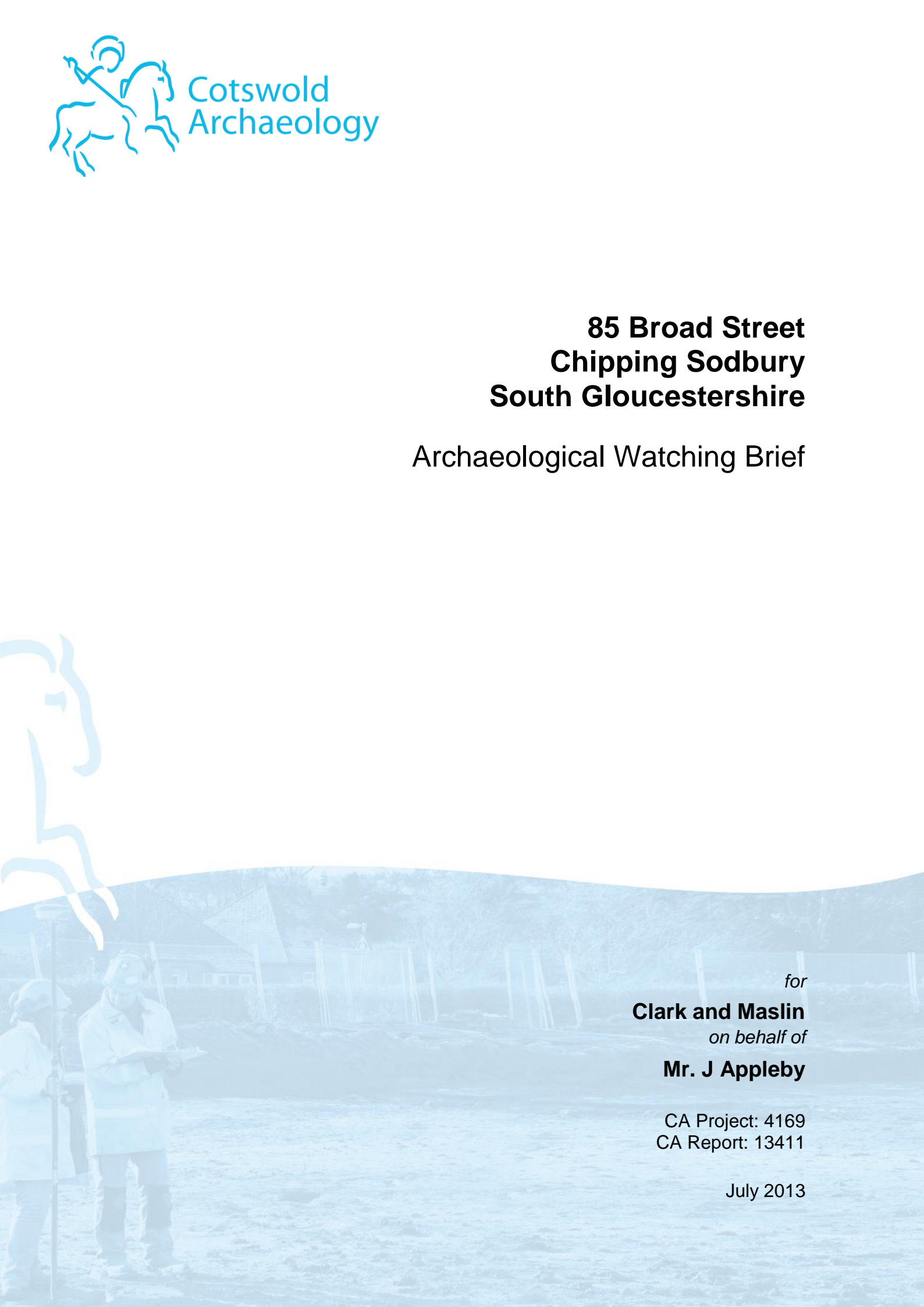


**85 Broad Street
Chipping Sodbury
South Gloucestershire**

Archaeological Watching Brief



for
Clark and Maslin
on behalf of
Mr. J Appleby


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SUMMARY

Project Name: 85 Broad Street
Location: Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire
NGR: ST 72902 82301
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 12 March 2013
Planning Reference: PK12/2086/F
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
Accession Number: 2013/1

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a two storey and a single storey extension to the existing property at 85 Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In march 2013 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Clark and Maslin on behalf of Mr J Appleby at 85 Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: ST 72902 82301; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent granted by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) for the erection of a two storey and a single storey extension to the existing property (Planning ref: PK12/2086/F). The objective of the watching brief was to record all archaeological remains exposed during the development.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for a Programme of Archaeological Work* (SGAS 2012) prepared by David Evans, Archaeology and Historic Environment Record Officer, South Gloucestershire Archaeological Service (SGAS), archaeological advisor to SGC, and with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2013) and approved by Mr Evans. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (IfA 2009), the *Management of Archaeological Projects 2* (English Heritage 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (English Heritage 2006).

The site

- 1.3 The proposed development area encloses a roughly rectangular area of approximately 600m² and comprises gardens belonging to 85 Broad Street. The site is set back from Broad Street and is bordered on all sides by properties fronting onto Broad Street and Hatters Lane.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Black Rock Limestone of the Carboniferous Period with no overlying superficial deposits (BGS 2013).

Archaeological background

- 1.5 No known heritage assets are listed as being within the area under development. The site lies within the medieval planned town of Chipping Sodbury. The town was probably laid out by William Crassus on the main Chippenham to Bristol road in the late twelfth century (Leech 1975). A market was granted in the town in 1218 and by the end of the thirteenth century there were approximately 200 burgesses. The site

is located within the area identified by Leech as being inside the limit of likely occupation during the medieval period (*ibid.*).

Archaeological objectives

1.6 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.

Methodology

1.7 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2013). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising ground reduction to the level of the natural geological substrate in the area of the extension (Fig. 2).

1.8 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).

1.9 The archive from the watching brief is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Bristol Museum and Art Gallery under accession number 2013/1. 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.

2. RESULTS (FIG. 2)

2.1 The natural geological substrate (105) consisting of sandstone bedrock, was revealed at an average depth of 0.4m below present ground level (bpgl). A modern sewer pipe was observed cutting the natural. The pipe and the bedrock were overlain by dark greyish brown silty clay garden soil (102) averaging 0.4m in thickness. At the west of the site the garden soil was overlain by paving slabs and associated gravel bedding.

2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material was recovered.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area for elements of the medieval town to be preserved on site, 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 properties fronting onto Broad Street either do not extend as far as, or were not exposed by, the development.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Jon Pick. The report was written by Christopher Leonard. The illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Christopher Leonard, and prepared for deposition by James Johnson. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

5. REFERENCES

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth/thickness (m)
100	Layer		Paving	Stone paving slabs			0.1
101	Layer		Made ground	Gravel bedding layer for 100			0.1
102	Layer		Garden soil	Dark greyish brown silty clay			0.4
103	Fill	104	Fill of service trench		>0.9	0.7	>0.9
104	Cut		Service trench	E/W aligned. Vertical sides, base not reached	>0.9	0.7	>0.9
105	Layer		Natural	Sandstone bedrock			

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	85 Broad Street	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with erection of a two storey and single storey extension to the existing property at 85 Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.	
Project dates	12 March 2013	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire	
Study area	600m ²	
Site co-ordinates	ST 72902 82301	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	South Gloucestershire Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Jon Pick	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	-	-
Paper	Bristol Museum and Art Gallery 2013/1	Context sheets, registers
Digital	Bristol Museum and Art Gallery 2013/1	Database, digital photos
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2013 <i>85 Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> . CA typescript report 13411		



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FIGURE TITLE

Site location plan



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FIGURE NO.

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- site
- area of observed groundworks



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**The site, showing location of
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