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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

1.1.1 This report presents the results of an archaeological watching brief undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in September 2009 during groundbreaking works prior to the erection of a riding arena at Ferneylea House, Oldhamstocks (NGR: NT 749 700 centre, Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Alison van Dijk following the granting of planning permission (09/00015/FUL).

1.1.2 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the project was produced by CFA and approved by the East Lothian Council Archaeology Service.

1.2 Background

1.2.1 The applicant plans to erect a riding arena to the north of Ferneylea House, Oldhamstocks. Previously planned for the area to the east of the house, the development was moved to the north to avoid a cropmark enclosure (NMRS No. NT76NW 11).

1.3 Objectives

1.3.1 The aim of the watching brief was:

- To monitor the groundbreaking work and record in detail any archaeological remains encountered and to provide a full archive of such remains for future reference.

2. WORKING METHODS

2.1 General

2.1.1 CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' (IfA) Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Fieldwork.

2.1.2 All groundbreaking works were carried out using a tracked excavator equipped with a flat-bladed ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision.

3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

3.1 General

3.1.1 Numbers in bold and parentheses refer to contexts, a full list of which is contained in Appendix 1.

3.2 Results

3.2.1 The riding arena (Fig 1) was located on gently sloping ground which required the south-western portion the arena to be terraced into the slope and the remaining area to be built up with the excavated material from upslope. Topsoil across the area was light reddish brown silty sand **(001)** which varied in depth from 0.5m in the south to 0.25m at the northern edge of the arena.

3.2.2 The removal of topsoil revealed field drains of two different construction types. Stone filled drains **(003)** were aligned SSE-NNW they were 0.3m wide by 0.4m deep and were spaced 4.3m apart. Drains containing one-piece clay pipes with flat bases **(004)** were aligned ENE-WSW. These were 0.25m wide by 0.55m deep and were spaced 8.9m apart.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 An archaeological watching brief was successfully carried out during groundbreaking works associated with the erection of a riding arena at Ferneylea Farm, Oldhamstocks.
- 4.2 No archaeological features other than field drains were recorded during this programme of work. No finds were recovered.
- 4.3 The project archive, comprising all CFA record sheets, maps and reports, will be deposited with the National Monuments Record of Scotland (NMRS) and copies of reports will be lodged with NMRS and the East Lothian Council Sites and Monuments Record.
- 4.4 A summary statement of the results of this watching brief will be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* and a draft of this entry is included as Appendix 3.
- 4.5 A summary statement of the results of this archaeological work will be submitted for inclusion on the OASIS website.

APPENDIX 1: Context List

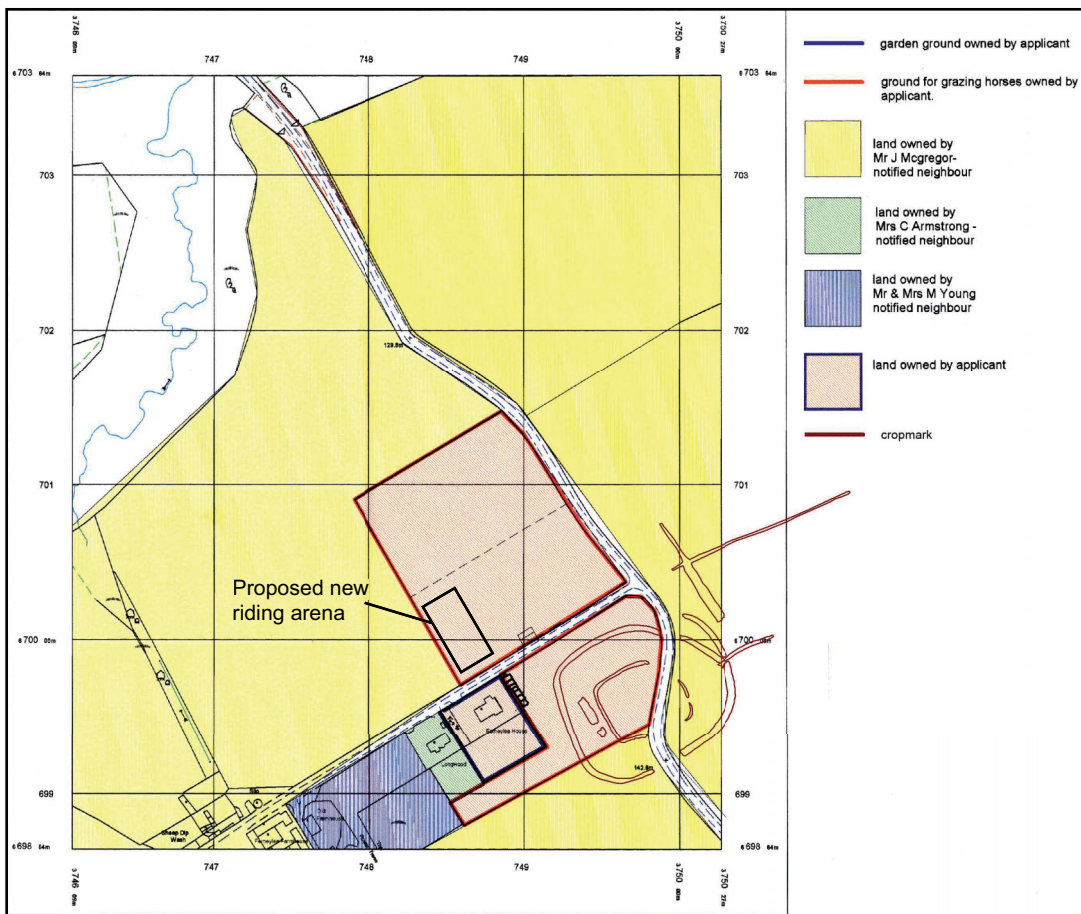
Context No.	Description
001	Topsoil. Reddish-brown silty sand
002	Natural subsoil. Creamy-pink or creamy-orange sandy till with inclusions of small stones
003	Stone filled field drains
004	Clay pipe field drains

APPENDIX 2: Photographic Register

Shot	Description	From	Conditions
1-3	Site panorama pre-ex	NE	Overcast
4-5	Working shots	SE	Bright
6	Field drain running left to right but almost invisible due to upper fill being of almost clean subsoil	NE	Overcast
7	Working shot	SE	Overcast
8	Geological feature	SE	bright
9-13	Geological feature	SW	Bright
14-15	As 9-13. Sondage removed to show creamy deposit running under natural subsoil.	W	Overcast
16-17	Intersection of the two field drain systems. Plan view.	W	Overcast
18-19	General site views post-excavation	W	Overcast

APPENDIX 4: Discovery and Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	East Lothian
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Ferneylea Riding Arena, Ferneylea, Oldhamstocks
PROJECT CODE:	FERL
PARISH:	Oldhamstocks
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:	Ian Suddaby
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	CFA Archaeology Ltd
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Watching Brief
NMRS NO(S):	None
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 10 figures)	NT 74855 69990
START DATE (this season)	18 September 2009
END DATE (this season)	18 September 2009
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. DES ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was undertaken during the groundbreaking work which took place prior to the erection of a riding arena at Ferneylea Farm, Oldhamstocks. Other than field drains, no features were recorded.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:	N/A
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ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended/deposited)	National Monuments Record of Scotland / East Lothian SMR



Key:



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Fig. 2 - General shot



Fig. 3 - General shot of trench

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