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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

For

MR ANDREW SMITH

on behalf of

MR AND MRS GIBLIN

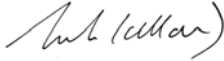
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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Hailes House
Location:	Hailes, Stanway, Gloucestershire
NGR:	SP 0488 3011
Type:	Watching Brief
Date:	10 October 2008
SMC:	HSD 9/2/10377
Location of Archive:	To be deposited with Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum
Accession Number:	CAGM 2008.41
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An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of an extension to Hailes House, Hailes, Stanway, Gloucestershire. Hailes House is located within Scheduled Ancient Monument 28850, *Hailes Abbey and Ringwork*.

Structural remains, comprising walls, a surface and a culvert, were observed and were preserved *in situ*. Similar structural remains, within a similar sequence of deposits, were identified during a preceding evaluation. The limited exposure of the structural remains during both the evaluation and the watching brief makes interpretation difficult, but they are likely to have formed parts of external yard areas or of former buildings.

Although the structural remains remained undated, 17th/18th-century finds recovered from the overlying make-up layers during the evaluation suggests that the structures pre-date the documented post-medieval landscaping of the abbey grounds.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2008 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr Andrew Smith on behalf of Mr and Mrs Giblin at Hailes House, Hailes, Stanway, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SP 0488 3011; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to Scheduled Monument Consent for an extension to Hailes House (Scheduled Monument Consent: HSD 9/2/10377). The objective of the watching brief was to record and preserve *in situ* all archaeological remains exposed during the development.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with instructions issued by Melanie Barge, Inspector of Ancient Monuments for English Heritage, and with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2008a) and approved Ms Barge. 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 1995) and the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991). It was monitored by Ms Barge.

The site

- 1.3 The proposed development area is approximately 250m² and is located within the rear garden of Hailes House (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 99m AOD, with the ground level rising gently to the west. The underlying geology of the area is mapped as Lower Lias Clay (BGS 1974). Natural clay substrate was exposed during the watching brief.

Archaeological background

- 1.4 Hailes House is a detached house which probably dates to the 18th century. It is located to the north-west of the remains of Hailes Abbey and within Scheduled Ancient Monument 28850, *Hailes Abbey and Ringwork*. A barn within the grounds of Hailes House is thought to be contemporary with the abbey.
- 1.5 Hailes Abbey was founded by the Cistercians in 1245, with the abbey buildings following the standard Cistercian ground plan. In 1539 the abbey was dissolved and the abbey church was demolished soon after. Other parts of the abbey survived and during the 17th century much of the west range and the abbot's lodging became the home of the Tracy family. It was during this period that landscaping altered the

appearance of much of the former abbey precinct and that the former abbey buildings were converted into two farms.

- 1.6 An archaeological evaluation of the site was undertaken by CA in 2008 (CA 2008b). Two test pits were hand-excavated within the footprint of the proposed development and identified structural remains including a wall, a surface and a culvert. These structures remained undated but were sealed by make-up layers from which 17th/18th-century finds were recovered. On this basis it was suggested that the structures had been demolished when the grounds were landscaped or when Hailes House was constructed.

Methodology

- 1.7 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2008a). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks comprising the excavation of foundation trenches for the new extension (Fig. 2).
- 1.8 Where archaeological deposits were encountered written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.9 The archive is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble and will be deposited with Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum under accession number CAGM 2008.41. 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 (FIGS 2-4)

- 2.1 The natural clay substrate was exposed throughout the foundation trenches at an average depth of 1.06m below present ground level. Three walls (105, 207 and 302), a floor surface (103), and a culvert (204) were observed at the base of the foundation trenches. These were preserved *in situ* and were generally exposed along their upper surface only, although wall 105 and culvert 204 were seen to overly make-up layer 106/202, which itself overlaid the natural substrate.

- 2.2 The walls were all of similar build, comprising roughly-faced limestone courses with a rubble core, all bonded with brown clay. Walls 105 and 207 were both aligned north-east/south-west and were 0.6m wide. Their location and alignment suggests that they may have formed parts of a single, if slightly offset, wall. Wall 302 was aligned approximately east-west and was 0.7m wide.
- 2.3 Surface 103 abutted wall 105 and consisted of smoothly-dressed, unbonded limestone slabs. Culvert 204 was also built from unbonded limestone slabs. The structural remains were sealed by 1m-1.4m thickness of post-medieval or modern make-up layers and garden soil deposits.
- 2.4 No artefactual material was recovered during the watching brief.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 With the exception of culvert 204/209, and to a lesser extent walls 105/207 and 106, the structures observed during the watching brief do not wholly form continuations of those identified during the evaluation but were observed within a similar sequence of deposits and are likely to have been broadly contemporaneous with them. The limited exposure of the remains during both phases of work makes interpretation difficult, but the walls and surfaces presumably formed parts of external yard areas or of former buildings.
- 3.2 Although the structures remained undated, the suggestion forwarded during the evaluation, that the structures pre-dated the documented post-medieval landscaping of the abbey grounds, would be consistent with the results of the watching brief.

4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Steven Sheldon. This report was written by Jonathan Hart with illustrations prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Kathryn Price. The project was managed for CA by Clifford Bateman.

5. REFERENCES

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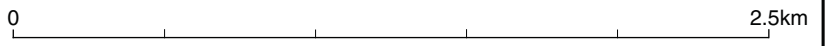
APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS


No.	Description	Width	Depth
100	Topsoil		0.5m
101	Make-up: mid grey-brown silty sand with limestone fragments		0.16m
102	Make-up: mid brown clay silt with limestone fragments		0.62m
103	Surface: limestone slabs		0.1m
104	Construction cut for wall 105	0.6m	0.1m+
105	Wall: roughly faced limestone wall with rubble core and clay bonding	0.6m	0.1m+
106	Make-up: mid orange-brown silty clay with limestone fragments		0.5m
107	Natural substrate: blue-green clay		-
200	Topsoil		0.2m
201	Former garden soil: grey-brown sandy silt		0.1m
203	Construction cut for culvert 204	0.56m	0.01m+
204	Culvert: limestone-built culvert, unbonded	0.56m	0.01m+
205	Backfill of modern drain cut 206	0.74m	0.01m+
206	Modern drainage cut	0.74m	0.01m+
207	Wall: roughly faced limestone wall with rubble core and clay bonding	0.6m	0.03m+
300	Topsoil		0.55m
301	Make-up: mid brown clay silt with limestone fragments		0.74m
302	Wall: roughly faced limestone wall with clay bonding	0.7m	0.25m
303	Make-up: mid orange-brown silty clay with limestone fragments		0.46m
304	Natural substrate: blue-green clay		-

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

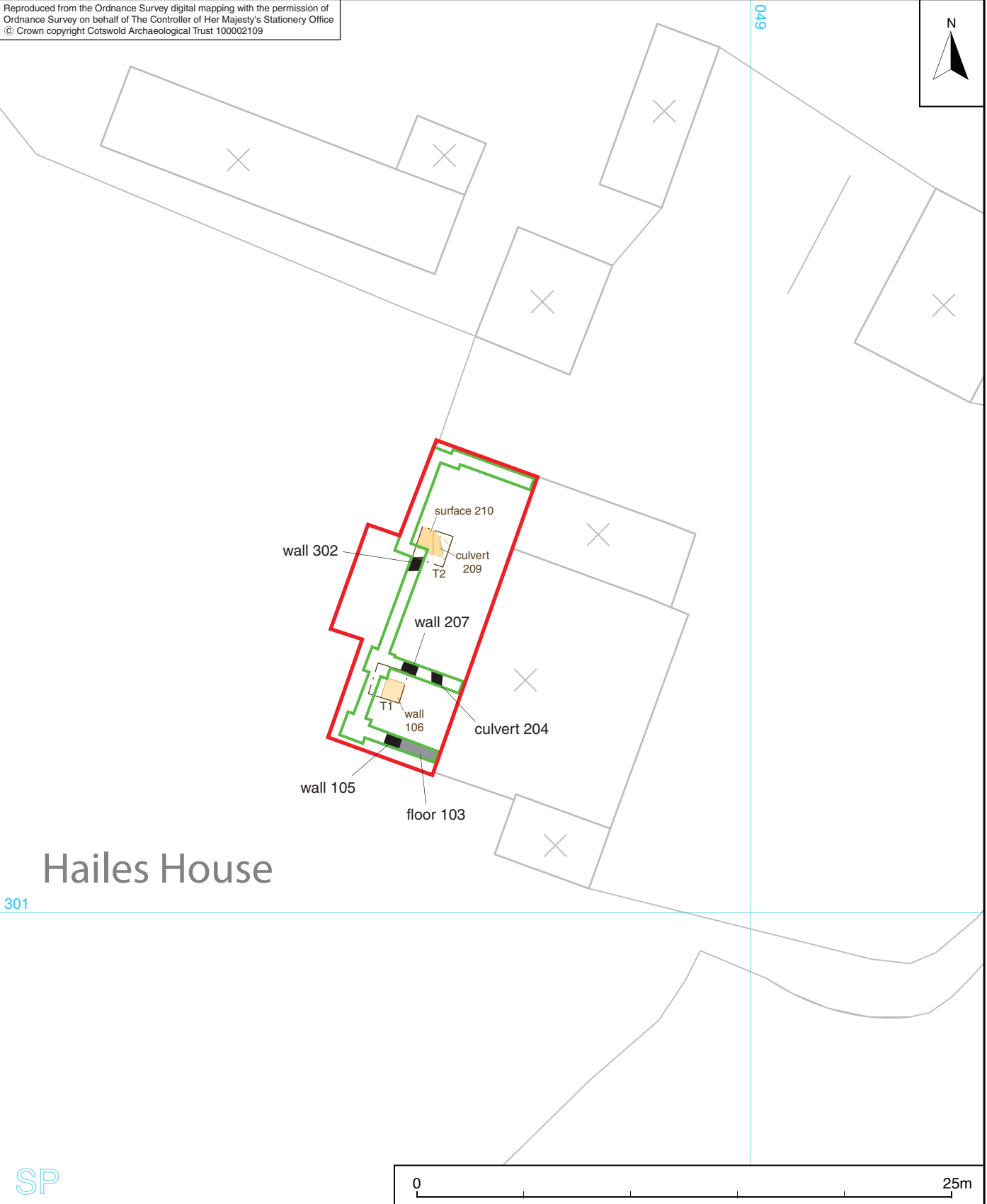
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Future work	Unknown	
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Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	English Heritage	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Clifford Bateman	
Project Supervisor	Steven Sheldon	
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Physical	N/A	none
Paper	Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum	Drawings, contexts, photographs
Digital	Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum	photographs
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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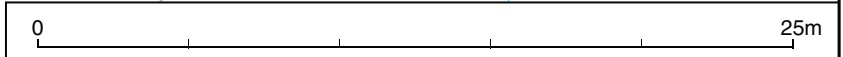
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Hailes House

301

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-  site
-  location of groundworks
-  evaluation trench and features



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The site, showing location of groundworks

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3 Wall 105 & Floor 103, looking south

4 Wall 302, looking east



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Hailes House Hailes, Stanway
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