noted. This comprised natural grey/brown clay sealed by grey/black silt loam, up to 0.48m thick, containing numerous fragments of modern ceramic building material and concrete fragments. This was sealed by concrete paving slabs and concrete.

Undisturbed soils were recorded along the southernmost foundation trench in the area of the former garden. The natural grey/brown clay was encountered 0.50m below the present ground surface. This was overlain by mid grey/brown silt loam, up to 0.22m thick, containing

occasional rounded stones. Sealing this was grey/brown silt loam topsoil/turf, up to 0.28m thick, containing occasional rounded stones.

5 THE SITE ARCHIVE

The project has generated a small archive of photographs and paperwork which will be deposited with Leicestershire Museums Service (Accession No: X.A95.2007).

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

6 CONCLUSIONS

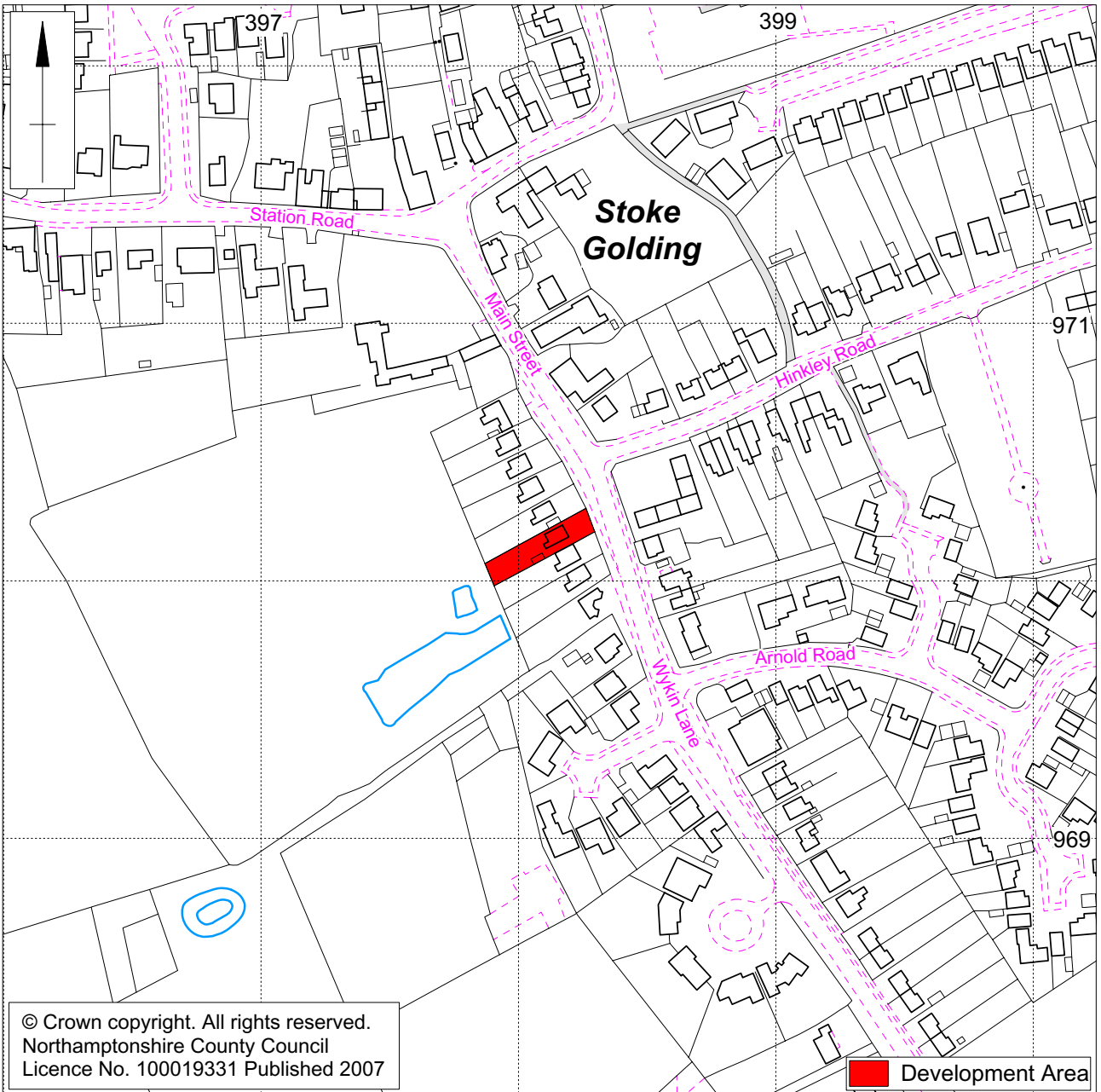
The results of the watching brief clearly demonstrate that the area closest to the dwelling has been subjected to extensive modern truncation of the natural substratum. However, undisturbed deposits are present south of the new extension.

No archaeological deposits were present and no archaeological artefacts were recovered. The watching brief was carried out in favourable conditions and the results are considered to be reliable.

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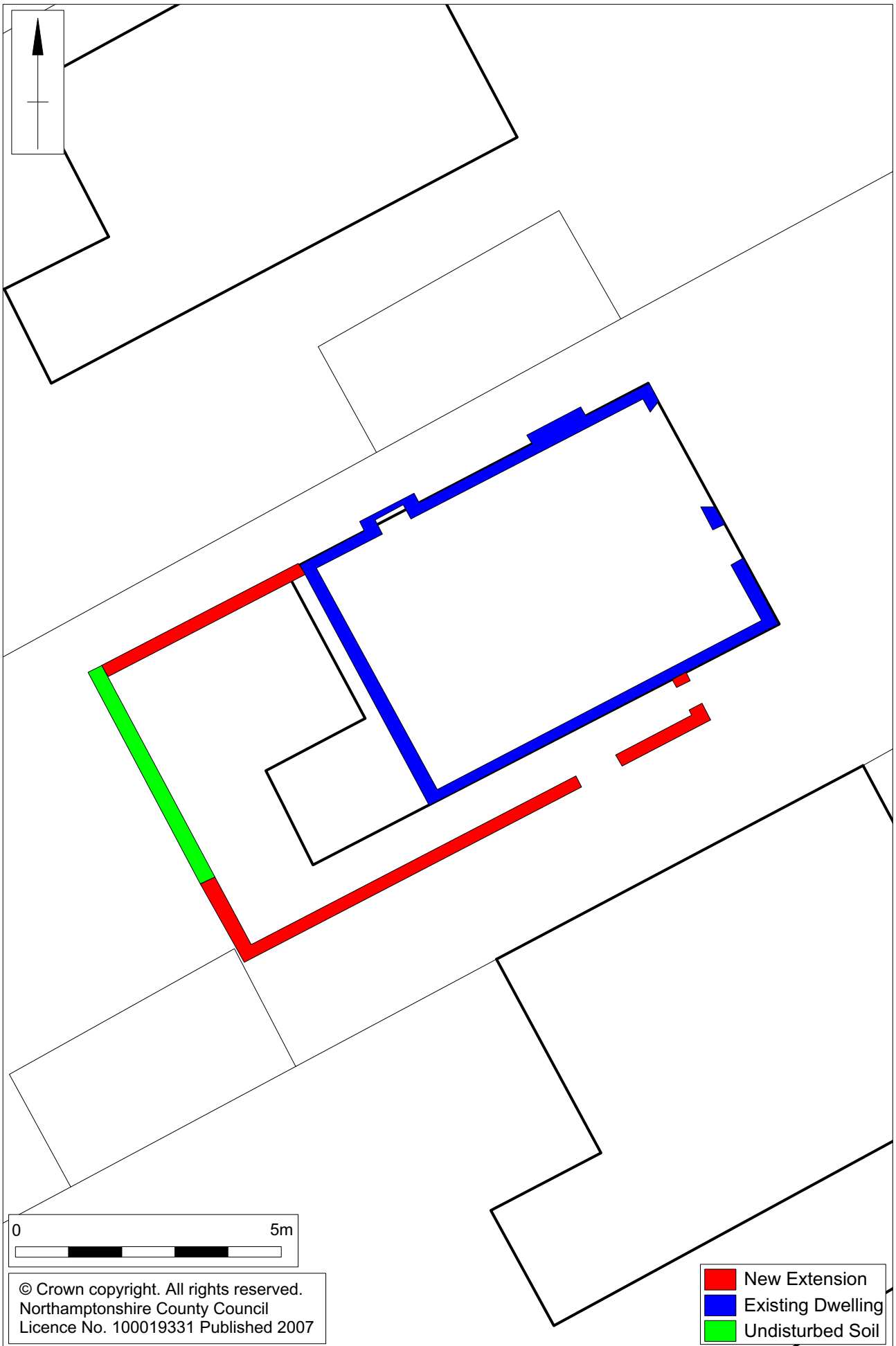
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Scale 1:2500

Fig 1 The location of the development area



Scale 1:100

Fig 2 The location of the groundworks



Plate 1: Parkstone, Stoke Golding



Plate 2: The development area during groundworks