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SUMMARY

Project Name: Glebe Field Cottage
Location: Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire
NGR: SP 1116 1448
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 15 May 2008
Planning Reference: 05/0027/FUL
Location of Archive: To be deposited with Corinium Museum, Cirencester
Site Code: GFC 08

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a single storey extension to Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire. The archaeological watching brief was undertaken at the request of Mr and Mrs T. W. Badger.

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

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In May 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr and Mrs T. W. Badger at Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SP 1116 1448; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent for the erection of a single storey extension (Planning ref: 05/0027/FUL). 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 archaeological recording (GCC 2008) prepared by Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), the archaeological advisor to Cotswold District Council (CDC), the Local Planning Authority (LPA), and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2008) and approved by CDC acting on the advice of Charles Parry. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* issued by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (2001), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Gloucestershire* (GCC 1996) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991).

The site

- 1.3 The site measures 264m² in area and comprises the dwelling and garden of Glebe Field Cottage which is located on the south-western edge of Northleach. It is bounded by the Old Vicarage to the north, by Church Cottage to the east and by fields to the south and west (Fig. 2). The site lies on the southern edge of the base of the River Leach valley at approximately 172m AOD, with land sloping unevenly down to the south-east.
- 1.4 The underlying geology of the area is mapped as Great Oolite of the Middle Jurassic era (BGS 1998). The natural substrate comprising yellow sandy clay was exposed during the watching brief.

Archaeological background

- 1.5 Archaeological interest in the site arises from its location within the historic medieval core of Northleach. Northleach is believed to have originated as a village shortly after the Norman conquest and is first recorded as *Lecce* in the Domesday Book

(Douthwaite and Devine 1998). The earliest medieval settlement is likely to have been centred on St Peter and St Paul's Church and to have grown up alongside the Portway, the medieval routeway between Gloucester and London, which ran through Northleach from Mill End, past the church towards Farmington (ibid.).

- 1.6 Northleach prospered with the development of the wool trade and a borough with market rights was established in the early 13th century along the current High Street to the north and east of the earlier settlement (ibid.).
- 1.7 A medieval document refers to two mills at Northleach, one of which may have been located to the immediate south of the church and within 50m to the north-east of the site (Leech 1981, Map 32). The site itself lies 60m to the south of the church, within the putative area of the earliest medieval settlement and close to the projected line of the Portway.

Methodology

- 1.8 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2008). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising the mechanical excavation of foundation trenches (Fig. 2).
- 1.9 Where archaeological deposits were encountered written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.10 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Corinium Museum, Cirencester. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

2. RESULTS

- 2.1 Natural geological substrate 103, consisting of sandy clay, was exposed throughout the trench at an average depth of 1.4m below present ground level (bpgl). It was overlain by subsoil 102, 0.8m thick and by topsoil 101, 0.6m thick. Finds dating to the 19th and 20th centuries, including pottery and clay tobacco pipe stems, were recovered from the topsoil.

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

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Jonathan Hart. This report was written by Jonathan Hart with illustrations prepared by Peter Moore. The archive has been compiled by Jonathan Hart and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Laurent Coleman.

5. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 1998 *Geological Survey of England and Wales*, Sheet 235: Cirencester, Scale 1:50,000

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APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

No.	Type	Description	Depth (m)	Spot-date
101	Topsoil	Dark brown black sandy silt	0.6m	C19-20
102	Subsoil	Mid grey brown clay silt	0.8m	-
103	Natural	Yellow brown to yellow sandy clay	-	-

APPENDIX B: THE FINDS

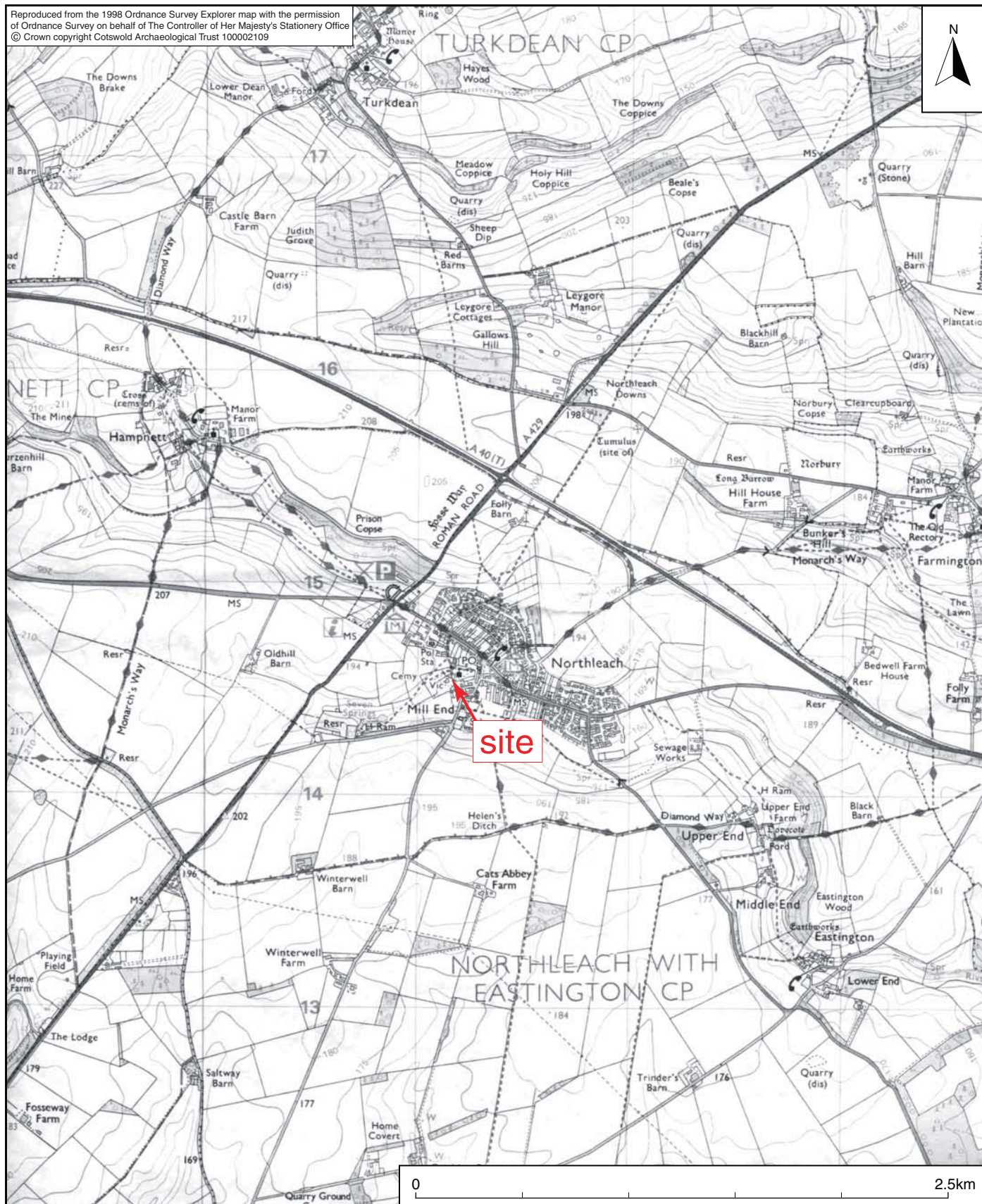
One sherd (5g) of modern china and one fragment of clay tobacco pipe stem (2g) were recovered from topsoil deposit 101. Due to the recent date and unstratified nature of the finds, this material has not been retained.

Finds concordance

Context	Artefact type	Count	Weight (g)	Spot-date
101	Modern china	1	5	C19-C20
	Clay tobacco pipe stem	1	2	

APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire	
Short description	<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a single storey extension to Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire.</p> <p>No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during the groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.</p>	
Project date	15 May 2008	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	n/a	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire	
Study Area	264m ²	
Site co-ordinates	SP 1116 1448	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Gloucestershire County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman	
Project Supervisor	Jonathan Hart	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	Corinium Museum	n/a
Paper	Corinium Museum	WSI, context sheets, plans
Digital	Corinium Museum	Digital photographs
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
<p>CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 <i>Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End, Northleach, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i>. CA typescript report 08102</p>		



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**Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End
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FIGURE TITLE

Site location plan

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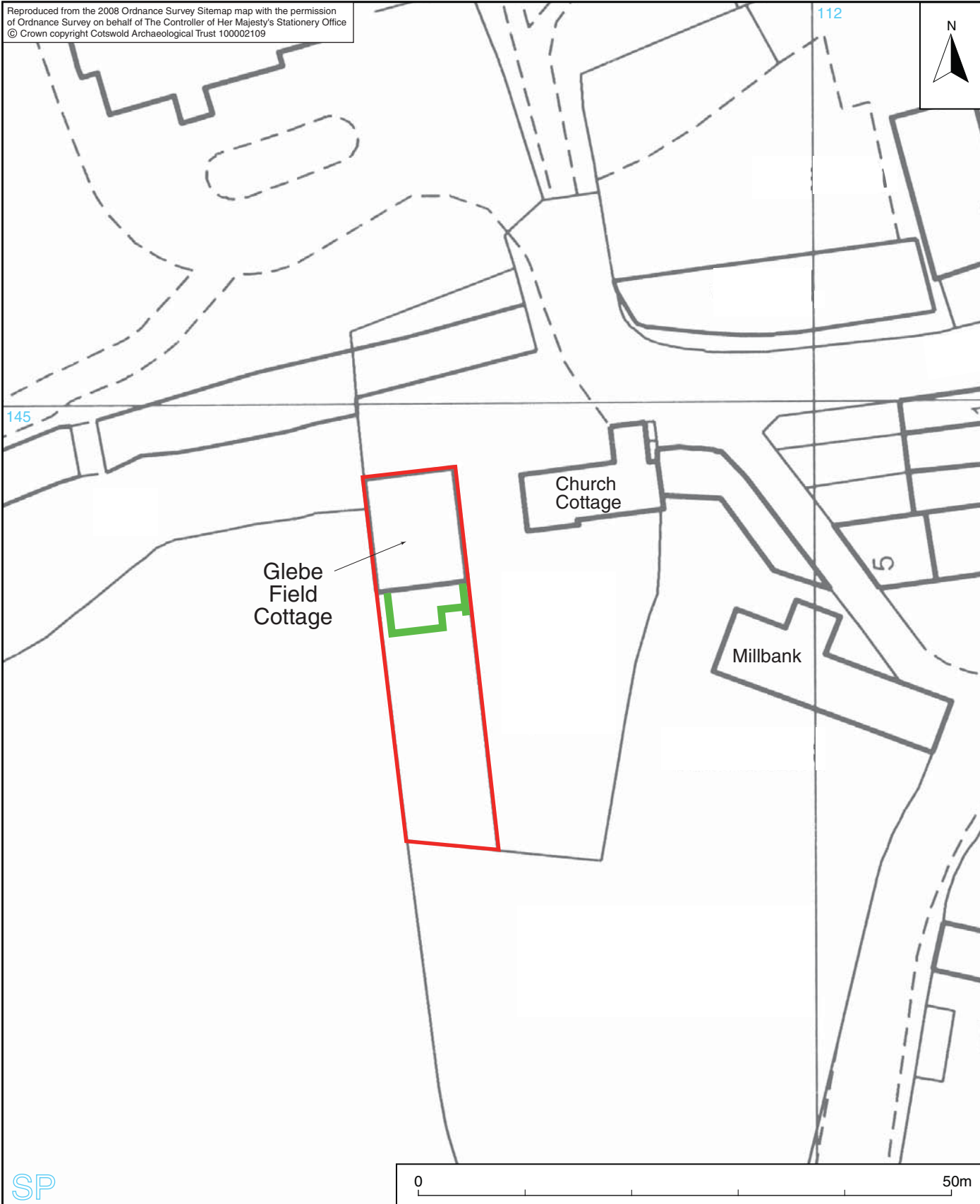
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- site
- observed groundworks



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Glebe Field Cottage, Mill End
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**The site, showing location of
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