



# YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION

On 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief on land at 3 Blossom Street, York. The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures exposed during works associated with the excavation of a number of trenches excavated for a new extension on the north-east side of the existing buildings. The site lies adjacent to Micklegate Bar and the City Walls and the area of the extension is partly cut into the rampart. Recording was by means of written notes and measured sketches supplemented by a number of colour digital photographs. All the trenches were inspected and a single specimen recorded, which is described below. No further recording was undertaken.

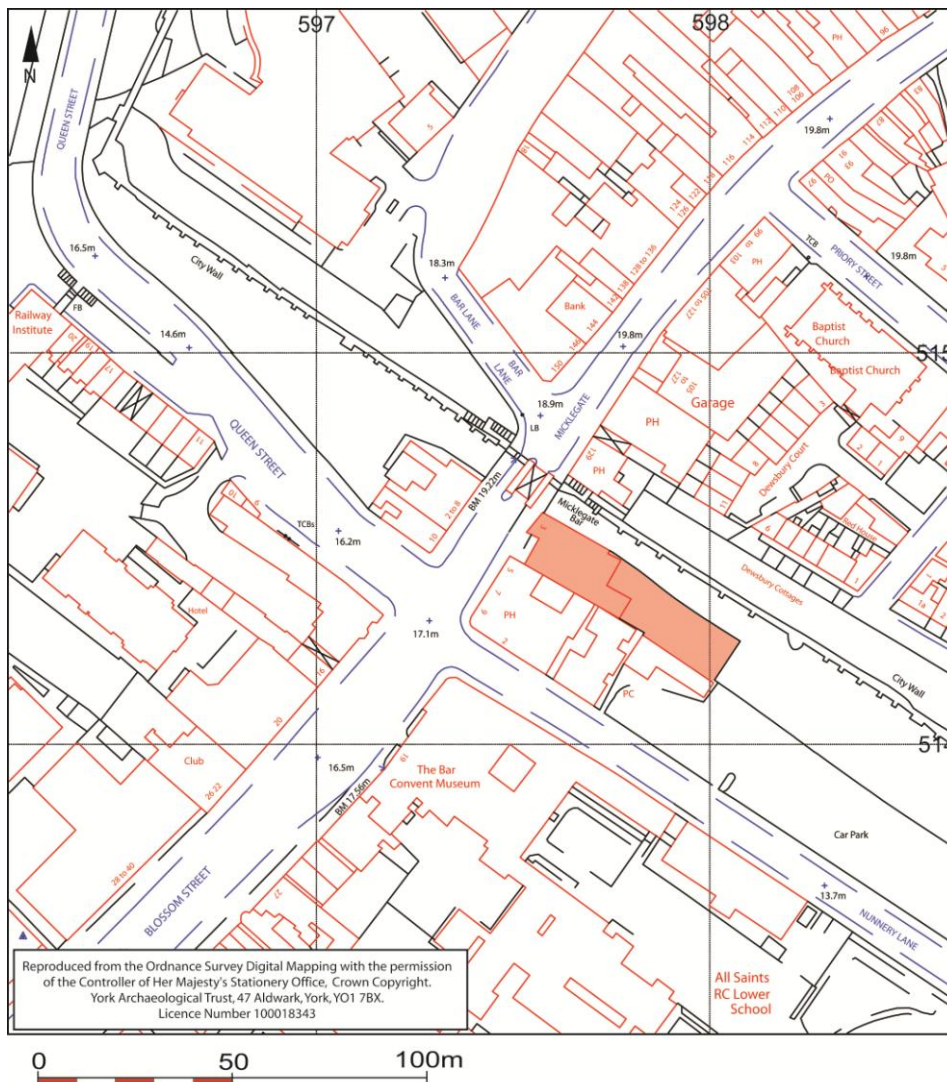


Figure 1 Location of 3 Blossom Street, highlighted

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### RESULTS

In the only recorded section, the earliest deposit noted, at between 0.7m and 1.0m below the modern ground surface, was a dark brown silt with occasional brick / tile (1000). Above this was a 0.5m deep layer of clean dark brown silt (1001). The uppermost deposit was a dark brown silt capped by roots and weeds (1002). No significant variation on this sequence was noted across the site.



Figure 2 Location of observed trenches and recorded section

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Plate 1 View of south-west trench, looking north-west



Plate 2 View of the recorded section, looking north-east

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### DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

At no point was anything of archaeological significance noted. The stratigraphy was very uniform over the whole area in which the excavations took place. There was some faint evidence for tip lines respecting the profile of the rampart but it was not clear whether these were part of the rampart or tipping associated with the construction of the present structures on site. No finds were noted from any of the excavated trenches.

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