



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHFM:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

INTRODUCTION

A watching brief was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust, acting on behalf of Smiths Gore, on a site at Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire (Figures 1-2, NGR 8079 8587). The watching brief was in advance of the construction of a new agricultural building at the northern end of the site, the excavation of a new septic tank pit with associated services trenches at the southern end of the site and the excavation of a soakaway pit on the eastern boundary of the site (Figure 3).

The site is of interest as it is to the north of a Roman villa site, and it also lies adjacent to the line of the medieval Blansby Park deer park boundary on its western side; the aim of the watching brief was therefore to determine if any evidence was present relating to these Roman and medieval features, or whether any other features of archaeological interest were present. The watching brief was undertaken in accordance with a specification prepared by the Archaeological Conservation Officer of the North York Moors National Park. The site archive is stored at the Ryedale Folk Museum under the accession code HUHFM:2012.41.

METHODOLOGY

The watching brief was undertaken on three visits on 24th July, 2nd August and 8th August 2012. Arrangements regarding the scheduling of the works were made in correspondence/phone calls between M. Stockwell of YAT and M. Waughman the ACO of the North York Moors National Park. All excavation was undertaken by the contractors using a small mechanical excavator, and all groundworks were monitored by an archaeologist where excavation penetrated deposits that lay beneath a thick deposit of limestone quarry waste (of modern date) which covered the entire area of excavation. In the case of the septic tank pit excavation was followed immediately by the insertion of the tank so as to prevent any collapse of the pit sides, thereby preventing any risk of accidents. Sections were not drawn of the stanchion pits as nothing of note was present. Sections of the septic tank pit and soakaway pit could not have been drawn as the pit sides were too unstable to enable access.

It was not possible to establish a bench mark in relation to the National Grid, due to a lack of any benchmarks within the vicinity. However, to the immediate north of the building in the south-western corner of the northernmost yard there is a tank sited on a concrete base, and a TBM was established on the north-eastern corner of the concrete base with a height of 1.75m; three heights were taken in relation to this TBM mark, at the site of the southern, centre and northern ends of the new building, and these were 1.87m, 1.71m and 1.39m respectively, giving a fall in ground level of 0.48m from the northern to the southern end of the new building.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	1 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

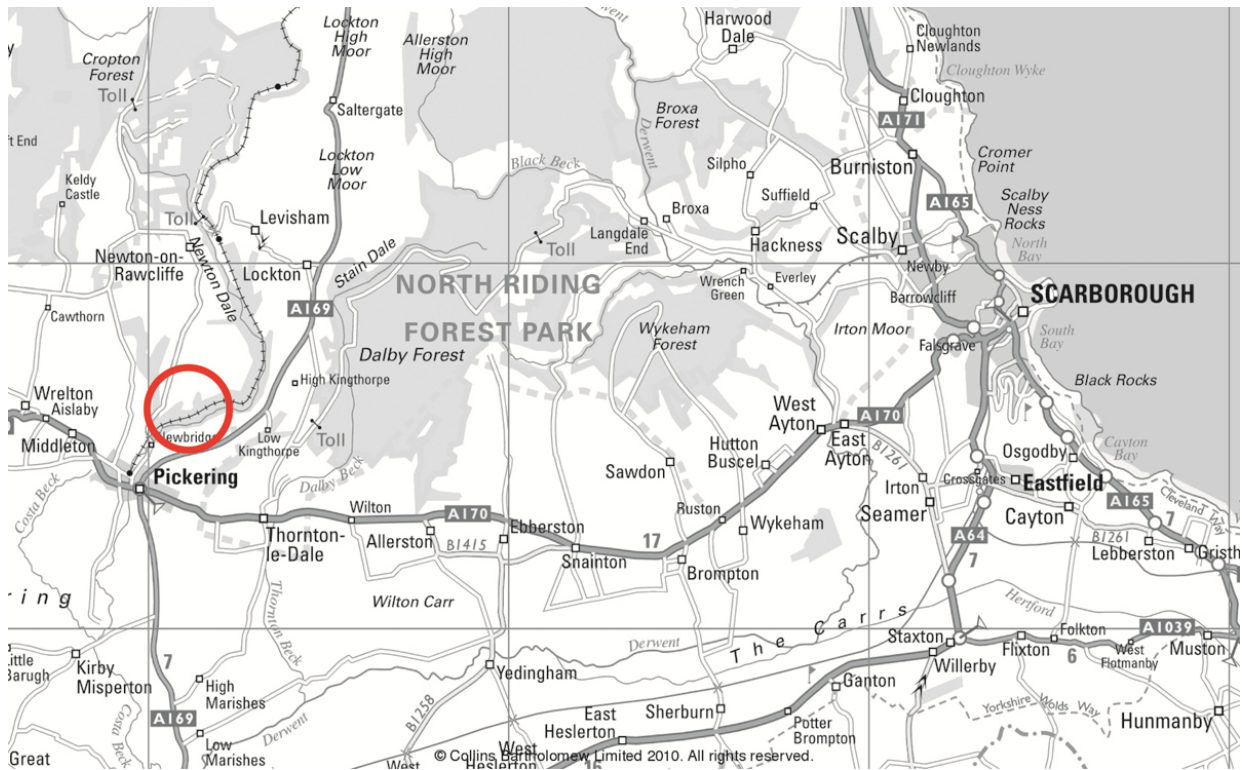


Figure 1 The location of the site, centrally within the red circle.

SITE LOCATION AND TOPOGRAPHY

The site lies in a small valley, which is aligned north-south, and slopes down towards the south (Figure 4). The site comprises an almost rectangular shaped yard at the southern end of the site, with a small access lane to the east leading to a second yard directly to the north. There are three buildings within the development area; the first building is aligned with the long-axis north-south, and lies to the immediate south of the south-western corner of southernmost yard, The second building is aligned with the long axis east-west and is located within the south-eastern corner of southernmost yard, and the third building is aligned with the long axis north-south, the southern half of this building being in the north-western corner of the southernmost yard and the northern half of the building is in the south-western corner of the northernmost yard. The southernmost yard was bordered by walls on all sides except the southern side which was a gate between two buildings. The northernmost yard had a barbed wire fence on the western side and a wall and gate on the southern side, while the northern and eastern sides were unfenced. To the south-east of the site is a cottage, to the east and north the land is wooded, while to the west the site is a grassed field with woodland on the opposing valley slopes to the west. The western boundary of the development site is at the lowest point of the valley.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	2 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

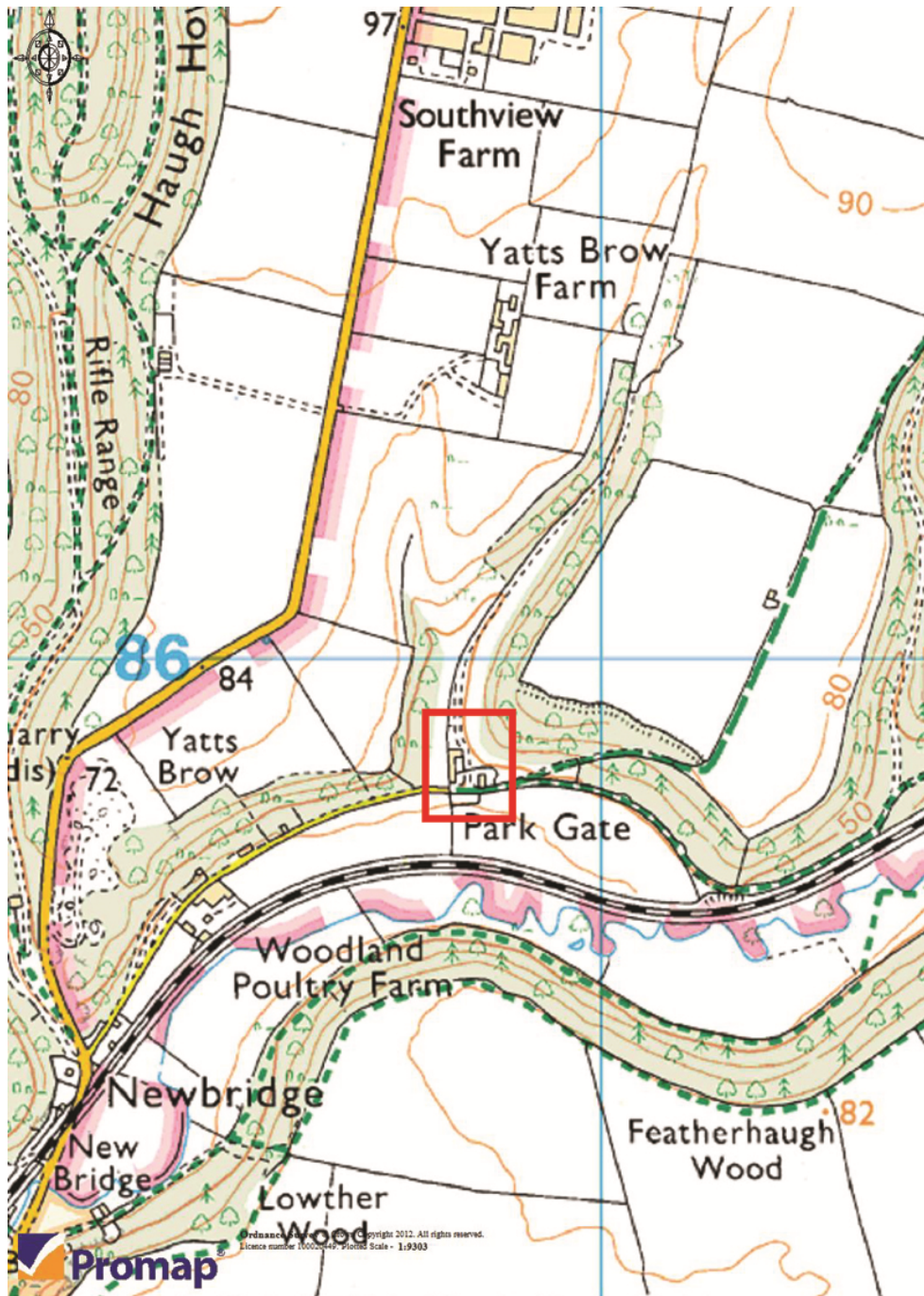


Figure 2 The location of the site, outlined in red.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	3 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

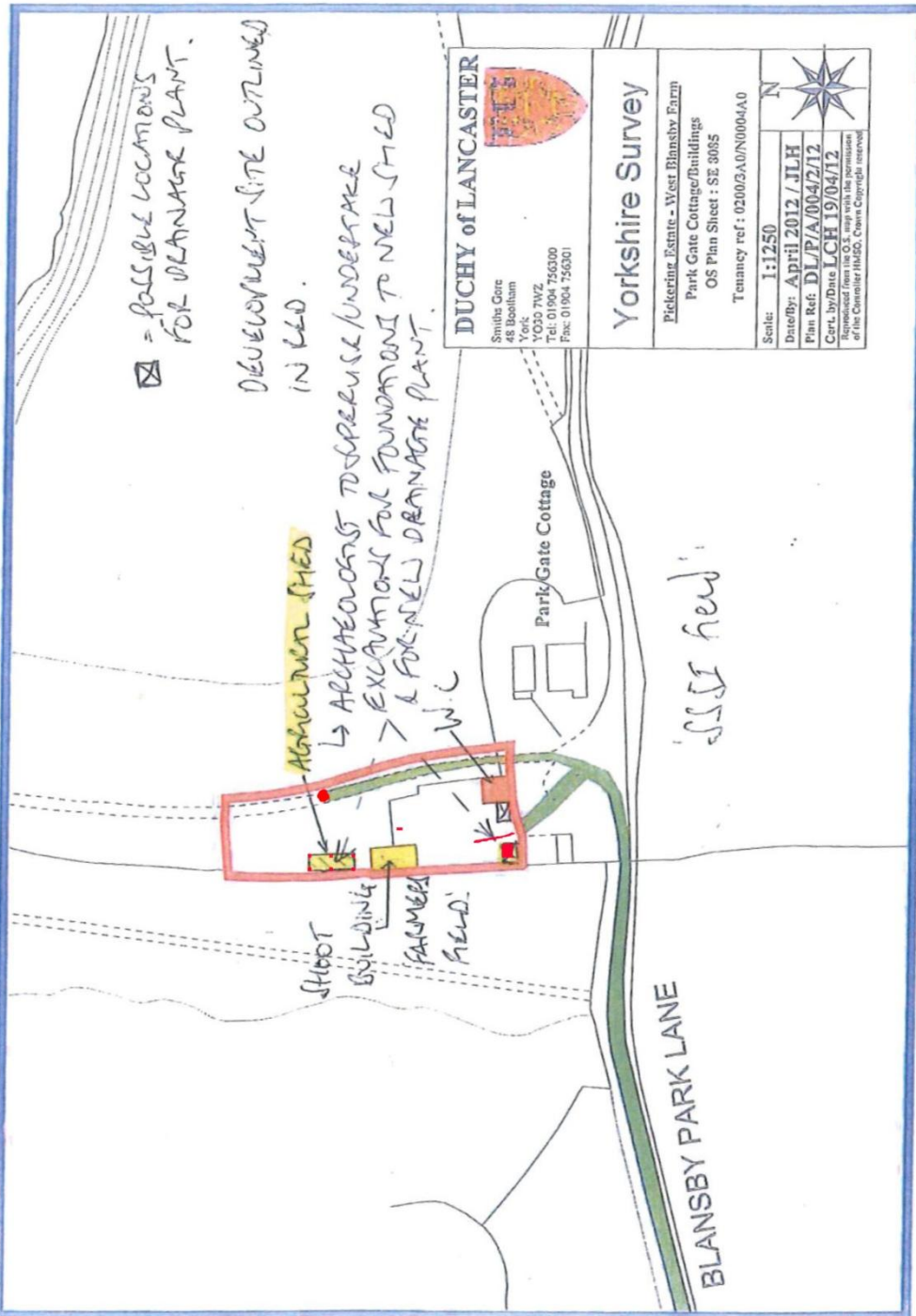


Figure 3 Developer supplied plan showing the location of the observed works in red.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	4 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHFM:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA



Figure 4 Aerial view of the site © Google Maps.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	5 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHFM:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

OBSERVATIONS

Prior to the commencement of the watching brief a services trench 10m long, 0.4m wide and a maximum of 0.9m deep had been excavated (Plates 1-2). The southern end of the trench was located close to the western gate post on the southern side of the southernmost yard, and the trench was aligned north-north-west (heading towards the south-eastern corner of the building in the north-western corner of the southernmost yard). The uppermost deposit observed was a layer of modern limestone chippings 0.25m thick (Context 1000), which incorporated very occasional fragments of pan tile and one fragment of wood from a modern fence or gate post, which lay horizontally within the limestone chippings. Beneath this was naturally occurring light yellow-brown sandy-clay with occasional fragments of angular limestone. Nothing of archaeological interest was observed within the trench.

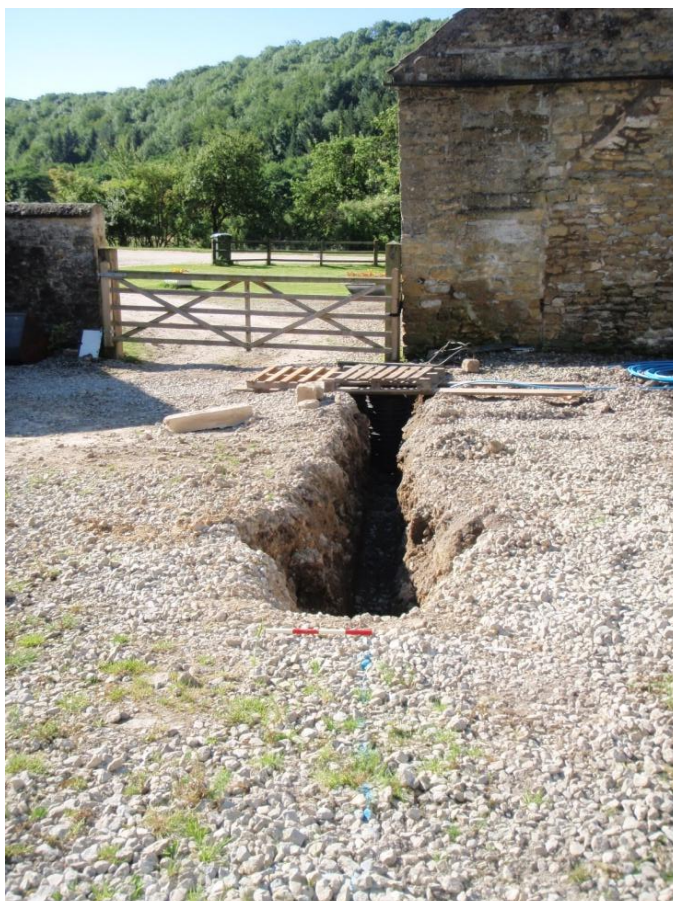


Plate 1 View along the excavated services trench facing south-south-east, scale unit 0.1m.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	6 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHFM:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA



Plate 2 View along the excavated services trench facing north-north-west scale unit 0.1m.

The main focus of the watching brief was observing the excavations associated with the construction of a new agricultural building, 10m x 5m in size, located on the western limits of the northernmost yard, 5m to the north of the building in the south-western corner of the yard. Prior to the commencement of the watching brief an area 13.8m x 5.5m had been cleared to a depth of 0.25m (Plate 3). The deposit which had been removed was a layer of modern limestone chippings (Context 2000), the chippings being up to 95mm x 65mm x 50mm in size, but typically being 40mm x 40mm x 35mm in size. The chippings were in a matrix of dark grey silt, which had clearly washed down between the stones from the surrounding landscape. The limestone chippings of both Context 1000 and 2000 were quarry waste from a nearby quarry which had been used recently to create even surfaces over the two yards.

Six stanchion pits were then excavated within the cleared area in northernmost yard; the work was undertaken using a mechanical excavator with a toothed bucket 0.4m wide, one pit was located at each corner of the new building, and one mid-way along each of the longer sides. The pits were all 1m² and ranged from 1.0-1.3m in depth. The results of each stanchion pit are detailed below, and the pits were numbered in the order in which they were excavated.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	7 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA



Plate 3 The area of the new building prior to the watching brief, facing south, scale unit 0.1m.

Pit 1 (Plate 4) – This was located at the south-eastern corner of the proposed building, was 1m² and 1m deep. The uppermost 0.3m was of limestone chippings in a matrix of dark grey silt (Context 2001), which was clearly of modern date. This was above a deposit 0.2m thick (Context 2002) which comprised featureless grey silt, which in turn sealed naturally occurring light yellow-brown natural sandy-clay (Context 2003).



Plate 4 Pit 1, facing west, scale unit 0.1m.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	8 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

Pit 2 (Plate 5) – This was located midway along the eastern side of the proposed building, was 1m² and 1m deep. The uppermost 0.3m was of limestone chippings in a matrix of dark grey silt (Context 2004), which was clearly of modern date. This was above a deposit 0.3-0.4m thick (Context 2005) which comprised grey silt with frequent angular stone fragments. This sealed a 0.1m thick deposit of dark grey silt (Context 2006) which in turn sealed naturally occurring light yellow-brown sandy-clay (Context 2007).



Plate 5 Pit 2, facing west, scale unit 0.1m.

Pit 3 (Plate 6) – This was located on the south-western corner of the proposed building, was 1m² and 1m deep. It was located 1.2m east of the line of the barbed wire fence. The uppermost deposit comprised limestone chippings in a matrix of dark grey silt (Context 2008), which was clearly of modern date. This was 0.4m thick on the western side of the pit, but extended to a depth of 0.6m on the eastern half of the trench. Beneath this there was a deposit, largely concentrated in the western half of the pit, which comprised a band of large irregular stone blocks (Context 2009), the stones being up to 0.9m x 0.6m x 0.3m in size; given its location this deposit probably represented the remains of a boundary wall, but it had clearly been dismantled and robbed out at some stage, with the stones being dumped in an irregular manner. There was no sign of mortar associated with the stones, and no artefacts were present to enable the date of the robbing to be established. The stones were above naturally occurring light yellow-brown sandy-clay (Context 2010).

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	9 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA



Plate 6 Pit 3, facing west, scale unit 0.1m.

Pit 4 (Plate 7) – This was located midway along the western side of the proposed building, was 1m² and 1m deep. It was located 1.2m east of the line of the barbed wire fence. The uppermost deposit was 0.65m thick and comprised limestone chippings in a matrix of dark grey silt (Context 2011), which was clearly of modern date. Within Context 2011 there were occasional large irregular limestone fragments, similar to those of Context 2009, which had presumably also originated from the robbing/demolition of a boundary wall. Context 2011 sealed naturally occurring light yellow-brown sandy-clay with frequent angular stones (Context 2012).



Plate 7 Pit 4, facing north, scale unit 0.1m.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	10 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

Pit 5 (Plate 8) – This was located at the north-western corner of the proposed building, was 1m² and 1.3m deep. It was located 1.2m east of the line of the barbed wire fence. The uppermost deposit was 0.7m thick and comprised dark grey silt with frequent limestone chippings (Context 2013), which incorporated irregular fragments of stone up to 0.46m x 0.30m x 0.20m in size. This sealed naturally occurring light yellow-brown sandy-clay with frequent angular stones (Context 2014).



Plate 8 Pit 5, facing north, scale unit 0.1m.

Pit 6 (Plate 9) – This was located at the north-eastern corner of the proposed building, and was 1m² and 1.2m deep. The uppermost deposit was 0.3m thick and comprised a mixture of limestone chippings and dark grey silt (Context 2015). This sealed a deposit of dark grey silt 0.3m thick (Context 2016) which was above naturally occurring light yellow-brown sandy-clay with frequent angular stones (Context 2017).



Plate 9 Pit 6, facing north, scale unit 0.1m.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	11 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

No artefacts were recovered from any of the stanchion pits, and the only occupation derived deposit observed was Context 2009 in Pit 3, comprising a dump of stones suggestive of a robbed/dismantled wall. This was not observed in either of the pits to the north (Pits 4 and 5) though stray stones were present in these trenches which presumably originated from a similar source. It was determined that the trenches required for the sides of the proposed new building would only penetrate into the uppermost deposit of modern limestone chippings seen across the site, and the decision was therefore taken not to observe the excavation of these foundations, as no features of archaeological importance would be disturbed.

In addition to the excavation of the stanchion pits a small test pit (Plate 10) was excavated on the line of proposed services trench in the southernmost yard. This trench was located 0.6m south of the northern wall of the southernmost yard and 3.4m east of the building in the north-western corner of the southernmost yard. The test pit was 0.8m wide, 3m long, and 0.7m deep, and was aligned with the long axis north-south. The uppermost deposit was 0.15m thick and comprised modern limestone chippings (Context 3000). This was above a brick floor (Context 3001) made from slop moulded bricks 215mm x 111mm x 71mm in size; these bricks dated from the latter half of the 18th or early 19th century. The brick floor lay directly above naturally occurring light yellow brown clay with frequent small angular stones (Context 3002).



Plate 10 Service trench test pit, facing north, scale unit 0.1m.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	12 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

A trench was excavated for the insertion of the septic tank, this was 1.6m north of the extant building to the south-west of the southernmost yard, 1.1m to the east of the southernmost yard boundary wall, measured 2.8m x 2.5m in area and excavations were observed to a depth of 2.7m below ground level. The uppermost deposit (Context 4000) was a layer of limestone chippings 0.2m thick. The sealed a deposit of mixed limestone chippings and dark grey silt 0.25m thick (Context 4001) which was only visible in the westernmost section (Plate 11). In the west facing section there was a deposit 0.15m thick of mid-dark brown silty clay from which no artefacts or dating evidence was recovered (Context 4002). This deposit could not be examined in detail as the sides of the trench were too unstable to enable close access. Context 4002 sealed naturally occurring light yellow sandy clay which extended to a depth of 2.4m below ground level (Context 4003) at which point underlying limestone bedrock was encountered (Context 4004). The completed septic tank pit is illustrated on Plate 12.



Plate 11 Excavation of the septic tank pit, facing north-west, scale unit 0.1m.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	13 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

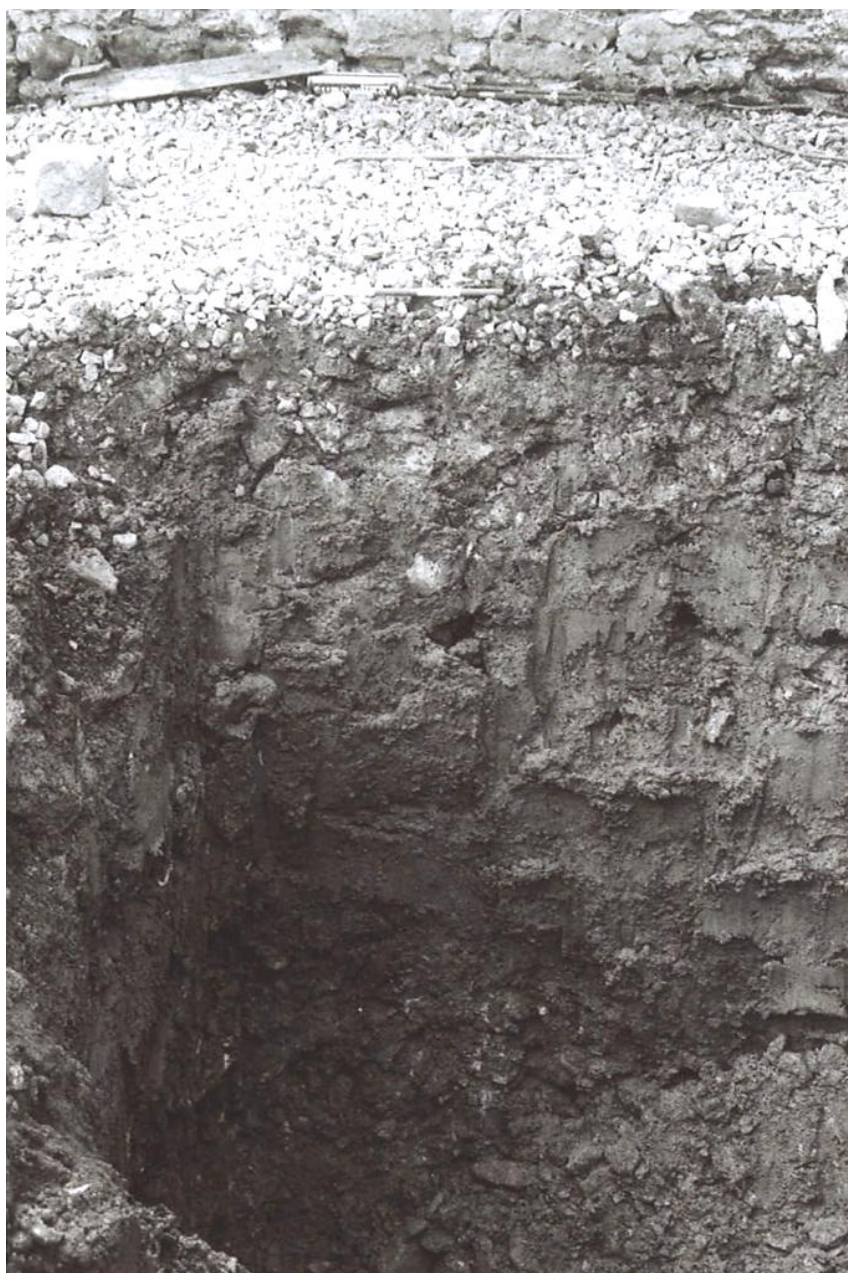


Plate 12 The septic tank pit on completion, facing south, scale unit 0.1m.

A soakaway pit (Plate 13) was excavated at the easternmost limits of the site, directly opposite the southernmost end of the proposed new building. The pit measured 2.4m² and was 1.9m deep. The uppermost 0.1m was of topsoil comprising a mid brown silty clay with frequent grass roots (Context 5000), which was directly above natural limestone bedrock (Context 5001).

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	14 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHFM:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA



Plate 13 The soakaway pit on completion, facing north-north-east, scale unit 0.1m.

CONCLUSIONS

Overall the watching brief produced little of archaeological interest. No trace of any Roman features or artefacts were present, neither was there any clear evidence for surviving walling or ditches associated with the deer park boundary. A robbed out boundary wall (Context 2009) was visible at the southernmost end of the proposed new building (Pit 3), but this lacked any associated dating material, but the stones were similar to those in the surviving buildings on the site in terms of size perhaps suggesting an 18th century or later date. This wall had clearly been robbed out. Although larger stones were present in the area of Pits 4 and 5 which probably also originated from this boundary wall, there was no evidence of walling, indicating either that robbing of the boundary wall had been very thorough in the area of Pits 4 and 5, or that any traces of walling must lie to the immediate west of the excavated pits. The only deposits which clearly predated the 20th century were an undated deposit of silt in pit 2 (Context 2006), an undated deposit of silt in the septic tank pit (Context 4002), and a modern brick yard floor (Context 3001). The remaining deposits were all clearly of 20th century or later date.

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	15 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHFM:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

INDEX OF SITE ARCHIVE

The site archive comprising notes, photographs and associated negatives and a copy of the report has been deposited at the Ryedale Folk Museum under the accession code HUHFM:2012.41. The digital photographs are stored at YAT and backed up daily to a remote storage facility under YAT project code 5632.

1. SIX PAGES OF A4 FROM A SITE NOTEBOOK

2. BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS

- 01 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing NW
- 02 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing W
- 03 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing W
- 04 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing NW
- 05 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing NW
- 06 Pits 1-4 after insertion of concrete facing W
- 07 Pits 1-6 following insertion of concrete facing S
- 08 Pits 1-6 following insertion of concrete facing S
- 09 Pits 3 and 4 facing S
- 10 The septic tank pit facing W
- 11 The septic tank pit facing W
- 12 The septic tank pit facing SW
- 13 The soakaway pit facing NE
- 14 The soakaway pit facing NE
- 15 The soakaway pit facing NE
- 16 The location of the soakaway pit on the eastern side of the site facing NNE
- 17 The soakaway pit facing E
- 18 The soakaway pit facing E

3. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH CATALOGUE

- 01 The area of the proposed building prior to the WB facing S
- 02 The southernmost yard prior to the WB facing SW
- 03 The services trench in the southernmost yard facing S
- 04 The services trench in the southernmost yard facing N
- 05 Pit 1 facing W
- 06 Pit 2 facing W
- 07 Pit 3 facing W
- 08 Pit 3 facing W
- 09 Pit 4 facing N
- 10 Pit 5 facing N
- 11 Pit 5 facing N
- 12 Pit 6 facing N
- 13 The area of the proposed building following excavation of the pits facing SW
- 14 Test pit in the southernmost yard facing N
- 15 The area of the proposed building following excavation of the pits facing S

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	16 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Park Gate, Blansby Park Lane, Pickering, North Yorkshire		
CLIENT NAME	Smiths Gore		
YAT PROJECT #	5632	YAT REPORT #	2012/34
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	HUHF:2012.41	GRID REFERENCE	SE 8079 8587
PLANNING REFERENCE #	NYM/2012/0288/FL	AAI OPS NOTICE #	NA

- 16 Location of the test pit in the southernmost yard
- 17 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing W
- 18 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing W
- 19 Excavation of the septic tank pit facing NNW
- 20 Concrete in pits 1-6 facing S
- 21 The soakaway pit facing E
- 22 Concrete in pits 3 and 4 facing S
- 23 The completed septic tank pit facing SW
- 24 The completed septic tank pit facing SW
- 25 The soakaway pit facing N
- 26 The soakaway pit facing N
- 27 The soakaway pit facing N
- 28 The location of the soakaway pit facing N
- 29 The service trench in the southernmost yard facing N

COMPLETED BY	J.M.McComish	CHECKED BY	M. Stockwell	FINISHED	02/10/12
FINDS	None	SAMPLES	None	PHOTOS	Yes
				PAGE	17 of 17

Registered Charity in England & Wales (509060) & Scotland (SCO42846)



Registered Office:
47 Aldwark, York YO1 7BX
Tel: 01904 663000 Fax: 01904 663024



A Company Limited by Guarantee
Without Share Capital Registered
in England No. 1430801