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Kenmore parish

Taymouth Castle

Excavation and watching brief

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NN 78681 45864 to NN 78630 45797 On 28 March 2012 a watching brief was kept during soil stripping for a new road within the grounds of Taymouth Castle. Nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered along this 95m-long trench.

NN 7770 4525 An area measuring some 1,400m² was stripped of topsoil between 28 March and 2 April 2012, in advance of the construction of a contractor's compound towards the SW corner of the castle grounds. A few interesting features were uncovered. At NN 77675 45256 was a sub-rectangular pit, measuring 2.2m by 0.8m by 0.3m deep and filled with much burnt material. Although it had no stone or clay floor, this feature was probably a kiln. At the N end of the trench, at NN 77692 45288, was a post-pit, measuring 1m in diameter and 0.4m deep with some large packers. Nearby, at NN 77702 45290, was a smaller post-pit and, at NN 77695 45284 was what appeared to be a hearth. Other, related features may be uncovered when the trench is extended for the construction of an equestrian centre, as part of the wholesale redevelopment of the castle grounds.

NN 77693 45479; NN 79094 46634; NN 78377 45722 On 25 May 2012 watching briefs were kept during excavations for three new electricity sub-stations where nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered.

NN 78291 46667 TO NN 78432 46543 On 28-29 May 2012 a watching brief was kept during the excavation of a service trench from near the 'Chinese Bridge' to the rear of the castle, a distance of some 200m. Nothing of significance was encountered in this trench.

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