

**The Shant  
Crown Road  
Kingswood  
South Gloucestershire**

*Archaeological Watching Brief*



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## SUMMARY

<b>Project Name:</b>	The Shant
<b>Location:</b>	Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire
<b>NGR:</b>	364831 174615
<b>Type:</b>	Watching Brief
<b>Date:</b>	12-13 February 2020
<b>Planning Reference:</b>	South Gloucestershire Council ref: PK18/5781/RM (Condition 8)
<b>Location of Archive:</b>	To be deposited with Bristol's Museum, Galleries and Archives
<b>Site Code:</b>	SHAN 20

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with a residential development at The Shant, Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire.

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



## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In February 2020 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for UKS Group Ltd at The Shant, Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire (centred at NGR: 364831 174615; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to planning consent for a residential development, granted by South Gloucestershire Council (SGC; ref: PK18/5781/RM, Condition 8).

1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a recommendation made by Paul Driscoll, Archaeology and Historic Environment Record Officer, SGC, and with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by Bristol and West Archaeology (BWA 2019) and approved by Paul Driscoll. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014).

### ***The site***

1.3 The proposed development area measures approximately 0.21ha in extent and comprises the site of the now-demolished public house 'The Shant' and associated gardens and hardstanding. The site is bounded to the north by Crown Road, to the west by Wesley Hill and to the south and east by residential properties and gardens. The site lies at approximately 110m AOD and sloped gently to the south-east.

1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as mudstone, siltstone and sandstone of the South Wales Middle Coal Measures Formation, formed during the Carboniferous Period (BGS 2020).

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 The site has not previously been subject to any archaeological assessment or study. The information below has been collected from publically available sources.

2.2 Very limited evidence has been recorded nearby to the site for prehistoric, Roman, medieval or post-medieval archaeological remains and is probable that the area lay within the wider agricultural hinterland of Bristol until the late 19th century.

2.3 A public house is depicted within the northern part of the site on the 1840s Tithe mapping for the area, in the rural setting of 'Cockshot Hill'. This earlier building is labelled as 'The Crown (PH)' on the First Edition Ordnance Survey mapping of 1882 (see Fig. 2) and is depicted as persisting into the early 20th century. The most recent (now-demolished) layout of the public house first appears on the Ordnance Survey edition of 1916, with elements of the original building appearing to survive into the mid-20th century. At this point the public house became surrounded by developments relating to the Hopewell Hill area of Kingswood.

### 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 (BWA 2019). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks, which comprised ground reduction and levelling across the site (see Fig. 2).

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 from the watching brief is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Bristol's Museum, 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 (FIGS 2-3)

5.1 The general stratigraphic sequence identified during the course of the watching brief was broadly uniform. The natural geological substrate 102, consisting of light yellow clay, was revealed throughout the observed groundworks, at an average depth of 0.5m below present ground level. This was generally overlain by c. 0.25m of clay-silt garden soil 101 (except in the area of the recently-demolished building), which was in turn sealed by up to 0.25m of modern made-ground 100.

5.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, other than the footings of the recently demolished public house and associated service trenches. Despite visual scanning of the generated spoil, no artefactual material was recovered.

## 6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the development 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 any structural remains associated with the earlier public house depicted within the site on historic mapping have been removed by later activities, probably relating to the construction of the later public house building in the early 20th century.

## 7. CA PROJECT TEAM

7.1 Fieldwork was undertaken by Matthew Coman. The report was written by Kinga Werner. The illustrations were prepared by Ryan Wilson. The archive has been compiled by Matthew Coman and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Alex Thomson.

## 8. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 2020 *Geology of Britain Viewer* <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html> Accessed 18 February 2020

BWA (Bristol and West Archaeology) 2019 *Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief at 'The Shant', Crown Road, Kingswood, Bristol, South Gloucestershire*

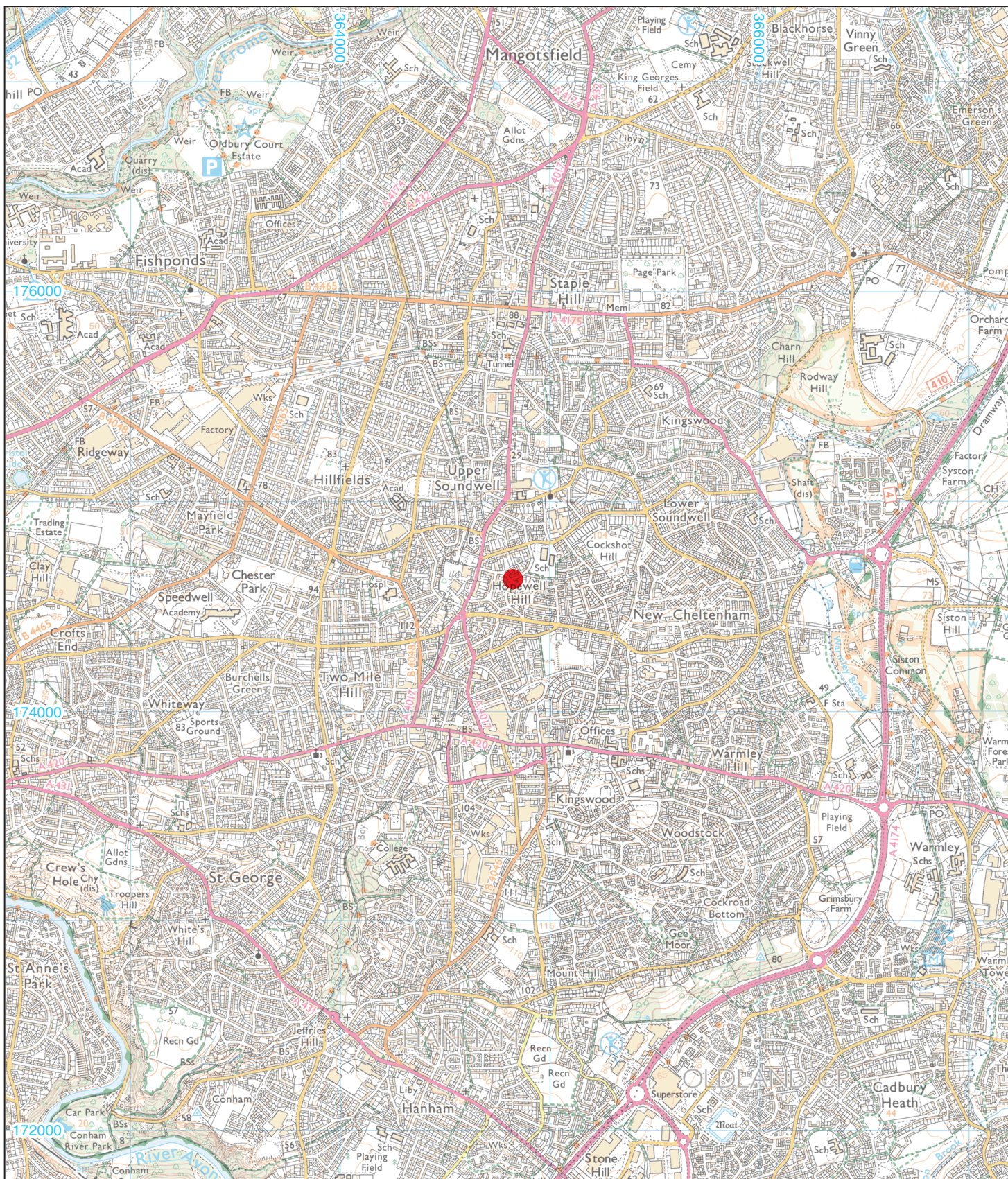
**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth /thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Made-ground	mid grey brown silty clay	50	1.8	0.25	modern
1	101	Layer		Garden soil	light grey brown silty clay	50	1.8	0.15	
1	102	Layer		Natural substrate	U-shaped ditch, east/west orientated	>1.8	0.8	0.76	

**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	The Shant, Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with a residential development at The Shant, Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire.  No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.	
Project dates	12-13 February 2020	
Project type	Watching brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire	
Study area	0.21ha	
Site co-ordinates	364831 174615	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	N/A	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Bristol and West Archaeology (2019)	
Project Manager	Alex Thomson	
Project Supervisor	Matthew Coman	
<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's Museum, Galleries and Archives	Field recording sheets
Digital	Bristol's Museum, Galleries and Archives	Digital photos, etc
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2020 <i>The Shant, Crown Road, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> , CA typescript report <b>CR0323_1</b>		





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 Site location plan



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- Site outline
- Extent of observed groundworks
- Modern feature
- Footprint of earlier public house, as depicted on the 1st Edition OS map of 1882



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**FIGURE TITLE**  
 The site, showing location of observed  
 groundworks

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The site during groundworks, looking east



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