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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in August 2017, to monitor the insertion of an interpretation panel within the grounds of Castle Campbell, Dollar, Clackmannanshire (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Historic Environment Scotland as part of the Minor Archaeological Services Call-off Contract.

A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 7 December 2017 was produced by Kirkdale Archaeology for this programme of works. The WSI was designed to fulfil the terms of the Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) and was agreed with Historic Environment Scotland (HES) in advance of the work taking place.

1.2 Background

Castle Campbell is a complex, multi-period castle. It stands on a rocky spur of the Ochil Hills at the head of Dollar Glen. The spur is cut off from the east, west, and south by the ravines of the Burns of Sorrow and Care, and to the north rises the Ochil hills, making it a strongly defensive site.

The grassy, artificial-looking mound on which the tower house stands is very suggestive of a motte, the mounded earthwork of a timber castle. There is also evidence of an infilled ditch cutting off the promontory. This suggests that the castle has a far longer history than is documented, and that its site may have been first fortified in the 12th or early 13th century.

Shortly after the castle came into care, the site was subject to clearance works for the Ministry of Works. Although the archaeology of the castle has been seriously compromised through a number of unrecorded and recorded interventions, the monument remains archaeologically sensitive.

The work involves 12 new panels, some of which replace existing signs, and the removal of 2 existing cast metal plates from the site. Only one panel (CAM 12) will impact the monument directly and required a watching brief. This panel was located in the garden, adjacent to the path at the top of the terrace. The panel will measure 840mm x 594mm and will be mounted on metal legs set into a fixed base. Clearance works after the castle came into care appear to have included at least partial excavation and reconstruction of the garden terrace. A sketch of *c.*1830 and a photo of *c.*1878 show the terrace in a more ruinous state than at present. A photo of *c.*1957 appears to show the terrace in the process of reconstruction. While modern works have undoubtedly resulted in some disturbance, there appears to be no detailed record of the interventions.

1.3 Objectives

The objectives of the programme of archaeological works were:

- To conduct an appropriate programme of archaeological investigation (watching brief) to monitor groundbreaking works.
- To mitigate the effects of construction on any archaeological deposits or features identified during the watching brief by excavation and recording and to produce a report on them.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

All work was conducted in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) 'Code of Conduct' (CIfA 2014), and other relevant CIfA Standards and Guidance.

2.2 Watching Brief

The interpretation panel required setting into the ground so a small excavation area, measuring 1m x 0.62m and 0.21m deep, was excavated by hand (Fig. 1). All groundbreaking works were carried out under constant archaeological supervision.

All excavation and on-site recording was carried out according to standard CFA procedures and by completing standard CFA record forms.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

Numbers in bold refer to contexts.

The excavation for panel CAM 12 disturbed a single context (**001**), a layer of turf and topsoil (Fig. 2). The topsoil was a dark brown sandy loam which contained two sherds of modern white-glazed ceramic (not retained). The natural substrate was not reached.

No features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance were identified.

4. CONCLUSION

A watching brief was carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd within the Scheduled Monument of Castle Campbell, Dollar, Clackmannanshire. A small, shallow trench was excavated by hand for the insertion of a site interpretation panel. No features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance were identified.

The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with the National Record for the Historic Environment Scotland (NRHE) and copies of reports will be lodged with Clackmannanshire Council Sites and Monuments Record.

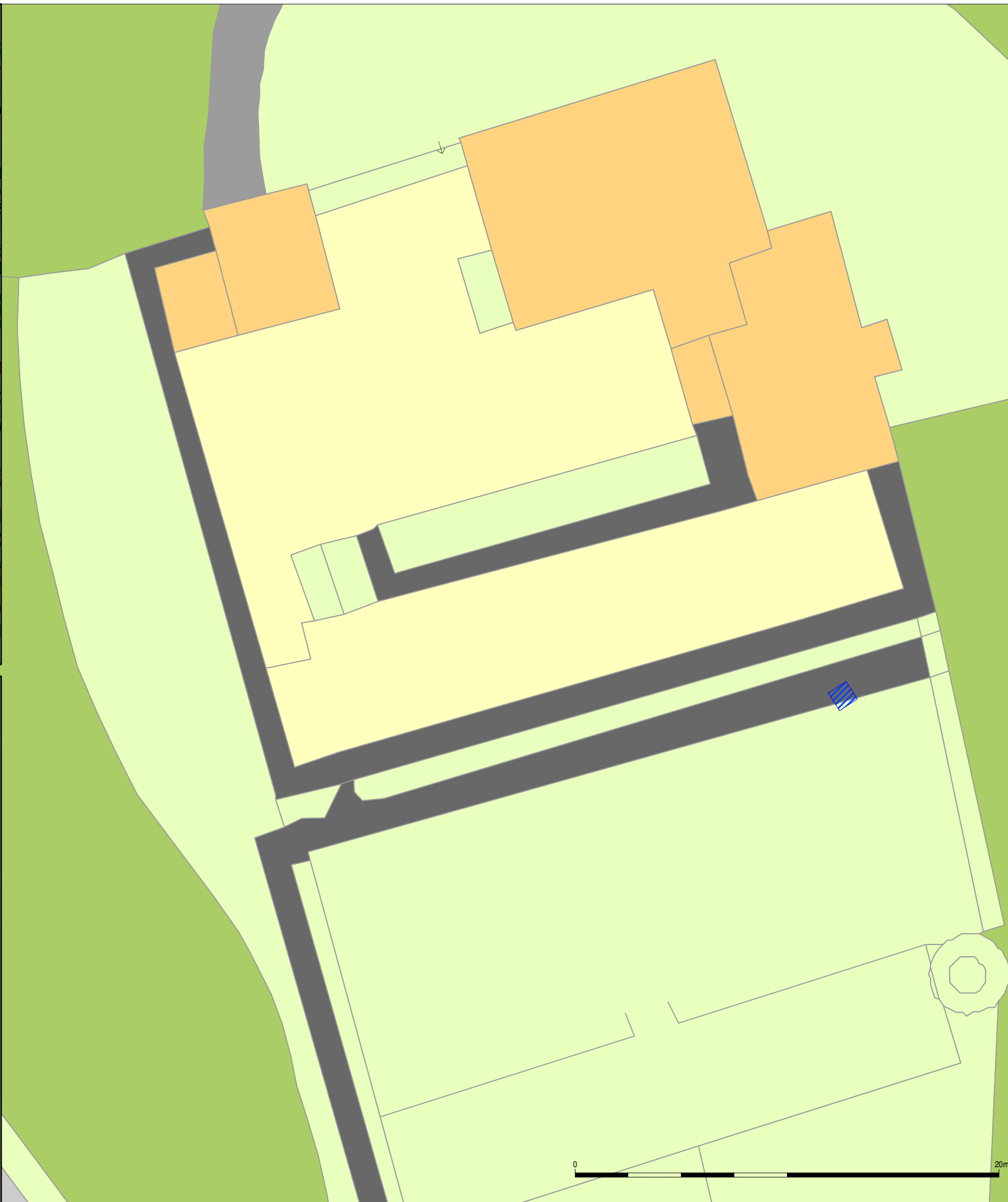
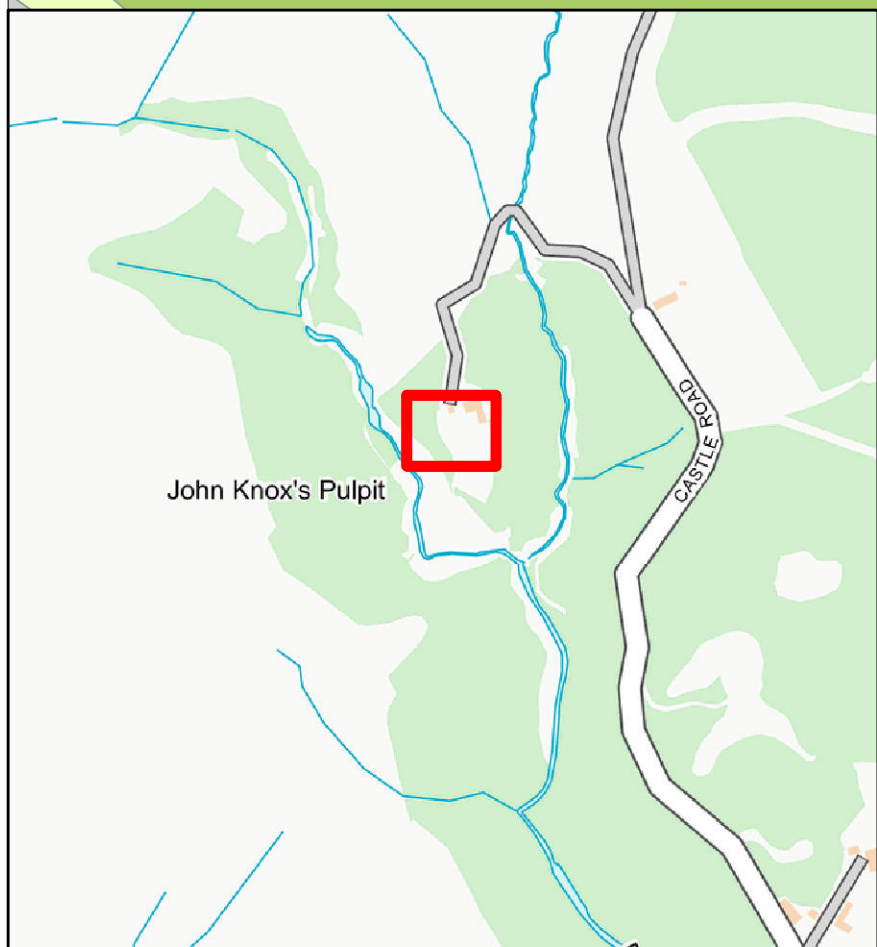
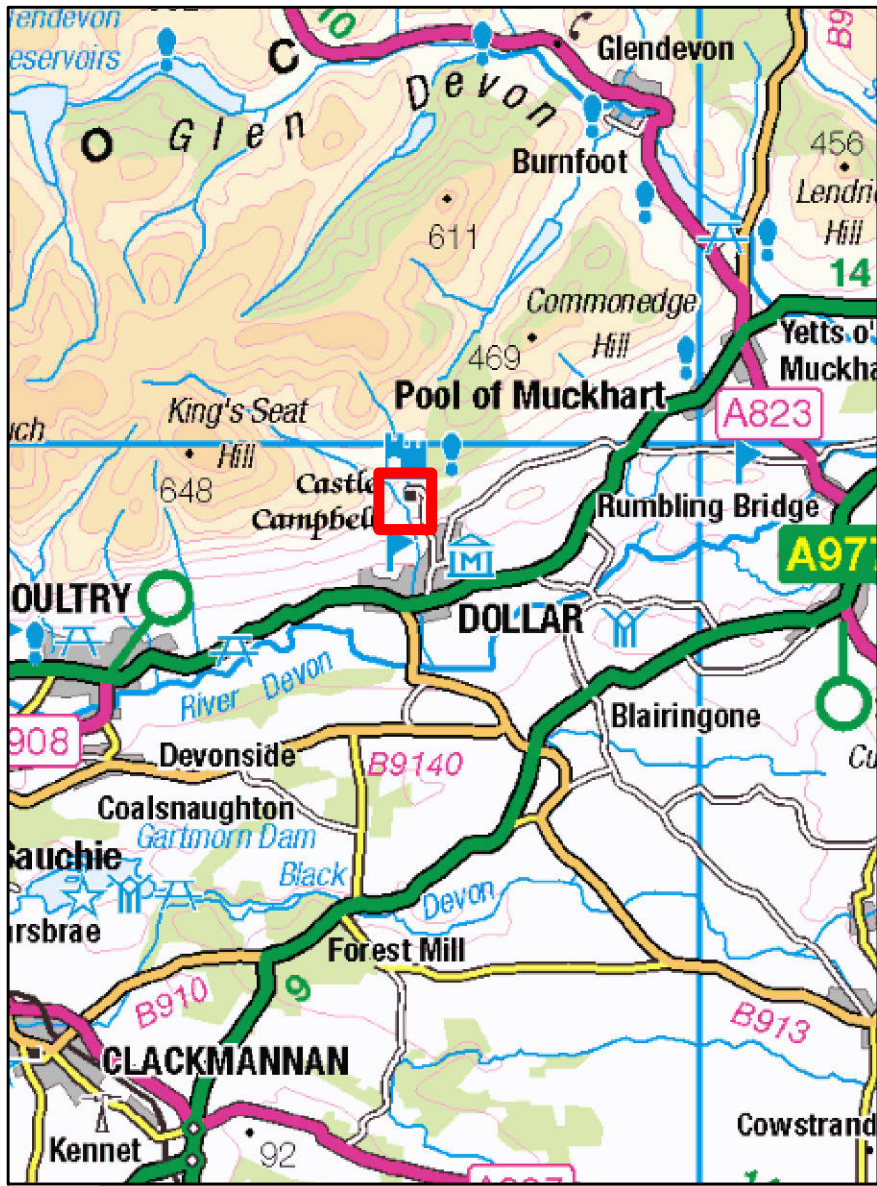
A summary statement will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3) and will also be reported on through *OASIS Scotland*.

APPENDIX 1: Photographic Register


Photo No.	Description	Taken From
1	Excavation area -topsoil removed	S
2	Excavation area -topsoil removed	S
3	Excavation area - fully excavated	S
4	Excavation area - fully excavated	S

APPENDIX 2: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Clackmannanshire
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Castle Campbell, Dollar
PROJECT CODE:	MINA7
PARISH:	Dollar
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Hannah Tweedie
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	N/A
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	N/A
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	N/A
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NS
START DATE (this season)	August 2017
END DATE (this season)	August 2017
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd within the Scheduled Monument of Castle Campbell, Clackmannanshire as part of the Minor Archaeological Services Call Off Contract. A small, shallow trench was excavated by hand for the insertion of a site interpretation panel. No features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance were identified.
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Key:

 Watching Brief Area

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Fig. 2 - General view of excavated area

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