

# Land adjacent to The Manor Church Lane, Marshfield South Gloucestershire

*Archaeological Evaluation*



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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Land adjacent to The Manor, Church Lane, Marshfield  
**Location:** Marshfield, South Gloucestershire  
**NGR:** 378297 173678  
**Type:** Evaluation  
**Date:** 17 December 2018  
**Location of Archive:** Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives  
**Site Code:** MARC 18

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in December 2018 on land adjacent to The Manor, Church Lane, Marshfield, South Gloucestershire. Two trenches were excavated.

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



## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In December 2018 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for David Trigwell on land adjacent to The Manor, Church Lane, Marshfield, South Gloucestershire (centred at NGR: 378297 173678; Fig. 1). A planning application for the erection of a detached dwelling, two storey car port, new access and associated works at the site (SGC planning ref: PK18/4461/F) was submitted to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) but has since been withdrawn for resubmission. The evaluation was undertaken to support the revised planning application which is to be submitted, and was recommended by Paul Driscoll, Archaeology and Historic Environment Record Officer, SGC.

1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by Paul Driscoll. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014).

### ***The site***

1.3 The proposed development area is approximately 0.42ha in extent, and comprises part of the grounds of The Manor. The site comprises two parcels of land; the northern parcel is predominantly wooded whilst the southern parcel is largely open grass with trees along its eastern edge. In consultation with Paul Driscoll, it was agreed that the evaluation would be undertaken within the area of built development which comprises the locations of the proposed dwelling, car port and access routes. This area measures 0.13ha in extent and is predominantly located within the southern parcel of land (see Fig. 2).

1.4 The site is bounded to the west by the churchyard of St Mary's Church, and to the north, east and south by the gardens of neighbouring properties; the Manor itself being located to the north-west of St Mary's Church. The site lies at approximately 186m AOD and is broadly level.

1.5 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Chalfield Oolite Formation Limestone formed in the Jurassic period (BGS 2018). No superficial deposits are recorded. Natural substrate comprising limestone brash and clay was identified in both trenches during the evaluation.

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A probable Roman villa site is recorded at Ringswell Common (Monument No: 204927) approximately 500m to the south-east of the current site. A large number of flanged roofing tiles, fragments of Pennant sandstone tiles and 2nd to 4th-century pottery sherds have been recovered from ploughsoil, and partial excavation by Bristol University in 1987 revealed remains of a small building and boundary wall. Two sherds of Iron Age pottery (HER: 3863) recovered slightly to the north of the Roman remains may be indicative of earlier activity in this location. Additionally, a findspot of Roman pottery (HER: 3879) was recorded during building works at Chippenham Road c. 200m north of the site in 1960.
- 2.2 The current site is located towards the south-eastern edge of the village of Marshfield which has origins in the Anglo-Saxon period (Monument No: 204942). A settlement at Marshfield is recorded in Domesday Book; however its exact location remains uncertain. In 1265 a fair and market at Marshfield was granted by the Abbot of Keynsham and it has been suggested that the Medieval town was planned at this time, with burgage plots being laid out along the High Street to the west of the current site. A possible medieval house platform (HER: 3909) and a well preserved series of medieval strip lynchets (Monument No: 204930) are recorded Ringswell approximately 150m to the south and 250m to the south-east of the site respectively.
- 2.3 The site lies immediately to the east of St Mary's Church (Monument No: 204883) which has origins in the 12th-century but was rebuilt in c. 1470 and restored in 1860 (HER 3708). The putative site of a possible Medieval Nunnery is recorded within the western part of the current site, adjacent to the churchyard, however there is no strong evidence for the existence of a Nunnery ever having been present at Marshfield (HER 2034).
- 2.4 A row of small buildings, located approximately 50m to the south-west of the site, are labelled as a smithy (HER: 13149) on the 1844 1st Edition Ordnance Survey (OS) Map, however it is unknown if any features relating to the smithy survive.
- 2.5 The site lies within the south-eastern part of the grounds of the 17th-century Manor House (Monument No: 204930). The southern part of the site is depicted as being part of an open field on the 1840's Tithe Map, whilst the northern part is enclosed. By the time of the 1844 1st Edition OS map the southern part of the site is also

shown as enclosed, and is listed as part of the Vicarage. The northern part of the site is shown as being wooded from this time.

### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality, in accordance *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014). This information will enable SGC to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

### 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 2 trenches, in the locations shown on the attached plan (Fig. 2). Trench 1 was 25m in length and Trench 2 was 10m in length; both were 1.8m in width. The trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS and surveyed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 4 *Survey Manual*. The location of Trench 2 was adjusted slightly from the position proposed in the WSI to avoid a tree.
- 4.2 Both trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate.
- 4.3 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* and, no deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 4.4 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives in due course. 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 (FIGS 2 & 3)**

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are to be found in Appendix A.
- 5.2 Natural substrate comprising limestone brash and clay was revealed in Trenches 1 and 2 at 0.44m below present ground level (bpgl) and 0.61m bpgl respectively. It was overlain by a layer of subsoil which was between 0.24m and 0.29m in thickness. In Trench 2 the subsoil was partially sealed by a deposit of orange brown silty clay 201, which was c. 0.12m in thickness and extended c. 4.7m from the southern end of the trench. This deposit, which is likely to relate to modern garden landscaping, was sealed by 0.24m of topsoil. In Trench 1 topsoil directly overlaid the subsoil.
- 5.3 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during the evaluation 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 evaluation identified no archaeological remains within the site. The absence of archaeological deposits may indicate that Roman, medieval and post-medieval remains known to exist within the vicinity of the site either do not extend into the site or were not exposed during the evaluation. No evidence for the putative Medieval Nunnery (HER: 2034) which is recorded as possibly being located within the site, was identified.

## **7. CA PROJECT TEAM**

Fieldwork was undertaken by Sara-Jayne Boughton, assisted by Nathan Chinchin. The report was written by Sara-Jayne Boughton. The illustrations were prepared by





Amy Wright. The archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Charlotte Haines.

## 8. REFERENCES

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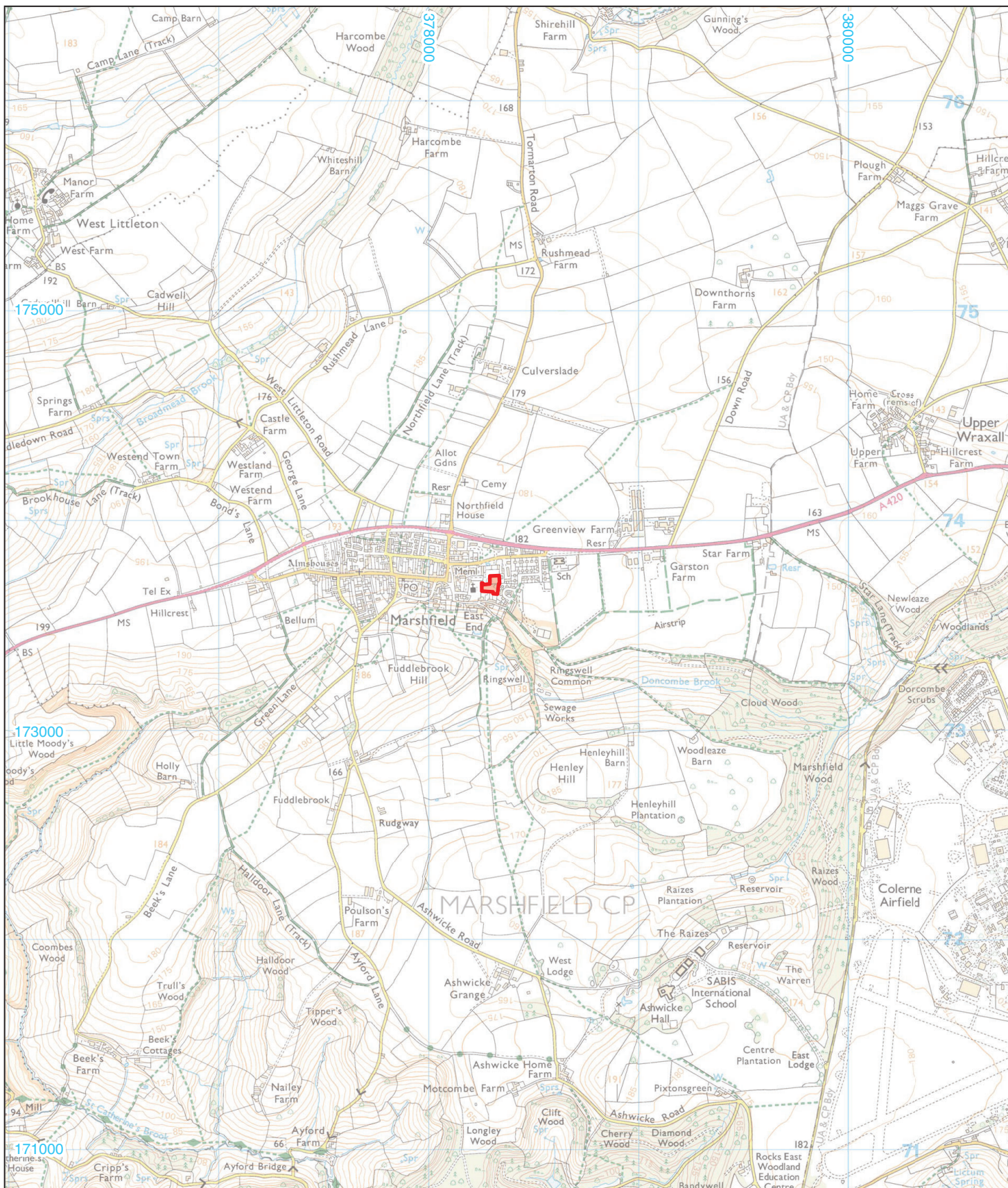


**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	D (m)
1	100	Layer	Topsoil	Dark grey brown silt	>25	>1.8	0.21
1	101	Layer	Subsoil	Limestone and mid grey brown clay silt	>25	>1.8	0.24m
1	102	Layer	Natural substrate	Limestone and light yellow brown clay	>25	>1.8	-
2	200	Layer	Topsoil	Dark grey brown silt	>10	>1.8	<.24
2	201	Deposit	Levelling deposit	Mid orange brown silt clay	>4.7	>1.8	0.15
2	202	Layer	Subsoil	Limestone and mid grey brown clay silt	>1.8	0.3	0.29
2	203	Layer	Natural substrate	Limestone and light yellow brown clay	>10	>1.8	-

**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Land Adjacent to The Manor, Church Lane, Marshfield	
Short description	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in December 2018 on land adjacent to The Manor, Church Lane, Marshfield, South Gloucestershire. Two trenches were excavated.  No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed and no artefactual material was recovered.	
Project dates	17 December 2018	
Project type	Field Evaluation	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Church Lane, Marshfield, South Gloucestershire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	0.13ha	
Site co-ordinates	378297 173678	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	N/a	
Project Manager	Charlotte Haines	
Project Supervisor	Sara-Jayne Boughton	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	None	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	N/a	N/a
Paper	Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives	Trench sheets, photograph register,
Digital	Bristol Museums, Galleries and Archives	Photographs, Survey data
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
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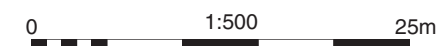


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- Site boundary
- Excavation trench
- Area of built development
- Trees



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Trench 1, looking north west (1m scales)



Trench 2, looking north east (1m scales)



Trench 1, representative section (1m scale)


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