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Fig. 2 Photo of exposed north wall, Building 4, Looking East

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) December 2012 at High Crindledyke Farm, Kingmoor, Carlisle, Cumbria (NGR: NY 3381 5604) (Fig.1). The watching brief was commissioned by Story Holmes Ltd.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the project was produced by CFA. The WSI was agreed by Jeremy Parsons, Cumbria County Council's Archaeologist from Cumbria County Council Heritage and Environmental Service (CCCHES)

1.2 Background

A pre-determination geophysical survey of the majority of the development area was carried out for CFA Archaeology Ltd (Harrison & Gidman 2008). The survey identified little in the way of archaeological features. The farmstead was subject to an archaeological standing building survey (Cressey 2011). An archaeological evaluation was undertaken focusing on the areas which were unsuitable for the geophysical survey. Five trenches were excavated and only a single undated linear feature was found (Mitchell 2011).

An archaeological watching brief was required to monitor the groundbreaking associated with demolition including the grubbing up of the foundations.

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the programmes of archaeological works are:

- To monitor below ground level works associated with the demolition of the existing buildings in order to determine whether earlier buildings or structures are present on the site on a similar footprint to the existing buildings.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Fieldwork. Recording of all elements followed established CFA methods, as detailed in the approved WSI.

2.2 Archaeological Watching Brief

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buildings or structures are present on the site on a similar footprint to the existing buildings.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

Numbers in bold and parentheses refer to contexts (Appendix 1).

A misunderstanding of the requirements of the watching brief meant that construction had started across the site apart from the area of the actual farmhouse. The watching brief was carried out on the grubbing out of foundations and ground reduction over this area.

Overlying the whole site was a layer of demolition rubble and topsoil (**001**) it contained pieces of frogged red brick, sandstone and general demolition debris such as lead pipe etc. The watching brief only encountered the wall foundations (**002**, Fig.2) of the recently demolished Building 4. The wall was 0.4m wide and survived to a depth of between 0.3-0.4m. The wall was constructed in a foundation trench cut (**004**) into the natural geology of red-brown clay with rounded stone inclusions (**003**).

4. CONCLUSION

The watching brief monitored the below ground works associated with the demolition of the earlier farm buildings. No evidence for any archaeological features or deposits predating the recently demolished farm building was identified.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports will be deposited with Tullie House, Cumbria.

5. REFERENCES

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Mitchell, S, 2011 High Crindledyke Farm, Carlisle, Cumbria, Evaluation. Unpublished CFA client Report No 1970

APPENDIX 1: Context Register

Context No.	Description
001	Demolition overburden
002	Wall of building 4 (farmhouse)
003	Natural clay geology
004	Foundation cut of wall 002

APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register

No.	Description	From	Conditions
1	Exposed N wall of Building 4 and foundation cut	E	Sun
2	Trench following the grubbing out of the Western wall of Building 4	S	Sun
3	Trench following the grubbing out of the Southern of Building 4	E	Sun
4	Trench following the grubbing out of the Eastern wall of Building 4	S	Sun
5-6	General post-ex view	SE	Sun



Fig 2. Photo of exposed north wall, Building 4, looking E

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