

**Mains of Huntingtower Farm, Perth & Kinross:  
Archaeological Monitoring and Cleaning**

Data Structure Report

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## 1 Overview

- 1.1 This Data Structure Report presents the findings for archaeological investigative works required by Mr J Ritchie in respect to the proposed construction of a farm building and associated hardstanding at Mains of Huntingtower, Perth & Kinross. The preliminary archaeological works are designed to determine the nature, form and extent of any archaeology present on the site and hence inform the mitigation of any adverse impact on the archaeological remains.
- 1.2 The development area currently comprises cultivated agricultural land and is wholly within a Scheduled Ancient Monument (AMH 3630), protected under the terms of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Mr J Ritchie through negotiation with Historic Scotland, Perth & Kinross Council and their advisors, the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust, agreed the structure of archaeological work required on this site during development works. Historic Scotland has granted Scheduled Monument Consent for these works to be undertaken (ref: AMH/3630/1/1).
- 1.3 The findings presented below inform on the character of any archaeologically significant features occurring within the proposed development area and the appropriateness or requirement for further archaeological works. The character of such further stages of work will need to be agreed with Historic Scotland, Perth & Kinross Council and their advisors, the Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust.
- 1.4 Rathmell Archaeology Limited has been appointed by Mr J Ritchie to undertake the programme of investigative works which will establish the baseline of archaeological information within the proposed development area.

## 2 Project Works

- 2.1 The programme of works commenced with a machine strip of the proposed development area under the control of an archaeologist. The strip extended to 100% of the proposed development area which measured 20m east-west by approximately 70m north-south. The development area is situated to the immediate west of the existing buildings of Huntingtower Farm.
- 2.2 The stripped area was hand cleaned over a period of six days in order to expose and delimit archaeological features surviving in the subsoil. The quality and extent of the cleaning was necessarily limited by adverse weather conditions (Figure 1a). However, it was possible to examine the entire development area to a suitable extent for the purposes of identifying potential archaeological features.
- 2.2 Placement and extent of the stripped area was in keeping with the terms of the Method Statement (Rees 2008) (Figure 1b). No services were located within the development area.
- 2.3 All of the exposed features were recorded in plan in keeping with the terms of the Method Statement. The on-site works took place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009. All works were conducted in accordance with the Institute of Field Archaeology's Standards and Policy Statements and Code of Conduct and Historic Scotland Policy Statements.



Figure 1a: Site after monitored strip.



Figure 1b: Site after hand cleaning

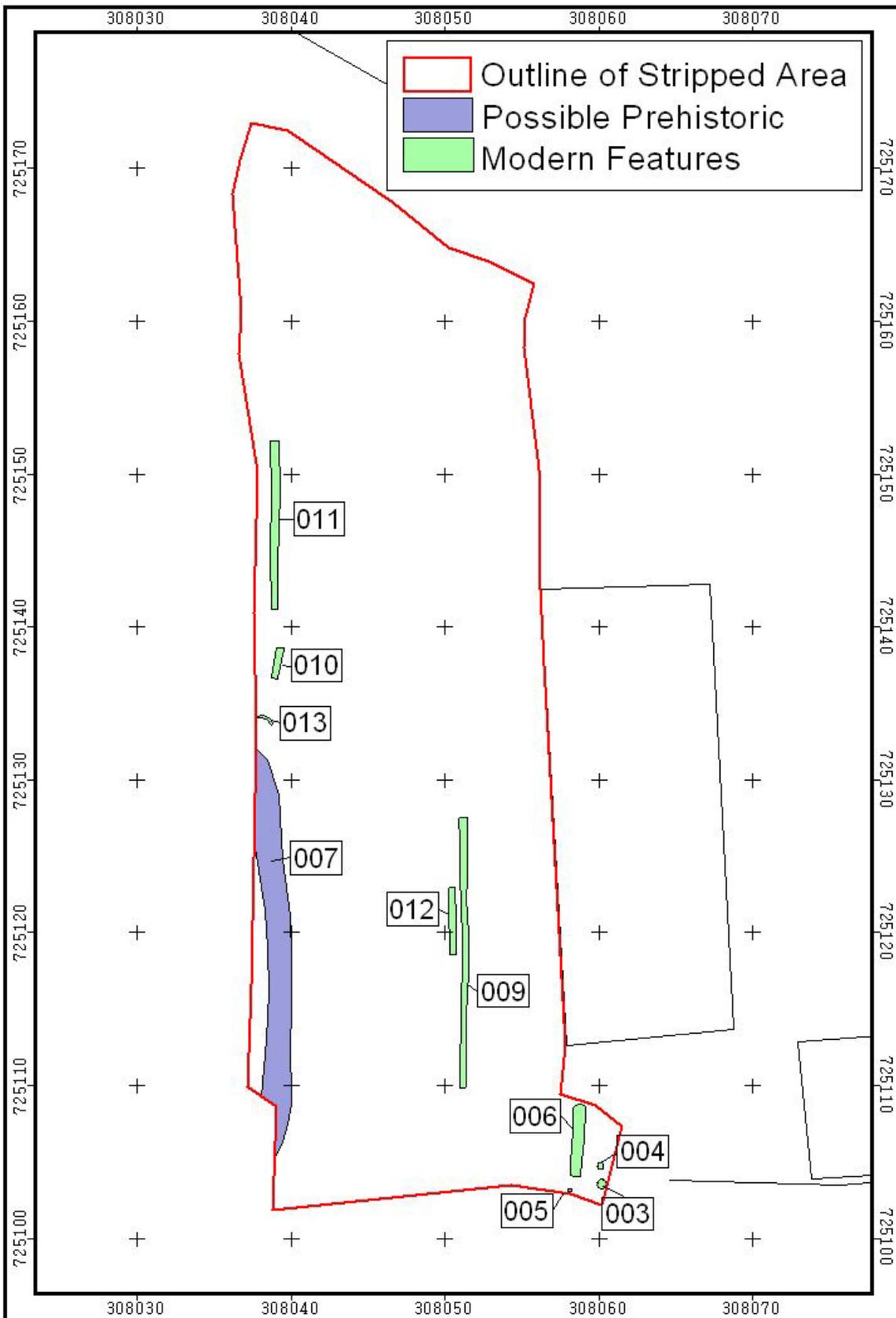


Figure 2: Site plan showing features

### 3 Archaeological and Historical Background

#### 3.1 *Known Archaeology and Scheduled Ancient Monuments*

- 3.1.1 The entire development area is entirely located within the boundary of a Scheduled Ancient Monument (AMH 3630). Several features have been identified by aerial photographs and cropmark survey. The boundary of the scheduled area completely covers the field in which the development area is located as well as additional areas to the south and west across the A85. However the extent of the identified cropmarks goes beyond the boundaries of the scheduled area to include several potential sites in the surrounding landscape (Barclay 1982).
- 3.1.2 Few of the features identified from cropmarks have been investigated archaeologically. However the provisional interpretation of most of the features is that they relate to prehistoric occupation of the area. Of particular note is the central enclosure feature which appears to be made up of large and small concentric circles of negative features (PKHT: MPK2062; NMRS: NO02NE39). The development area is on the eastern edge of this enclosure.
- 3.1.3 An additional note should be made of the variety of sites in the immediately surrounding landscape. There have been recorded sporadic isolated artefact finds from prehistoric to medieval. Immediately to the east of the site is Huntingtower Castle (PKHT: MPK5534; NMRS: NO02NE1). This castle is described as comprising two tower houses linked by 1-bay addition in 17th century. The east tower is believed to date from the early 15<sup>th</sup> century and to have been remodelled in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

#### 3.2 *Previous Archaeological Work*

- 3.2.1 Some archaeological investigation of the cropmark features around Huntingtower has already taken place. In 1977 a reconstruction of the A9 resulted in the excavation of a supposed *cursus* and associated features to the south of the A85 (Barclay 1982). As a result of this excavation it was demonstrated that the *cursus* was in fact a modern feature; however quantities of medieval pottery were recovered from associated features. A number of possible features in this area remain of interest including a number of possible pit alignments and two possible ring-ditches.
- 3.2.2 In 2001 an archaeological watching brief was undertaken by AOC Archaeology in response to the placement of a gas pipeline. This pipeline was placed along the western boundary of the scheduled area (Dunbar 2001). Several features were excavated during the course of this monitoring work but almost all contained only modern material. Although two pits contained no datable material no definitive evidence was recovered to link the area with either a Roman or prehistoric occupation.
- 3.2.3 Rathmell Archaeology Ltd was commissioned in 2007 by Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd on behalf of Mr J Ritchie to undertake works along the northern boundary of the scheduled area (Matthews 2007). These works included a monitored strip of an area 8m wide along the northern boundary of the field and hand cleaning of the exposed drift geology. The trigger for the work was application for the placement of farm access road along the northern boundary of the field. Several features were uncovered during these works and some appeared to be related in surface patterns, specifically as possible rings of postholes. However, the lack of diagnostic surface material and the limited area opened means that the exact relationships and date of features remains uncertain.



Figure 3a: Ditch (007)



Figure 3b: Linear features (009) and (006)

## 4 Findings

- 4.1 The entire development area was stripped by machine under the control of an archaeologist. In addition to the weather conditions this task was further complicated by the height and composition of the subsoil. The height of the subsoil varies considerably across the site; this means that the plough-soil depth also varies considerably. In places the plough-soil was as little as 310mm deep where in other places it was as much as 770mm. The subsoil is composed of loose sand and gravel which is often less compact than the overlying plough-soil. It is therefore difficult to gauge an accurate depth for excavation by machine.
- 4.2 According to the terms of the Method Statement the development area was hand cleaned subsequent to stripping by machine. The hand cleaning works were limited by below freezing temperatures for almost all of the time on site. As a result the southern half of the site was cleaned to a high standard but the northern half was cleaned where practicable in order to locate and define potential archaeological features. Full descriptions of each are contained in the appendices at the end of this report. Included below is a synthesis of the findings and interpretation from the stripped area (Figure 2).
- 4.3 *Scheduled Enclosure*
- 4.3.1 Although the scheduled area covers the entire field to the south-west of Huntingtower Farm, along with a further area to the south beyond the A85, the central focus of the scheduled area is a large circular cropmark identified from aerial photographs.
- 4.3.2 In the south-western corner of the development area, 28m of the arc of a possible circular ditch (007) was located close to the western boundary of the excavated area. The ditch was approximately 1.6m wide and of an undetermined depth (Figure 3a).
- 4.4 *Other features*
- 4.4.1 Although the subsoil exposed was largely devoid of features there were a few linear features which ran north-south through the stripped area (009), (010), (011), (012). These features were between 0.4 and 0.6m in width and varied in length (Figure 3b) (Figure 4b). All had a north-south alignment and appeared only in places where the ploughsoil was shallow or the subsoil higher.
- 4.4.2 Where depth could be determined they were never more than 50mm deep. The fill of these features was very similar to the ploughsoil (001). In two cases artefacts were recovered. In both cases, these were fragments of modern pottery, recovered during the cleaning of (009) and (010). Given the shallow nature of the features it is likely that these finds are indicative of the features' origins.
- 4.5 *Artefacts*
- 4.5.1 No significant artefacts were recovered during the evaluation though modern detritus (late nineteenth and twentieth century material) was observed within the topsoil. Occasional modern artefacts were recovered during the cleaning of features.
- 4.6 *Modern Disturbance*
- 4.6.1 In the south-eastern corner of the examined area several features were grouped in close proximity where this area extended outwards to include the angle of the existing farm buildings (Figure 3b). These consisted of three small sub-circular features; (003), (004) and (005), and one linear feature (006), which contained fragments of ceramic tile, stone and mortar.



Figure 4a: Linear feature (009)



Figure 4b: Linear feature (011)

## 5 Discussion

### 5.1 *Significant Archaeological Features*

5.1.1 The only potentially significant archaeological feature observed on site was feature (007) which arced into and out of the western boundary of the examined area. The most likely interpretation of feature (007) is that it represents a section of the enclosure ditch which had been identified from aerial photographs as the focus of the scheduled area. The feature appears to be in exactly the expected north-south location and may only be at most three meters further east than expected. Locating this feature by this method allows us to accurately pinpoint its location and to confirm that it has survived to some extent beneath the plough-soil.

### 5.2 *Agricultural Features*

5.2.1 Features (008), (009), (010), (011), (012) may be discussed as a group because they have several characteristics in common. All of these features had a north-south alignment; all were of irregular form although none were wider than 600mm. None of these were more than 60mm deep and in each case the fill was of very similar composition to the topsoil. Two of the features, (009) and (010) contained modern material.

5.2.2 The fact that these features all have a north-south alignment and exist only where the subsoil is high or the ploughsoil is shallow suggest that they are marks resulting from sporadic deepening of the plough due to the variable depth of the subsoil. The fact that modern artefacts have been recovered from two of them suggests that they are of recent (late 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> century) origin.

### 5.3 *Modern Disturbance*

5.3.1 The small sub-circular features in the south-eastern corner of the examined area are most likely associated with feature (006). Even a superficial examination of feature (006) would suggest that it was of modern origin as it contained only modern material. The fact that it was aligned exactly with the now-removed western boundary wall of the farm buildings suggests that it is likely to be the continuation of this wall foundation southwards. There is no indication that it is of archaeological significance.

5.3.2 The variable height of the subsoil combined with the variable depth of ploughsoil means that within the boundaries of the examined area the depth of the soil which overlies the archaeology can be as shallow as 310mm and as deep as 770mm. We have already demonstrated that modern ploughing is, in places, reaching a depth where it is impacting on the subsoil.

## 6 Recommendations

6.1 The following recommendations are based on the findings described above as well as the meeting which took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 between Rathmell Archaeology Ltd, Historic Scotland, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and Mr J Ritchie at Mains of Huntingtower Farm.

6.2 No further archaeological work is recommended within the scope of works described in the agreed Method Statement. No significant archaeological material was recovered in the course of the monitored strip and cleaning and therefore no post-excavation work is recommended.

6.3 In agreement with the terms outlined in the Method Statement the proposed area of the development should be reduced by 3 meters along its western boundary so that the extent of the large circular enclosure, feature (007), continues to be used as agricultural land. This can be carried out without archaeological supervision. The remainder of the area may be covered with terram and hardcore, without archaeological supervision, in order to provide an extension to the existing farmyard.

6.4 Should the construction of the proposed farm building continue it is possible that it would

require a planning application. Given the close proximity to the scheduled area it is likely that such an application would result in a watching brief of the foundation excavations being a requirement of the agreed consent. Should the location of the proposed farm building lie within the scheduled area then additional Scheduled Monument Consent would be required for the placement of foundations. It is likely that an archaeological watching brief of any such excavations would be required.

- 6.5 Relocation of the topsoil removed during these archaeological excavations is no longer subject to a week timetable as required by the Method Statement. Initially it was intended that the topsoil should be removed from site. However, given the shallow nature of the topsoil in places it may be beneficial for the long term preservation of the archaeological remains within the scheduled area that the topsoil is redistributed within the field. The topsoil will be relocated subject to a decision from Historic Scotland and without archaeological supervision.
- 6.6 All works should comply with Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust Standard Conditions, the Institute of Field Archaeology's Standards and Policy Statements & Code of Conduct and Historic Scotland Policy Statements.

## 7 Conclusion

- 7.1 A programme of archaeological investigative works was undertaken in respect of the proposed construction of a farm building and associated hardstanding at Mains of Huntingtower, Perth & Kinross. The development area was composed of cultivated agricultural land within the boundary of a Scheduled Ancient Monument, protected under the terms of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. On site work included a monitored strip of an area 20m east-west by 70m north-south and took place between 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009.
- 7.2 A number of potential features were exposed during the monitored strip and hand cleaning. Several of the features could confidently be attributed to modern disturbance of the subsoil. Some shallow linear features, running north-south through the stripped area, may be provisionally interpreted as ploughscars. This is supported by the fact that the ploughsoil is frequently shallow in patches across the field.
- 7.3 In the south-western corner of the stripped area a portion of a large curvilinear feature was exposed and recorded. The exposed extent measured 28m in length and 1.6m in width. Without excavation the only reasonable interpretation of this feature is that it is a portion of the large prehistoric enclosure which has been identified from aerial photographs and which lies at the heart of the scheduled area. In accordance with the terms of the agreed Method Statement this feature was recorded in plan and to be reinstated as agricultural land as soon as possible.
- 7.4 No further on site archaeological work is recommended within the development area and no post-excavation programme is appropriate. It is acknowledged, however, that further archaeological monitoring may be required during the placement of foundation trenches for a proposed farm building. The appropriateness, scale and character of any further works are subject to the agreement of Perth & Kinross Council and their archaeological advisors Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust or Historic Scotland as appropriate to the situation.

## 8 References

### 8.1 *Documentary*

Barclay, G	1982	<i>'The excavation of two crop-marks at Huntingtower, Perthshire'</i> Proceedings of The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.
Dunbar, L	2001	<i>'West of Huntingtower'</i> Discovery and Excavation in Scotland.
Historic Scotland	2008	<i>Scottish Historic Environment Policy, October 2008</i>
Matthews, A	2007	<i>Mains of Hunting Tower, Perth: Archaeological Monitored Strip and Cleaning, Summary of Works</i>
Rees, T	2009	<i>'Mains of Huntingtower Farm: Archaeological Monitoring and Cleaning, Method Statement'</i>
Scottish Government	2008	<i>Scottish Planning Policy 23, Planning and the Historic Environment.</i>
SOEnd	1994	<i>Planning Advice Note 42, Archaeology</i> , Scottish Office Environmental Department.

### 8.2 *Cartographic*

Ordnance Survey	1866	Perthshire, 1 <sup>st</sup> edition map, 6 inch, sheet CXVIII
Ordnance Survey	1927	Perth & Strathearn, 1:10560, sheet LXIII
Roy	1747-55	Military Survey of Scotland

## Appendix 1: Registers

Within this appendix are all registers pertaining to works on-site regardless of the process by which that information was gathered (e.g. evaluation or strip, map & sample).

### *Context Register*

<b>Context No.</b>	<b>Area/ Trench</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
001	-	Deposit	Moderately compact dark greyish brown silt with occasional stone inclusions. Variable depth of 310mm to 770mm	Ploughsoil (Topsoil)
002	-	Deposit	Moderately compact orange sandy gravel	Subsoil
003	-	Feature	Sub-circular feature measuring 600mm by 640mm containing a light brown fill	Post hole – modern
004	-	Feature	Sub circular/rectangular feature measuring 410mm by 370mm containing a light brown fill	Post hole – modern
005	-	Feature	Square/rectangular feature measuring 190mm by 250mm containing a greyish brown fill	Post hole – modern
006	-	Feature	Linear feature running N-S for 4.5m and measuring 0.8m wide containing a greyish brown fill with frequent mortar and red tile inclusions	Wall foundation – modern
007	-	Feature	Curvilinear feature running approx N-S within the trench measuring 28.3m by 1.64m where visible. It contained a light brown sandy silt fill with occasional small – medium stone inclusions	Ring ditch segment – prehistoric
008	-	Feature	Irregular sub circular feature measuring 1.25m by 1.65m containing a greyish brown fill	Unknown feature – probable agricultural scarring
009	-	Feature	Linear feature running N-S measuring 18.5m long and varying in width from 0.3-0.85m. Contained a greyish brown fill with modern ceramic within	Drainage ditch or plough scar
010	-	Feature	Linear feature running N-S measuring 2.21m by 0.4m containing a greyish brown fill	Agricultural scarring
011	-	Feature	Linear feature running N-S measuring 15m (clearly visible) by 0.5m	Modern ditch, possibly for drainage
012	-	Feature	Linear feature running N-S measuring 5m by 0.6m containing a greyish brown fill	Modern ditch or plough scar
013	-	Feature	Curvilinear feature measuring 0.96m by 0.11m, in close proximity to prehistoric ditch [007]. Contains a dark brown fill with occasional stone inclusions	Possible animal burrowing

*Finds Register*

Find No.	Area/Trench	Context No.	Material Type	Description	Excavator	Date
1	-	009	Ceramic	1 x red tile fragment (rim)	KP	10/02/09
2	-	010	Ceramic	1 x brown glazed ceramic fragment (rim)	KP	10/02/09

*Photographic Register*

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02	-	-	-	-	2	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
03	-	-	-	-	3	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
04	-	-	-	-	4	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
05	-	-	-	-	5	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
06	-	-	-	-	6	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
07	-	-	-	-	7	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
08	-	-	-	-	8	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
09	-	-	-	-	9	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
10	-	-	-	-	10	General and working shots	-	03/02/09
11	1	1	1	5	11	General and working shots	SSE	04/02/09
12	-	-	-	-	12	General and working shots	ENE	04/02/09
13	1	2	-	-	13	General and working shots	S	04/02/09
14	-	-	-	-	14	Possible features in SE corner	SE	04/02/09
15	1	3	1	6	15	Site completely uncovered for cleaning	N	04/02/09
16	1	4	-	-	16	Ditch highlighted by snow	N	04/02/09
17	1	5	-	-	17	Possible features in SE corner	N	04/02/09
18	1	6	-	-	18	Features fully uncovered	S	04/02/09
19	1	7	-	-	19	Area cleaned by hand (day 1)	E	04/02/09
20	1	8	1	7	20	General shot	SE	04/02/09
21	1	9	-	-	21	General shot (end of Day 1)	S	04/02/09
22	1	10	-	-	22	Area cleaned (Day 2)	NE	05/02/09
23	1	11	-	-	23	Area cleaned (Day 2)	SW	05/02/09
24	1	12	-	-	24	General shot of excavated area	SW	05/02/09
25	1	13	-	-	25	Linear feature (probably modern)	N	05/02/09

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27	1	15	-	-	27	Two possible linear features running N	N	05/02/09
28	1	16	-	-	28	General shot (end of Day 2)	N	05/02/09
29	1	17	-	-	29	General shot of site Friday morning (frozen)	NE	06/02/09
30	1	18	-	-	30	General shot of site Friday morning (frozen)	E	06/02/09
31	1	19	-	-	36	General shot of site Monday morning	NW	09/02/09
32	1	20	1	9	37	General shot of ditch [007]	NW	09/02/09
33	1	21	-	-	38	General shot of ditch [007]	S	09/02/09
34	1	22	-	-	39	General shot of other features	SW	09/02/09
35	1	23	-	-	40	General site shot	S	09/02/09
36	1	24	-	-	41	General site shot (Tuesday morning) – site frozen	S	10/02/09
37	1	25	-	-	42	Working shot	ESE	10/02/09
38	1	26	-	-	43	General site shot (Tuesday morning) – site frozen	NE	10/02/09
39	1	27	1	10	44	Area cleaned Tuesday afternoon	NW	10/02/09
40	1	28	-	-	45	Modern ditch	S	10/02/09
41	1	29	-	-	46	Shot of ditch (modern)	S	10/02/09
42	1	30	1	11	47	Shot of unknown feature close to main ditch	S	10/02/09
43	1	31	1	12	48	General	S	11/02/09
44	-	-	-	-	49	General	S	11/02/09
45	-	-	-	-	50	General S-end	W	11/02/09
46	-	-	-	-	51	General S-end	W	11/02/09
47	-	-	-	-	52	General middle	SW	11/02/09
48	-	-	-	-	53	General	NW	11/02/09
49	-	-	-	-	54	General	NW	11/02/09
50	-	-	-	-	55	General	NW	11/02/09
51	-	-	-	-	56	General	NW	11/02/09
52	-	-	-	-	57	General	NW	11/02/09
53	-	-	-	-	58	General shot of setting around site	SE	11/02/09
54	-	-	-	-	59	General shot of setting around site	SE	11/02/09
55	1	32	-	-	60	General shot of setting around site	NE	11/02/09
56	-	-	-	-	61	View of field from NW corner of trench	NNE	11/02/09

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59	-	-	-	-	64	View of field from NW corner of trench	E	11/02/09
60	-	-	-	-	65	View of field from NW corner of trench	SE	11/02/09
61	-	-	-	-	66	Huntingtower Castle	W	11/02/09
62	-	-	-	-	67	Huntingtower Castle	SW	11/02/09
63	-	-	-	-	68	Huntingtower Castle	SW	11/02/09
64	1	33	1	13	69	Huntingtower Farm from the castle	E	11/02/09
65	1	34	-	-	70	Huntingtower Farm from the castle	E	11/02/09
66	1	35	-	-	71	View from castle top	SE	11/02/09
67	-	-	-	-	72	Edge of trench	E	11/02/09
68	-	-	-	-	73	View of field	NE	11/02/09
69	-	-	-	-	74	View of Farm	E	11/02/09
70	-	-	-	-	75	Shots from Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
71	-	-	-	-	76	Shots from Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
72	-	-	-	-	77	Shots from Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
73	-	-	-	-	78	Shots from Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
74	-	-	-	-	79	Shots from Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
75	-	-	-	-	80	Shots of Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
76	-	-	-	-	81	Shots of Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
77	-	-	-	-	82	Shots of Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
78	-	-	-	-	83	Shots of Huntingtower Castle	-	11/02/09
79	-	-	-	-	84	General site shot	S	11/02/09
80	-	-	-	-	85	General site shot	SE	11/02/09
81	1	36	1	14	-	General site shot	SE	11/02/09
82	-	-	-	-	86	General shot of site from field	WSW	11/02/09
83	-	-	-	-	87	General shot of site from field	SW	11/02/09

## Appendix 2: Discovery &amp; Excavation in Scotland

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Perth and Kinross
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Mains of Huntingtower Farm
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	09001
<b>PARISH:</b>	Tibbermore
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Alan Matthews
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	Rathmell Archaeology Limited
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Monitored strip
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	NO02NE39
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	Ditch
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR (2 letters, 8 or 10 figures)</b>	NO 0809 2518
<b>START DATE (this season)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2009
<b>END DATE (this season)</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
<b>PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)</b>	None
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (may include information from other fields)	A number of potential features were exposed during the monitored strip and hand cleaning. Several of the features could confidently be attributed to modern disturbance of the subsoil. Shallow linear features, running north-south through the stripped area, may be provisionally interpreted as ploughscars. In the south-western corner of the stripped area a portion of a large curvilinear feature was exposed and recorded. The exposed length measured 28m and 1.6m in width. Without excavation the only reasonable interpretation of this feature is that it is a portion of the large prehistoric ditch located by aerial photographs. This feature was recorded in plan and is to be reinstated as agricultural land as soon as possible. No further on site archaeological work is recommended within the development area.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
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