



Land at Kilgobbin House Wotton Road Rangeworthy South Gloucestershire

Archaeological Watching Brief



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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land at Kilgobbin House

Location: Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestershire

NGR: 369130 185924

Type: Watching Brief

Date: 13 June and 11-12 July 2018

Planning Reference: PT17/1330/F

Location of Archive: To be deposited with Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives

Site Code: KIG 18

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a Gospel Hall and associated works at Kilgobbin House, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestershire.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In June and July 2018 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Freshwater Design & Build Ltd, on behalf of Greenfield Gospel Hall Trust, on land at Kilgobbin House, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestershire (centred at NGR: 369130 185924; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to planning consent granted by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) for the erection of a Gospel Hall, including access, parking and associated works (SGC ref: PT17/1330/F, Condition 2).
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with the requirements of Rebecca Bennett, archaeological advisor to the South Gloucestershire Council (SGC), and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by SGC. The fieldwork also followed Standard and guidance: Archaeological watching brief (ClfA 2014).

The site

- 1.3 The development area is approximately 0.12ha in extent, and comprises of pasture bounded by hedgerows and small trees. The site is bounded to the north and east by further pasture, to the south by residential gardens and to the east side by Kilgobbin House itself, which fronts on the B4058 Wotton Road. The site lies on flat land, at approximately 70m AOD.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Mangotsfield Member -Sandstone of the Carboniferous Period. No superficial deposits are noted (BGS 2018). The natural substrate observed during the course of watching brief observations consisted of silty-clay.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 No known archaeological investigations have taken place in the vicinity of the site. The following is a summary of publically available information pertinent to the site.
- 2.2 Approximately 400m to the north-west of the site is the Anglican Parish Holy Trinity Church, which dates from the 11th century. It was extended and restored into the 15th century (NMR 1116020). Approximately 50m further west is Rangeworthy

Court, which originate in the 17th century (NMR 1291208). Yate Court lies *c*. 500m to the east of site and was a medieval fortified manor within a moat, surrounded by its own deer park. Some of the moat and parts of the medieval and early post-medieval structures remain, partly incorporated within the present farmhouse (BaRAS 2000).

2.3 Examples of medieval or post-medieval field boundaries are also noted in the vicinity of the site. These include those identified through LiDAR survey to the north of the site.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:
 - to monitor groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record all significant buried archaeological deposits revealed on the site during the course of the development groundworks;
 - at the conclusion of the project, to produce an integrated archive for the project work and a report setting out the results of the project and the archaeological conclusions that can be drawn from the recorded data.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2018). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks, comprising ground reduction for an access driveway and parking as well as the excavation of foundation trenches (Fig. 2 for location and extent of observed groundworks).
- 4.2 Where archaeological deposits were encountered written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.3 The archive and artefacts from the watching brief are currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner the site archive will be deposited with Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives. A summary of

information from this project, set out within Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIG 2)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the results of the watching brief; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts can be found in Appendix A.
- 5.2 The natural geological substrate (102, 202, 302), consisting silty clay with patches of sandstone bedrock, was revealed in all areas of observed groundworks at a typical depth of 0.65m below present ground level (bpgl). This was overlain by a subsoil (101, 201, 301) measuring up to 0.30m in thickness, which was in turn sealed topsoil (100, 200, 300), measuring up to 0.35m in thickness.
- 5.3 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material was recovered.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area (see archaeological background above), the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. The absence of archaeological deposits may indicate that structural remains associated with the known medieval and post-medieval activity either do not extend as far as, or were not exposed by, the current development.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Liam Wilson and Sara-Jayne Boughton. The report was written by Sara-Jayne Boughton and Alex Thomson. The illustrations were prepared by Aleks Osinska. The archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Ian Barnes.

8. REFERENCES

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- BGS (British Geological Survey) 2018 *Geology of Britain Viewer*http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html Accessed 11 December 2018
- CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2018 Land at Kilgobbin House, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief

APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

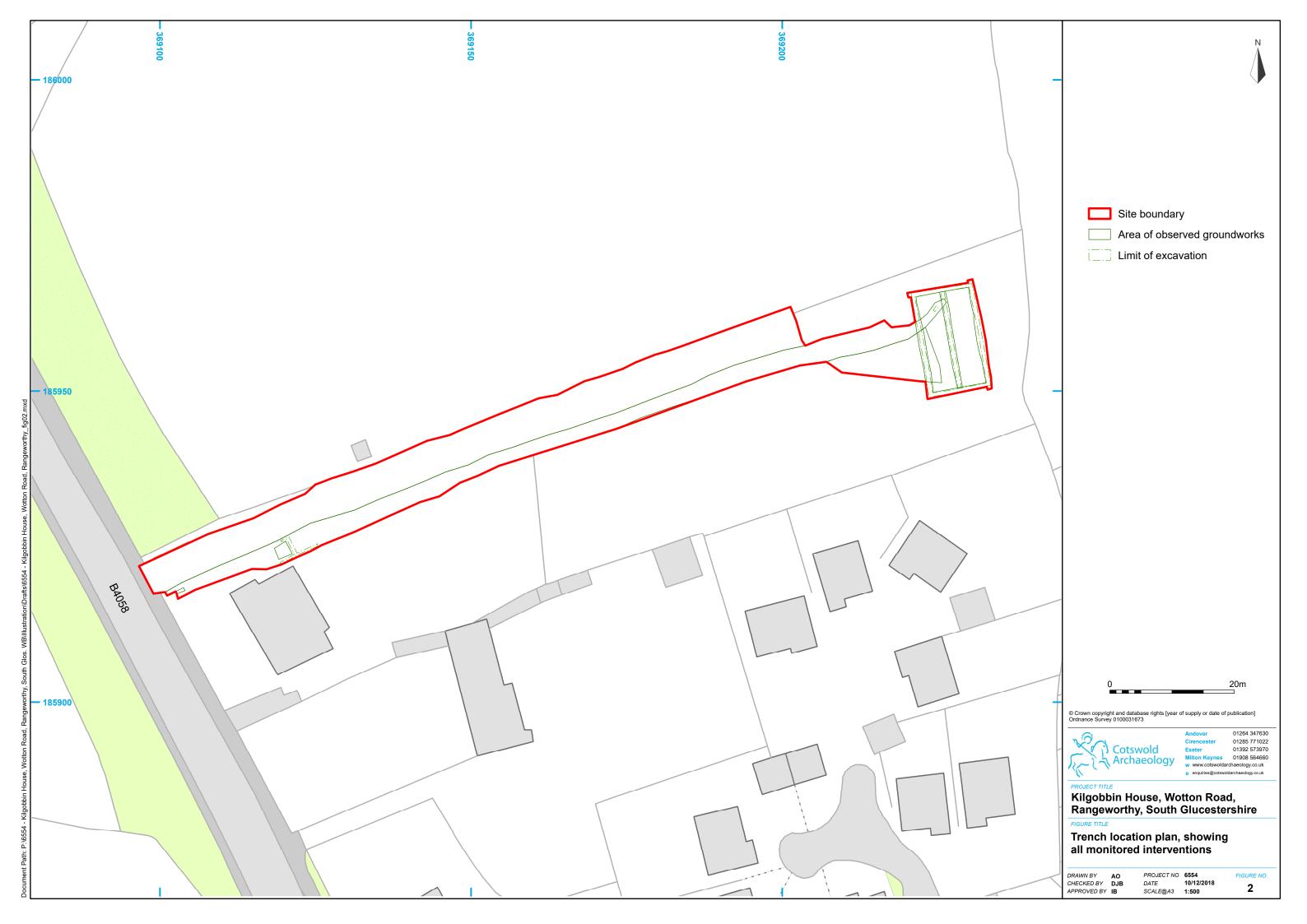
Trench No.	Context No.	Туре	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark orange-brown clay-silt, friable, occ. small sub-angular sandstone stone inclusions, humic, bioturbated	>75	>4.5	0.2
1	101	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange-brown silt-clay, compact, freq. stone and cbm inclusions	>75	>4.5	0.24
1	102	Layer		Natural	Light brown-yellow silt-clay, compact, with patches of sandstone bedrock	>1	>1	>0.01
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark orange-brown clay-silt, friable, occ. small sub-angular stone Inclusions, humic, bioturbated			0.24
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange-brown silt-clay, compact, freq. stone and cbm inclusions			0.25
2	202	Layer		Natural	Light brown-yellow silt-clay, compact, with patches of sandstone bedrock			>0.31
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark orange-brown clay-silt, friable, occ. small sub-angular stone Inclusions, humic, bioturbated	>14.1	>0.65	0.35
3	301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid orange-brown silt-clay, compact, freq. stone and cbm inclusions	>14.1	>0.65	0.30
3	302	Layer		Natural	Light brown-yellow silt-clay, compact, with patches of sandstone bedrock	>14.1	>0.65	>1.75

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

Project Name	Land at Kilgobbin House	Land at Kilgobbin House				
Short description	Archaeology during groundworks associ Gospel Hall and associated works at Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestersh No features or deposits of archaeologic	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a Gospel Hall and associated works at Kilgobbin House, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestershire. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.				
Project dates	13 June and 11-12 July					
Project type	Watching Brief	-				
Previous work	None	None				
Future work	Unknown					
PROJECT LOCATION						
Site Location	Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, South Gloucestershire					
Study area (M²/ha)	0.12 ha	0.12 ha				
Site co-ordinates	369130 185924	369130 185924				
PROJECT CREATORS						
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	Cotswold Archaeology				
Project Brief originator	South Gloucestershire Council					
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	Cotswold Archaeology				
Project Manager	Ian Barnes					
Project Supervisor	Liam Wilson and Sara-Jayne Boughton	Liam Wilson and Sara-Jayne Boughton				
MONUMENT TYPE	None	None				
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None					
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive	Content				
Physical	N/A	N/A				
Paper	Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives	Trench sheets				
Digital	Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives	Database, digital photos				
BIBLIOGRAPHY						

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