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**REPORT ON
AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
WATCHING BRIEF ON
LAND AT WESTLANDS
FARM, CROSBY
MARYPORT
CUMBRIA**

FOR MR W J REAY

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In May 2004 North Pennines Archaeology Ltd was commissioned by Mr W J Reay, to undertake a watching brief of works at Westlands Farm, Crosby, Maryport, Cumbria. The work was requested in a brief prepared by Cumbria County Council Archaeology Service (Parsons, 2004) in response to a planning application for a residential development (Planning Application Ref. 2/03/1277 & 2/03/1283). The work followed a field evaluation, which revealed surviving archaeological remains within the development area.

1.2 The site is situated within the village of Crosby, on the north side of the village adjacent to the main A596 Wigton-Workington road, approximately 3 miles east of Maryport. The area is shown in Figure 1. The site lies close to the earthwork remains of a probable Iron Age settlement (SAM 9) and a cropmark enclosure, probably of prehistoric origin (SMR 6041).

2 PREVIOUS WORK

2.1 In April 2004, North Pennines Archaeology Ltd undertook a desk-based assessment and field evaluation of the development site. This revealed the line of a medieval ditch and 1 fragment of medieval pottery (Jones, C.J. 2004).

3 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 The work undertaken consisted of a watching brief.

3.2 Watching Brief

3.2.1 The aims of the watching brief were as follows:

- to supervise all topsoil stripping and excavation for footings and/or service trenches and clean and record any putative archaeological features and produce a stratigraphic record;
- to record archaeological deposits;
- to establish, wherever possible, the depth of archaeological remains;
- to establish, wherever possible, the condition of the remains;
- to recover artefactual material, especially that useful for dating purposes;
- to recover paleoenvironmental material where it survives.

4 RESULTS

4.1 The area of the ditch recorded in trench 3 was left undisturbed during the excavation of the foundation trenches and no other archaeological features or deposits were observed within any of the foundation trenches. The natural substrate was observed at a depth of 0.05m, consisting of reddish till (101).

5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 No archaeological structures or deposits could be observed and no anthropogenic material recovered from within the foundation trenches.

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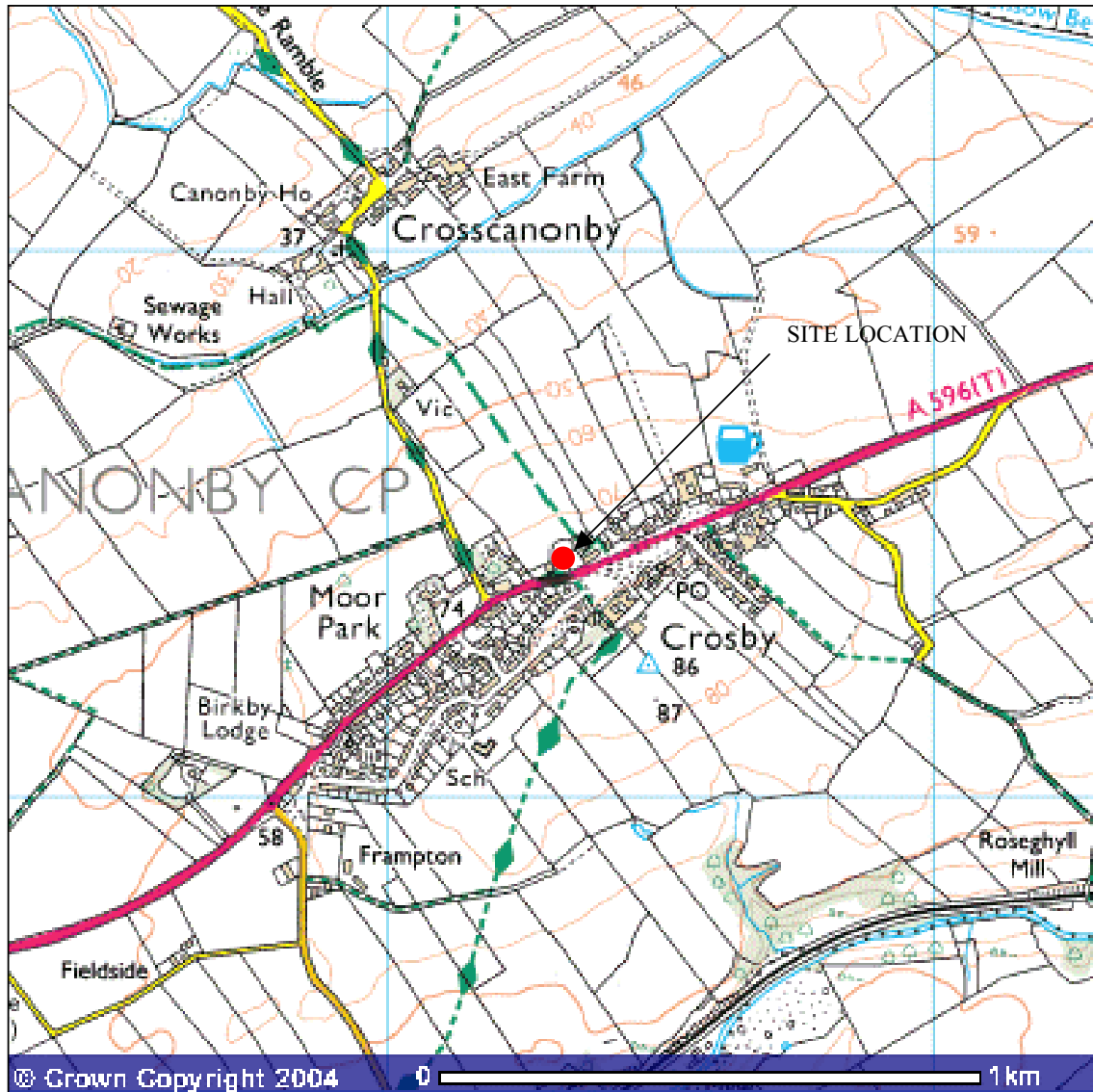
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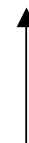
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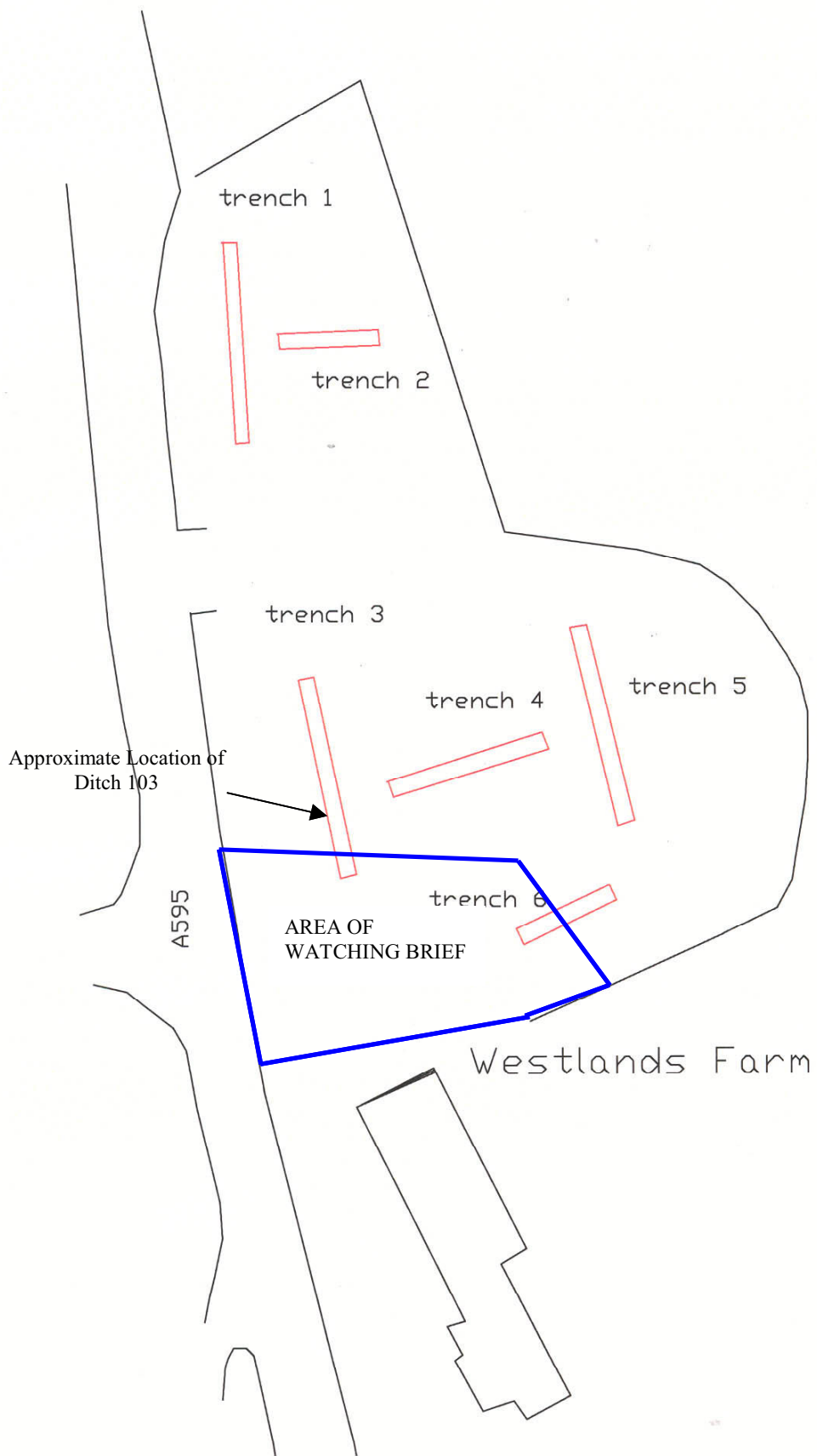
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