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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Broadridge Green  
**Location:** Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire  
**NGR:** SO 8347 0864  
**Type:** Evaluation  
**Date:** 14 October 2010  
**Planning Reference:** S.10/1682/HHOLD  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with the Museum in the Park, Stroud  
**Accession Number:** STGCM: 2010.67  
**Site Code:** BGH10

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2010 at Broadridge Green, Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire. Five trenches were excavated.

No archaeological remains were observed. All trenches exposed a similar sequence of topsoil, subsoil and natural limestone brash. Some disturbance from modern services was revealed.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In October 2010 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for Mr A. Bradford at Broadridge Green, Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire (centred on NGR: SO 8347 0864; Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken to accompany a planning application to Stroud District Council (ref. no. S.10/1682/HHOLD) for the demolition of the existing outbuildings, alterations to the highway access, and the construction of a two-storey extension and a single storey outbuilding.
- 1.2 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with the *Brief for an Archaeological Field Evaluation* issued by Mr Charles Parry, Senior Archaeological Officer, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), archaeological advisor to Stroud District Council (SDC) and with a subsequent detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2010) and approved by Mr Parry. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008), the *Statement of Standards and Practices Appropriate for Archaeological Field work in Gloucestershire* (GCC 1996), 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). It was monitored by Mr Parry.

### ***The site***

- 1.3 The site is located on a level area of high ground at the edge of the Cotswold Escarpment, immediately to the north of Haresfield Lane (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 250.5m AOD.
- 1.4 The site occupies approximately 0.9ha of land. Of the total site, the development area encompasses approximately 0.23ha and is occupied by a former woodsman's cottage, with single storey 'lean to', and various single storey outbuildings and garden.
- 1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as Aston Limestone Formation of the Middle Jurassic era (BGS 2010). The natural substrate was encountered in all trenches.

### ***Archaeological background***

- 1.6 Archaeological interest in the site arises from its location immediately to the north of the Scheduled Monument of Haresfield Dyke Camp (Scheduled Monument No. GC 356; Gloucestershire SMR Area No. 438). This is recorded as the site of a Roman Camp. The Scheduled area is a triangular piece of land immediately to the south of Haresfield Lane. The site is ploughed and the earthworks are no longer visible at ground level. The SMR records that in 1976 there was “no obvious evidence for the earthworks continuing on the north side of the road”.
- 1.7 Three round barrows (Gloucestershire SMR Area Nos. 3581-3) lie to the south and south-west of the Roman Camp. A middle Bronze Age plano-convex knife was found in a cist to the east of the centre of the easternmost mound (Gloucestershire SMR Area No. 3583).
- 1.8 A number of post-medieval and modern quarries are recorded in the vicinity of the site. In addition, the field to the south-east of the site is recorded as having been a WWII bombing decoy site (Gloucestershire SMR Area No. 27096).

### ***Archaeological objectives***

- 1.7 The objectives of the evaluation were to provide data on the date, character, quality, survival and extent of the archaeological deposits within the application area in order that an informed decision on their importance in a local, regional or national context can be made. This information will assist Stroud District Council in making an informed judgement on the significance of the archaeological resource, and the likely impact upon it of the proposed development.

### ***Methodology***

- 1.8 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of five trenches (Trench 1, 5.4m by 1.5m; Trench 2, 5.6m by 1.5m; Trench 3, 3m by 1.5m; Trench 4, 8.3m by 1.5m; Trench 5, 4.1m by 1.5m). Trenches were set out in accordance with the WSI, with minor alterations for access and tree cover considerations. Levels were taken relative to a reference OD height of 250.68m taken from site survey data supplied by the client and located on concrete hardstanding at the western entrance to the cottage.

- 1.9 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the natural substrate.
- 1.10 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites* (2003) and no deposits were identified that required sampling. No finds were recovered.
- 1.11 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. The site archive will be deposited with the Museum in the Park, Stroud, under accession number STGCM: 2010.67. 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**

- 2.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are to be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 No archaeological features or finds were observed or recovered from any trenches. All trenches except Trench 3 exposed the same sequence of deposits: the underlying geology of limestone brash overlain by stony, orange brown sandy silt clay subsoil, which was in turn covered by garden topsoil. Trench 3 was located in a narrow gap between the cottage, a shed and the garage. The area had been surfaced with gravel and there was modern disturbance including a sewer pipe trench extending across the gap. A modern water mains trench was exposed near the eastern end of Trench 5.

## **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The evaluation revealed no archaeological features or finds. Four of the five trenches exposed a consistent subsoil layer, indicating that the site has not been

significantly truncated. The character and extent of the Scheduled Monument of Haresfield Dyke Camp to the south of the site is not fully understood and this evaluation revealed no remains associated with it.

#### **4. CA PROJECT TEAM**

Fieldwork was undertaken by David Parry, assisted by Jonathan Boon. The report was written by David Parry. The illustrations were prepared by Jon Bennett. The archive has been compiled by David Parry, and prepared for deposition by James Johnson. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

#### **5. REFERENCES**

BGS (British Geological Survey) 2010 [http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer\\_google/googleviewer.html](http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html) accessed 15 October 2010

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2010 *Broadridge Green, Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation*



**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

## Trench 1

| No. | Type  | Description   | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|-------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 100 | Layer | Garden topsoil  |            |           | 0.16      |           |
| 101 | Layer | Subsoil – orange brown sandy silt clay with common limestone, common small tree roots |            |           | 0.18      |           |
| 102 | Layer | Natural substrate   | n/a        | n/a       | n/a       |           |

## Trench 2

| No. | Type  | Description   | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|-------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 200 | Layer | Garden topsoil  |            |           | 0.20      |           |
| 201 | Layer | Subsoil – orange brown sandy silt clay with common limestone, common small tree roots |            |           | 0.14      |           |
| 202 | Layer | Natural substrate   | n/a        | n/a       | n/a       |           |

## Trench 3

| No. | Type  | Description   | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|-------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 300 | Layer | Garden topsoil – thin topsoil accumulated in pathway gravel                     |            |           | 0.06      |           |
| 301 | Layer | Made ground – modern rubble and rubbish mixed with orange brown sandy silt clay |            |           | 0.14      |           |
| 302 | Layer | Natural substrate   | n/a        | n/a       | n/a       |           |

## Trench 4

| No. | Type  | Description   | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|-------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 400 | Layer | Garden topsoil  |            |           | 0.20      |           |
| 401 | Layer | Subsoil – orange brown sandy silt clay with common limestone, common small tree roots |            |           | 0.15      |           |
| 402 | Layer | Natural substrate   | n/a        | n/a       | n/a       |           |

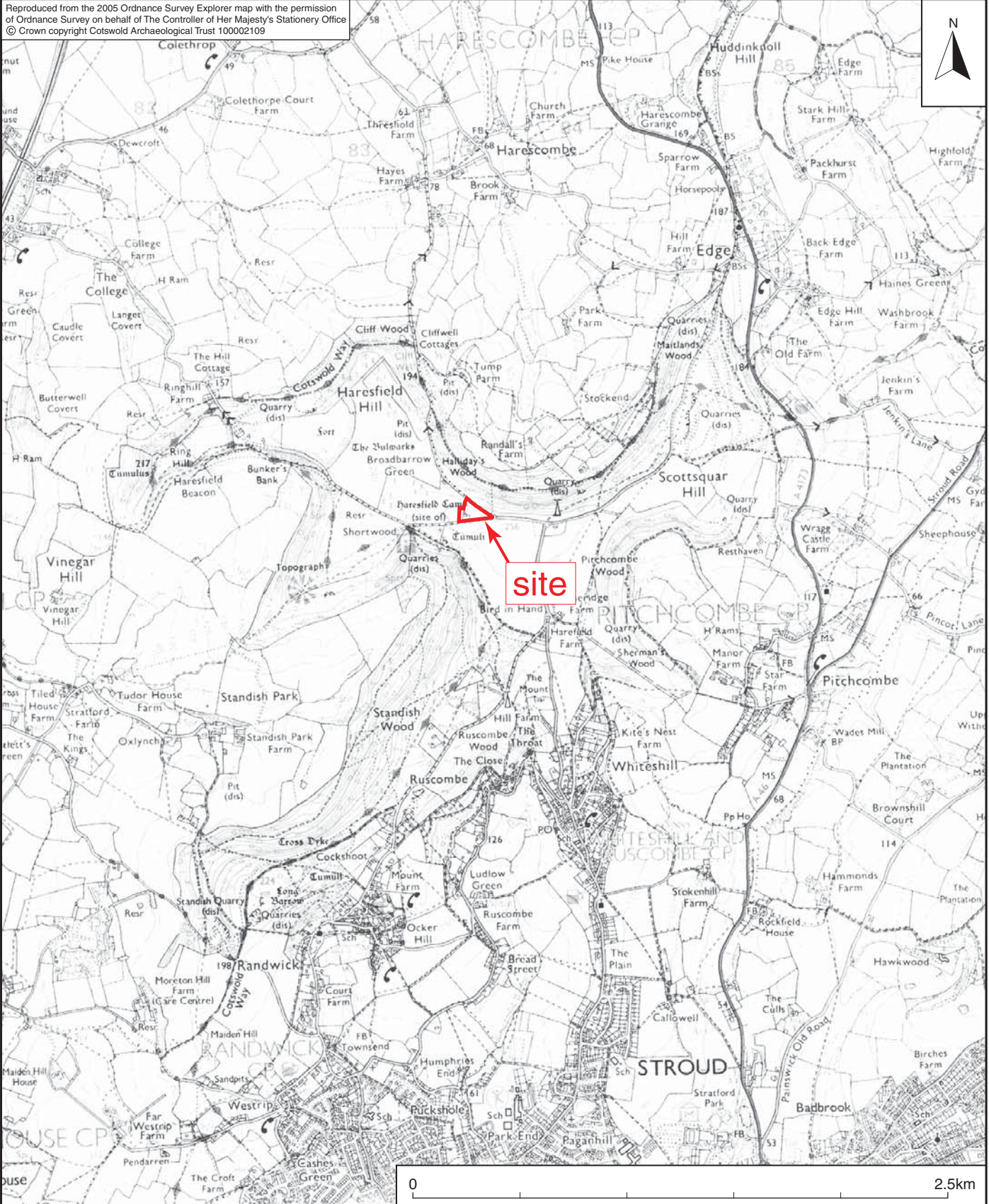
## Trench 5


| No. | Type  | Description   | Length (m) | Width (m) | Depth (m) | Spot-date |
|-----|-------|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 500 | Layer | Garden topsoil  |            |           | 0.16      |           |
| 501 | Layer | Subsoil – orange brown sandy silt clay with common limestone, common small tree roots |            |           | 0.12      |           |
| 502 | Layer | Natural substrate   | n/a        | n/a       | n/a       |           |

**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

| <b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>  |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Project Name  | Broadridge Green   |  |
| Short description   | An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in October 2010 at Broadridge Green, Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire. Five trenches were excavated. No archaeological remains were observed. All trenches exposed a similar sequence of topsoil, subsoil and natural limestone brash. Some disturbance from modern services was revealed. |  |
| Project dates   |  |  |
| Project type  | Field evaluation   |  |
| Previous work   | None   |  |
| Future work   | Unknown  |  |
| <b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>   |  |  |
| Site Location   | Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire   |  |
| Study area  | 0.9ha  |  |
| Site co-ordinates   | SO 8347 0864   |  |
| <b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>   |  |  |
| Name of organisation  | Cotswold Archaeology   |  |
| Project Brief originator  | Gloucestershire County Council   |  |
| Project Design (WSI) originator   | Cotswold Archaeology   |  |
| Project Manager   | Richard Young  |  |
| Project Supervisor  | David Parry  |  |
| <b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>  |  |  |
|   | None   |  |
| <b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>  |  |  |
|   | None   |  |
| <b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>   |  |  |
|   | Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)  | Content                                    |
| Physical  | N/A  | None                                       |
| Paper   | Museum in the Park / STGCM: 2010.67  | Context sheets, photo and levels registers |
| Digital   | Museum in the Park / STGCM: 2010.67  | Digital photos                             |
| <b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>   |  |  |
| CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2010 <i>Broadridge Green, Haresfield Lane, Edge, Gloucestershire: Archaeological Evaluation</i> . CA typescript report <b>10183</b> |  |  |

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