

**THE OLD VICARAGE  
HANKERTON  
WILTSHIRE**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

*For*

**MR CLIFFORD GRAY**


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Fig. 1 Site location plan (1: 25,000)

Fig. 2 The site, showing the location of observed groundworks (1:1000)

## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** The Old Vicarage  
**Location:** Hankerton, Wiltshire  
**NGR:** ST 9721 9071  
**Type:** Watching Brief  
**Date:** 5-6 August 2010  
**Planning Reference:** 10/01473/FUL  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes  
**Site Code:** TBB10

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a machinery store and associated trackway at The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire.

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

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In August 2010 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr Clifford Gray at The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire (centred on NGR: ST 9721 9071; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition (Condition No. 2) attached to the planning consent for the construction of a machinery store and associated trackway (Planning ref: 10/01473/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 (2010) and approved by Wiltshire Council (WC) acting on the advice of Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger, County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (IfA 2008), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Fieldwork in Wiltshire* (WCC 1995), the *Management of Archaeological Projects* (English Heritage 1991) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (EH 2006).

### **The site**

1.3 The site comprises two fields to the east of the Old Vicarage. The site is bounded to the north by Holy Cross Church and fields, to the east by residential properties, to the south by Cloatley Road and to the west by Church Lane (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 89m AOD.

1.4 The site is approximately 2.7ha in size and is currently un-improved grassland

1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Kellaways Clay of the Callovian era (BGS 2010). The natural substrate comprising orange sandy clay was identified during the groundworks.

### **Archaeological background**

1.6 Archaeological interest in the site arises from its location within the historic core of the village of Hankerton (a settlement with Saxon origins, SMR ref. no. ST99SE404). A Palaeolithic chert handaxe (SMR ref. no. ST99SE001) has been

recovered from the vicinity of the village. Romano-British artefacts (SMR ref. no. ST99SE302) have also been recovered, and a number of farmsteads and settlements in the vicinity are thought to have medieval origins (eg Dolmans Farm, SMR ref. no. ST99SE525 and Manor Farm, Cloatley, SMR. ref no. ST99SE454S). Undated cropmarks and earthworks have also been identified in the vicinity of the village (SMR ref. no's ST99SE609SE, ST99SE606 , ST99SE602 and ST99SE605).

### **Methodology**

- 1.7 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2010). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks which comprised the excavation of the footings for the machinery store, and the stripping of an area prior to the construction of an associated trackway (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 in the Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes. 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 3 consisting of mid brown orange sandy clay, was revealed at an average depth of 0.55m below present ground level. This was overlain by 0.35m of subsoil 2, which was in turn sealed by 0.2m of topsoil 1.
- 2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material was recovered.

### 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 any remains associated with the Saxon and medieval settlement of Hankerton either do not extend as far as or were 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 Jonathan Bennett. The archive has been compiled by Kelly Saunders, and prepared for deposition by James Johnson. The project was managed for CA by Laurent Coleman.

### 5. REFERENCES

BGS (British Geological Survey) 2010 Geology of Britain Viewer  
[http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer\\_google/googleviewer.html](http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html)

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2010 *The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*

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**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

No.	Type	Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth (m)	Spot-date
1	Layer	Topsoil			0.2	
2	Layer	Subsoil			0.35	
3	Layer	Natural Substrate: Mid brown orange sandy clay				

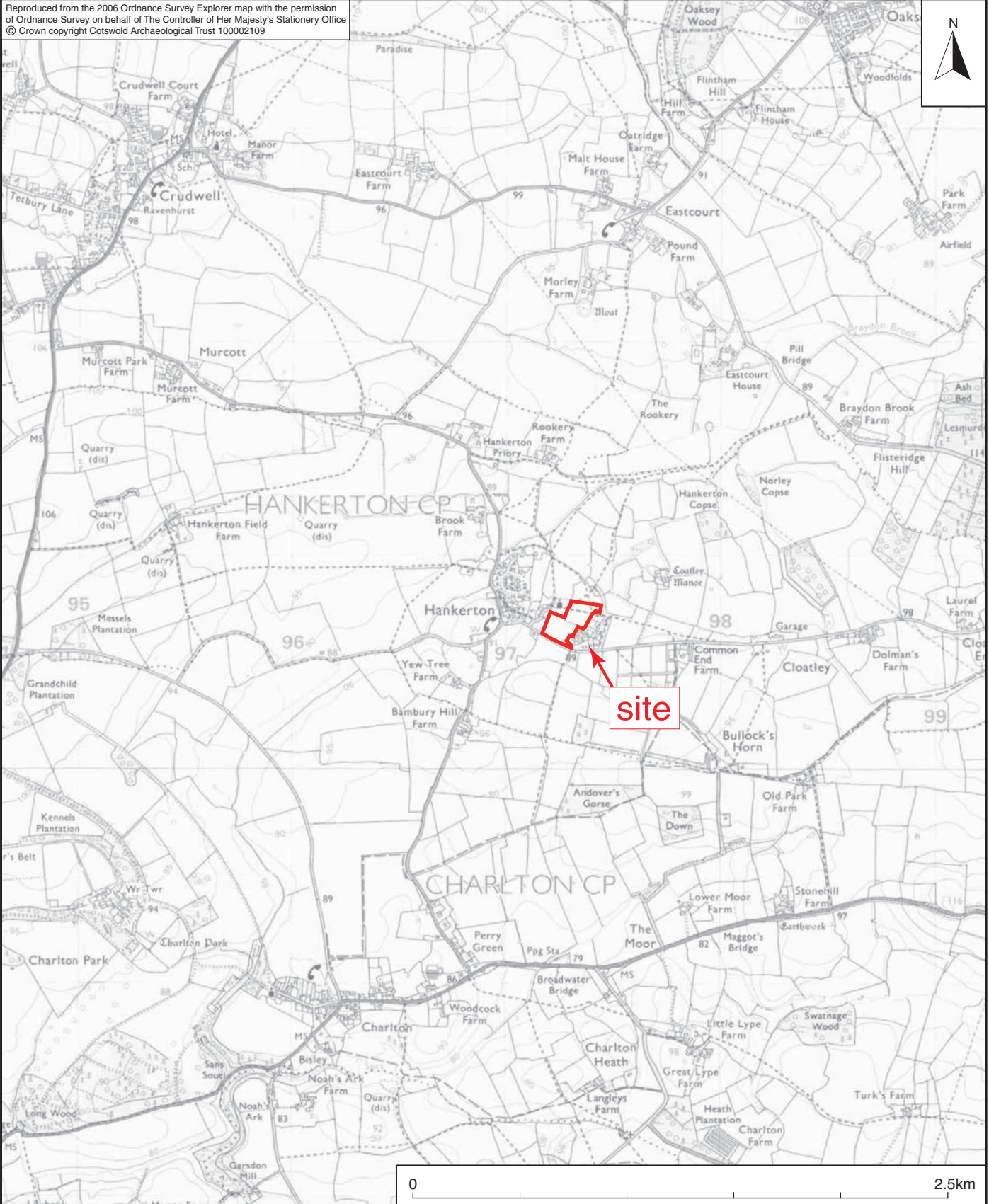
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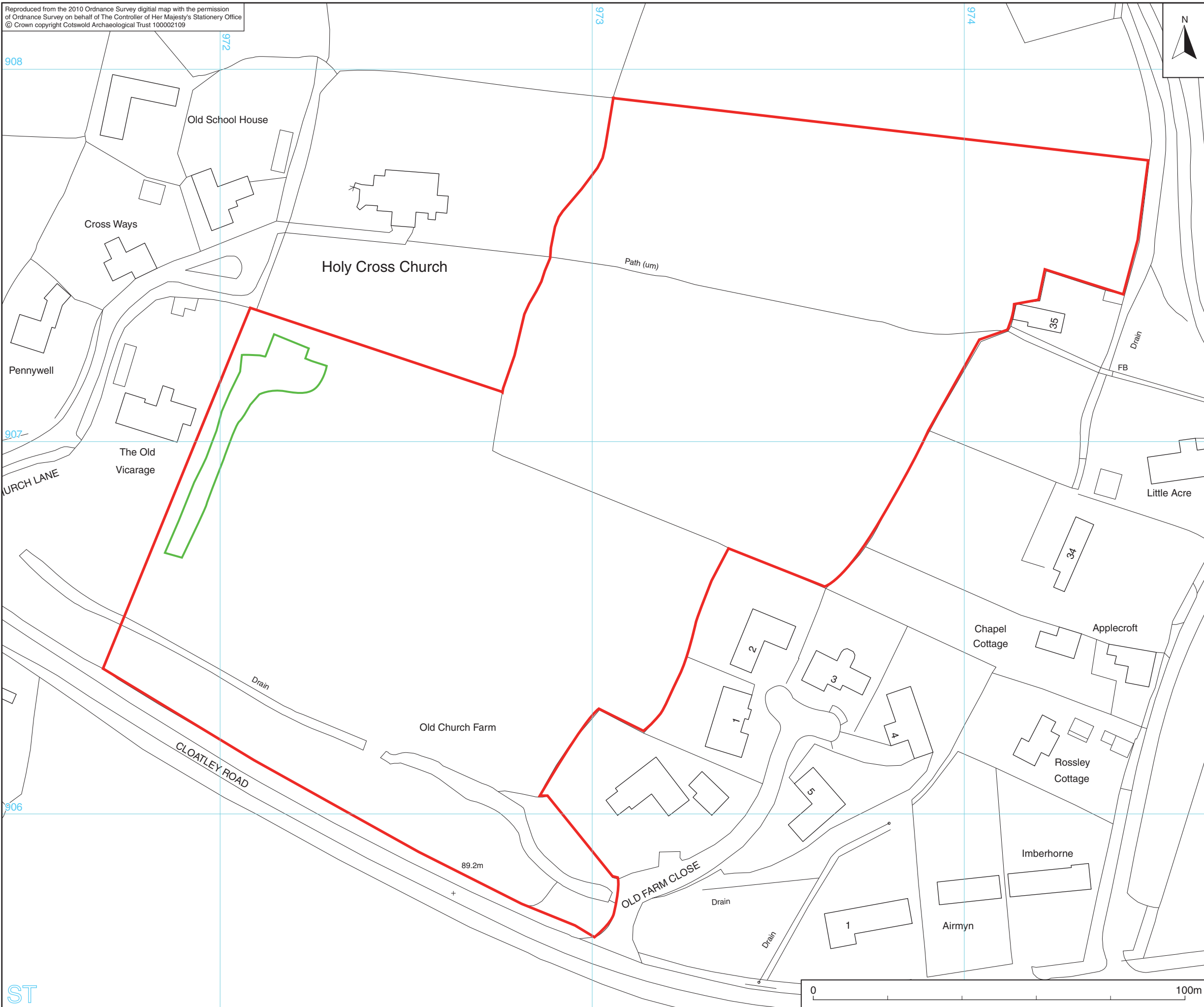
**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire	
Short description	<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a machinery store and associated trackway at The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire.</p> <p>No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material was recovered.</p>	
Project dates	5-6 August 2010	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	2.7ha	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	ST 9721 9071	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator		
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman	
Project Supervisor	Kelly Saunders	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	N/A	
Paper	Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes	Proforma recording sheets
Digital	Wiltshire Heritage Museum, Devizes	Digital photos
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
<p>CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2010 <i>The Old Vicarage, Hankerton, Wiltshire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> CA Report No. <b>10137</b></p>		

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FIGURE TITLE <b>Site location plan</b>			
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site  
area of observed groundwork

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FIGURE TITLE  
The site, showing the location of  
observed groundworks

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