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SUMMARY

Project Name: Roadway Farm
Location: Standish, Gloucestershire
NGR: SO 8180 0670
Type: Watching Brief
Date: 17 June 2008
Planning Reference: S.05/1390/FUL
Location of Archive: To be deposited with The Museum in the Park, Stroud
Accession Number: STGCM 2008/58
Site Code: RFS 08

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a new stable block at Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire.

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

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In June 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr Martin Scott at Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SO 8180 0670; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent for the erection of a new stable block (Planning ref: S.05/1390/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 detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2008) and approved by Mr Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC). 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 lies to the south of Roadway Farm House in a field currently used as pasture, and is approximately 12m x 12m (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 105m AOD, with the ground rising sharply to the east.
- 1.4 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Upper Lias Clay of the Lower Jurassic Era (BGS 1972). This was encountered throughout the site.

Archaeological background

- 1.5 The site lies within an area of prehistoric and Roman interest. Roadway Farm is situated to the west of Standish Wood, an area containing several prehistoric monuments, including the Randwick Hill Long Barrow, dyke and possible round barrows (collectively recorded as SAM 237). The latter, however, are possibly spoil heaps from quarry workings. An unknown Roman object was discovered at Roadway Farm itself (GCC SMR 6901), although no details are recorded on the GCC Sites and Monuments Record (SMR). Standish Park lies to the north of the site and was first recorded in 1582. In 1612, the extent of the park was about 250

acres (100ha) and was primarily used for agricultural land. The site lies immediately north of the former, Grade II Listed, Standish Hospital, which was founded at the turn of the 19th century.

Methodology

- 1.6 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2008). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising the levelling of the natural slope prior to the creation of a concrete foundation raft (Fig. 2).
- 1.7 Throughout the project written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.8 The archive from the watching brief is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. It will be deposited with The Museum in the Park, Stroud, under accession number STGCM 2008/58. 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 (102) consisting of mid brown orange sandy clay, was revealed throughout the site at an average depth of 0.18m below present ground level. This was overlain by topsoil 100 and subsoil 101.
- 2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefacts were recovered. Deposits were assessed for their palaeo-environmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other samples from Archaeological Sites* (2003), but no deposits suitable for sampling were identified.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 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 the prehistoric and Roman activity recorded elsewhere does not extend as far as or was not exposed by the development.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Kelly Saunders, who also wrote this report. The illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Kelly Saunders, and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

5. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 1972 *Geological Survey of Great Britain (England and Wales), Solid and Drift Geology, Sheet 234, Gloucester, 1:50,000*

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 *Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*

APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
100	Layer	Topsoil. Dark brown clay silt			0.07	
101	Layer	Subsoil. Mid orange brown silty clay			0.11	
102	Layer	Natural Substrate. Mid brown orange sandy clay				
103	Deposit	Ash and scorching from modern bonfire				

APPENDIX E: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire	
Short description (250 words maximum)	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a new stable block at Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefacts were recovered.	
Project dates	17 June 2008	
Project type (e.g. desk-based, field evaluation etc)	Watching Brief	
Previous work (reference to organisation or SMR numbers etc)	None	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire	
Study area (M ² /ha)	144m ²	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SO 8180 0670	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Gloucestershire County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Kelly Saunders	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		
Paper	The Museum in the Park, Stroud/ STGCM 2008/58	Pro forma recording sheets
Digital		
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2008 <i>Roadway Farm, Standish, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> ; Report No. 08124		

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**Roadway Farm, Standish
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FIGURE TITLE

Site location plan

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FIGURE NO.

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Cattle
Grid



The Barn
House

0700

0650

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-  site
-  area of observed groundworks



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Roadway Farm, Standish
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FIGURE TITLE

**The site, showing location of
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FIGURE NO.

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