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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 General**

- 1.1.1 This report presents the results of an archaeological evaluation undertaken by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) in October 2010 at land south of Ridgevale, Galahill, Jedburgh (NGR: NT 64878 20075) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Edwin Thompson Chartered Surveyors on behalf of Mr David Sturrock.
- 1.1.2 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) dated 20 August 2010 was produced by CFA and approved by Dr Christopher Bowles, the Scottish Borders Council Archaeologist.

### **1.2 Background**

- 1.2.1 Planning consent has yet to be granted for the development of four housing plots on land south of Ridgevale, Galahill, Jedburgh (09/00429-32/OUT). The site of the proposed development is opposite Jedburgh Castle Jail, near to the location where the medieval castle of Jedburgh had previously stood. The medieval castle was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and had a turbulent history which included multiple sieges and occupations by both English and Scottish armies. Given the close proximity of the development area to the Castle Hill, it was assessed that there was a possibility of encountering archaeology from this period. In addition, the prominent position of the Castle Hill may have been an attractive location for earlier prehistoric activity.
- 1.2.2 The area to be evaluated comprised a rectangular piece of land which bordered Galahill to the west. To the north was modern housing and mature tree cover. To the south was the perambulation of the Jed Water. To the south-east was the location of a bowling green with industrial units and open fields beyond. The development area respected the curtilage of mature hedgerows and tree cover which bound the site to the south, west and north.
- 1.2.3 The proposed development area was pasture and was located on a marked slope which fell steeply from west to east. A number of mature trees were also located within the proposed development area (Fig. 2 & 3).
- 1.2.4 No previous invasive archaeological fieldwork is known to have taken place within the proposed development area prior to this evaluation.

### **1.3 Aims and Objectives**

- 1.3.1 The project's aims and objectives were:
- to establish the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological features or deposits within the proposed development area through trial trenching evaluation;

- to establish the vulnerability of any archaeological features to the proposed development;
- and to propose mitigation measures if required.

## **2. WORKING METHODS**

### **2.1 General**

2.1.1 CFA Archaeology Ltd follows the Institute for Archaeologists' Code of Conduct, Standards and Guidance.

### **2.2 Evaluation**

2.2.1 Sixteen trenches of varying dimensions were excavated, amounting to c.800m<sup>2</sup> (c 5% of the proposed development area). A 10m buffer zone was maintained when trenching in the proximity of overhead lines. All trenches were excavated using a 360° mechanical excavator equipped with a smooth-bladed ditching bucket under constant archaeological supervision. Any further excavation required to fulfil the objectives of the evaluation was carried out by hand.

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

2.2.3 Trench positions were surveyed using industry standard electronic surveying equipment and all trenches were backfilled on completion.

### **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS**

- 3.1 A summary of the trenches excavated is contained in Appendix 2. Sixteen trenches covering 802.8m<sup>2</sup> were excavated.
- 3.2 The excavated topsoil within the proposed development area was soft clayey-silt, mid-greyish brown in colour. The deposit was fairly sterile and contained very little 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century pottery. The depth of topsoil varied slightly but was on average 0.35m in depth. A 0.1-0.2m thick deposit of mid-to-light grey silty hill-wash had accumulated within some trenches. The natural substrate comprised firm, reddish-pink boulder clay with occasional grey and orange mottles, and was typified by small to medium sized sub-rounded to sub-angular stone cobbles and sandstone fragments (Fig. 2 & 3).
- 3.3 Excavated trenches located in close proximity to trees had been heavily disturbed by root action. As a consequence, the deposits were sometimes dry and compact. Rubble field drains were noted in trenches 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13 & 15.
- 3.4 No other features or deposits of archaeological significance were recorded.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 An archaeological evaluation covering c. 803m<sup>2</sup>, which amounted to c. 5% of the development area, was carried out on land south of Ridgevale, Galahill, Jedburgh. Trial trenching did not identify any features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance.
- 4.2 CFA does not recommend any further archaeological work in relation to this development. However, the final decision on any further mitigation measures lies with the Scottish Borders Council Archaeologist.
- 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 the Scottish Borders Sites and Monuments Record.
- 4.4 A summary statement to be submitted for publication in *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* (Appendix 3) will be sufficient to disseminate the results of this programme of works. The project will also be reported on through *OASIS Scotland*.

## APPENDIX 1: Digital Photographic Register

No	Contexts/description	Taken from	Conditions
1	General shot of site access	West	Bright
2	General shot of site and access point	North-west	Bright
3	General shot of site access	East	Bright
4	Post-excavation shot of Trench 1	South-west	Bright
5	Post-excavation shot of Trench 2	North-west	Bright
6	Shot of exposed rubble field drain in Trench 2	South	Bright
7	Post-excavation shot of Trench 3	South-west	Bright
8	Post-excavation shot of Trench 4	North	Bright
9	Post-excavation shot of Trench 5	North	Bright
10	General shot of site	North-west	Bright
11-12	General shot of site	North	Bright
13-14	General shot of site	South-east	Bright
15	General shot of site	South	Bright
16	General shot of site	East	Bright
17	General shot of site	South	Bright
18	Post-excavation shot of Trench 6	South	Bright
19	Post-excavation shot of Trench 8 with rubble field drains in the foreground	North-east	Overcast
20	Post-excavation shot of Trench 8	South-west	Overcast
21	Post-excavation shot of Trench 7	North-east	Overcast
22	Post-excavation shot of Trench 10	North-west	Overcast
23-24	Post-excavation shot of Trench 9	North-west	Overcast
25	Post-excavation shot of Trench 11	West	Overcast
26	Post-excavation shot of Trench 13	North	Overcast
27	Post-excavation shot of Trench 12	East	Overcast
28	Working shot of excavation of Trench 15	-	Bright
29	Post-excavation shot of Trench 15 with rubble field in foreground	North-east	Bright
30	General site shots of backfilled trenches	South	Overcast
31	General site shots of backfilled trenches	North	Overcast
32	General site shots of backfilled trenches	North	Overcast
33	General site shots of backfilled trenches	North-west	Bright
34	Post-excavation shot of Trench 14	South-east	Bright

## APPENDIX 2: Summary of Excavation Results

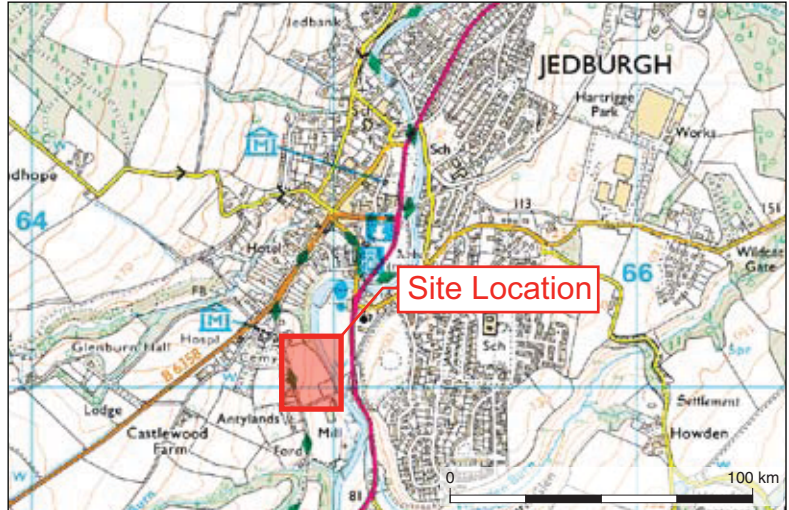
Trench no	Dimensions (m)	Total Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Topsoil Depth (m)	Features
1	31 x 1.8	55.8	0.3-0.35	No archaeology
2	38 x 1.8	68.4	0.35-0.4	No archaeology
3	32 x 1.8	57.6	0.35	No archaeology
4	31 x 1.8	55.8	0.4	No archaeology
5	21 x 1.8	37.8	0.35	No archaeology
6	20 x 1.8	36	0.4	No archaeology
7	21 x 1.8	37.8	0.4	No archaeology
8	25 x 1.8	45	0.35	No archaeology
9	50 x 1.8	90	0.3-0.35	No archaeology
10	20 x 1.8	36	0.3	No archaeology
11	20 x 1.8	36	0.4	No archaeology
12	20 x 1.8	36	0.3	No archaeology

Trench no	Dimensions (m)	Total Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Topsoil Depth (m)	Features
13	33 x 1.8	59.4	0.3-0.35	No archaeology
14	37 x 1.8	66.6	0.35	No archaeology
15	25 x 1.8	45	0.3-0.35	No archaeology
16	22 x 1.8	39.6	0.3-0.4	No archaeology

### APPENDIX 3: Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

<b>LOCAL AUTHORITY:</b>	Scottish Borders Council
<b>PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:</b>	Land south of Ridgevale, Galahill, Jedburgh, Fife
<b>PROJECT CODE:</b>	HEMP
<b>PARISH:</b>	Jedburgh
<b>NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR:</b>	Phil Moore
<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION:</b>	CFA Archaeology Ltd
<b>TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:</b>	Evaluation
<b>NMRS NO(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):</b>	N/A
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS:</b>	None
<b>NGR</b>	NT 64878 20078
<b>START DATE</b> (this season)	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
<b>END DATE</b> (this season)	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
<b>PREVIOUS WORK</b> (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	N/A
<b>MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:</b> (May include information from other fields)	CFA Archaeology conducted an archaeological evaluation at land south of Ridgevale, Galahill, Jedburgh. A total of 803m <sup>2</sup> which amounted to c. 5% of the development area was evaluated. The evaluated area was on a steep slope.  Trial trenching did not identify any features, deposits or artefacts of archaeological significance.
<b>PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:</b>	None
<b>CAPTION(S) FOR ILLUSTRS:</b>	N/A
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<b>ARCHIVE LOCATION</b> (intended/deposited)	National Monuments Record of Scotland, Scottish Borders Council Sites and Monuments Record





Key:



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Fig 2. Post excavation shot of Trench 9



Fig 3. Post excavation shot of Trench 8

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