# Land to the Rear of the Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Redbourne, North Lincolnshire Archaeological Observation, Assessment and Recording Report

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#### Summary

Full planning permission has been granted by North Lincolnshire Council for the erection of a new house and garage on land to the rear of The Old Vicarage, Redbourne (Planning Ref: PA/2010/0905). This scheme of works entailed the production of a detailed specification for the works followed by archaeological observation and recording during all groundworks associated with the development.

Ground reduction for a new access road and the foundation trenches for the house and garage were monitored.

No archaeological features, deposits or finds were revealed during these works.

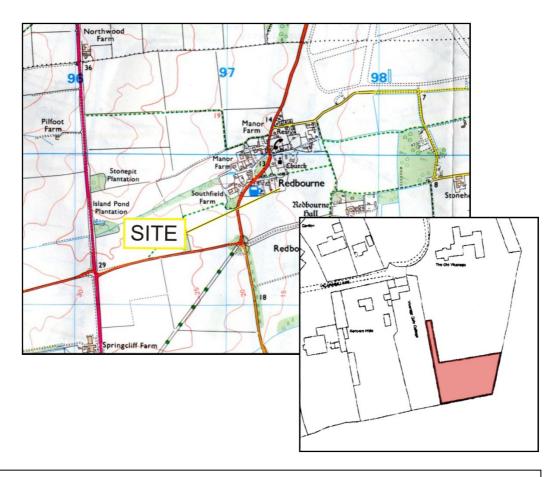


Fig. 1 Location of The Old Vicarage, Redbourne (based on the Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 Explorer map, Sheet 281 [2000]. 1:25,000. Inset not to scale. (© Crown copyright. All rights reserved. PCAS Licence No. 100049278).

#### 1.0 Introduction

Pre-Construct Archaeological Services Ltd (PCAS) was commissioned by John Derbyshire Design Partnership Ltd to carry out a scheme of archaeological observation and recording during the groundworks for a detached house and garage on land to the rear of The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, North Lincolnshire.

#### 2.0 Location and description (Fig.1)

The village of Redbourne is located 7.5km to the south-west of Brigg. Vicarage Lane is to the east of the B1206 High Street, at the southern end of the village. The Old Vicarage is sited within a large garden at the eastern end of Vicarage Lane; the 0.17ha development site is at the southern end of the garden, east of the rear garden of Vicarage Gate Cottage, with arable land to the east and south. The site is centred on NGR: SK 9736 9977).

#### 3.0 Geology

The solid geology of this area is ooidal limestone of the Hibaldstow Limestone Formation. A band of glacial sands and gravels is situated along the tributary stream to the north of Vicarage Lane (BGS 1982).

The development site is at the western edge of the Ancholme valley and lies relatively flat at c. 15m OD.

#### 4.0 Planning background

Full planning permission was granted by North Lincolnshire Council for the erection of a new house and garage on land to the rear of The Old Vicarage, Redbourne (Planning Ref: PA/2010/0905).

This permission was subject to a number of conditions including archaeological conditions 5, 6 and 7. In summary these required the completion of an archaeological mitigation strategy to be submitted and approved by the Local planning authority, the mitigation strategy to be carried out in accordance with this approved scheme, subject to variations agreed by the local planning authority and for a copy of the analysis and reporting produced as part of the mitigation strategy to be deposited with the North Lincolnshire Historic Environment. These conditions were set to comply with policy HE9 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan as the site is of archaeological interest.

The archaeological work specified and approved within the mitigation strategy was for a scheme of archaeological observation and recording to be carried out during all groundworks associated with the development.

#### 5.0 Archaeological and historical background

The archaeological and historical background was comprehensively covered in the specification for these works. The information below was taken from this specification (Tann 2010).

Evidence for prehistoric activity in the area has been thus far restricted to findspots of Neolithic and Bronze Age worked flints recorded in the North Lincolnshire SMR. Romano-British pottery scatters have also been recovered in Redbourne parish. The village is only *c*. 1km to the east of the Roman Ermine Street.

To the east of the village, a medieval moated site, Castle Hills, retains the remains of banks and ditches of two adjoining moats. The site may have been a motte and bailey earthwork. The vicarage, churchyard and a former schoolhouse lie within part of the enclosed site but part of the site was levelled and ploughed between 1961 and 1974. Air photographs show a

series of outer ditches to the south of the castle site, and medieval artefacts have been found in fields close to the Old Vicarage. Further associated archaeological remains may be present on the application site. The area remained parkland of Redbourne Hall, which lies to the southeast, until the 20th century.

The Old Vicarage, and the adjoining coach-house/stable, are Grade II listed buildings. The house is of 17th century origin and surviving 17th and 18th century glebe terriers record the original 3-bay 'mansion house'. A rear extension was added by James Fowler of Louth in the19th century.

#### 6.0 Methodology

A qualified and experience archaeologist was present to monitor the ground reduction for a new access road and for the excavation of all foundation trenches.

A written record of each significant stratigraphic horizon encountered was made on standard PCAS context recording forms. These were supplemented by a narrative account in the form of a site diary.

A site plan was produced and representative sections were drawn at a scale of 1:50 and 1.10 respectively. These drawings were supplemented by a colour and monochrome photographic record, a selection from which is reproduced in Appendix 1.

Though all sections and spoil were inspected no finds were recovered during these works.

The fieldwork monitoring was carried out from the 19<sup>th</sup> January to the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 by Linda Hamilton and Simon Savage.

## 7.0 Results (Fig. 2-5)

The entire site was covered with turf over a dark brown sandy clay topsoil which contained occasional pebbles and rare rounded fragments of cbm (001). This was only exposed to a depth of c. 0.12m along the new access road but was found to be c.0.20m thick in the foundation trenches. This sealed a patchy mid reddish-brown sandy clay subsoil containing occasional small platy stones (002). The presence and thickness of this deposit varied across the site; being c.0.40m thick in the southwest and only c.0.10m thick if present at all in the northeast. This subsoil sealed the natural limestone brash which was exposed to a depth of approximately 0.30m (003).

#### 8.0 Discussion and Conclusion

No archaeological features, deposits or finds were revealed during these works. Although close to known archaeological activity the negative nature of the foundation sections suggests this area has been devoid of intrusive archaeological activity.

#### 9.0 Effectiveness of methodology

The observation and recording undertaken was sufficient and resulted in a clear record and understanding of the stratigraphy exposed.

### 10.0 Project archive

The site archive, currently in the custody of PCAS Ltd., will be deposited with a bound copy of this report at North Lincolnshire, by November 2013. It may be consulted there by citing the global accession code RDAS

# 11.0 Acknowledgements

Pre-Construct Archaeological Services Ltd. would like to thank John Derbyshire Design Partnership Ltd for the commission.

#### 12.0 References

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# Appendix 1: Colour Plates



**Plate 1:** Site shot, looking southwest across the area for the house plot showing the beginning of stripping for the access road.



**Plate 2:** Looking south along stripped access road. Only topsoil (001) exposed.



Plate 3: Looking northeast across area for house plot.

# Appendix 2: Context Summary

Context No.	Context Type	Description	Finds/Dating
001	Layer	Modern topsoil. Dark brown sandy clay with occasional pebbles and rare small rounded fragments of cbm	Modern. Cbm fragments.
002	Layer	Subsoil. Mid reddish brown sandy clay with occasional small platy stones.	
003	Layer	Natural. Light creamy yellow limestone brash.	

#### Appendix 3: Oasis Form

#### OASIS ID: preconst3-153121

#### **Project details**

Project name Land to the Rear of the Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Redbourne, North

Lincolnshire

the project

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Project dates Start: 19-01-2011 End: 24-01-2011

Previous/future

work

No / No

Any

reference project

codes

associated RDAS - Museum accession ID

Type of project Recording project

Site status None

Current Land use Residential 1 - General Residential

Monument type LAYER Uncertain

LAYER Modern Monument type

Significant Finds **NONE None** 

Investigation type "Watching Brief"

Prompt Planning condition

#### **Project location**

Country England

Site location NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE REDBOURNE Land to

the Rear of the Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Redbourne, North

Lincolnshire

Study area 0.17 Hectares

Site coordinates SK 9736 9977 53 0 53 29 07 N 000 31 57 W Point

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Physical Archive No

Exists?

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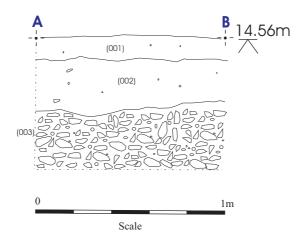
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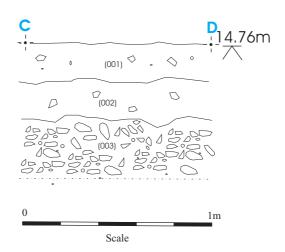
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Boundary to Arable Land

Figure 2: Location Plan Showing Footings of New Development (in red) and Section Locations (lettered). Scale 1:200@A3





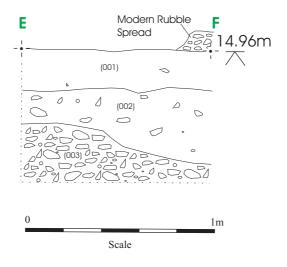


Figure 3: Representative Sections of the Foundation Trenches. Scale 1:20@A4