



## YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

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<b>CLIENT NAME</b>	Healthmatic Ltd.		
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### Introduction

This report outlines the results of a watching brief carried out within the public toilets adjacent to Bootham Bar in St. Leonards Place, York (SE 60119 52219) on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2014. The work was undertaken on behalf of Healthmatic Ltd to establish the foundation depth of the current structure as a precursor to a planning proposal. An archaeological watching brief was required due to the high potential for archaeological remains in the vicinity of Bootham Bar related to its significance as an entry point for the city from the Roman period onwards.

### Methodology

The excavation was located in a corner between the outer wall (1005) and an inner wall of the toilet block foyer to establish the foundation depth of both. The current tile floor (1000) and layers of concrete (1001 and 1002) beneath were removed by means of a pneumatic breaker. Beneath this a rubble-rich make-up deposit (1003) was excavated by shovel down to the depth of the top of the outer wall foundation (1004).

### Results

Overall the excavated trial hole measured 0.78m in length, 0.58m in width and 0.49m in depth. All of the deposits encountered relate to the construction of the toilet block in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The tile floor (30mm thick) overlay two distinctive layers of poured concrete (210mm thick) which overlay a rubble make-up deposit (250mm thick). The top of the outer wall foundation was encountered at this depth of 490mm from the current floor surface and this formed the depth limit of excavation.

It appears that within the footprint of this toilet block, archaeological deposits have been destroyed down to the depth limit of the foundations. It seems likely, due to the proximity to Bootham Bar and its historic significance as an entry point to the city, that below this foundation level potentially significant archaeological deposits survive.

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North west facing elevation of trial hole

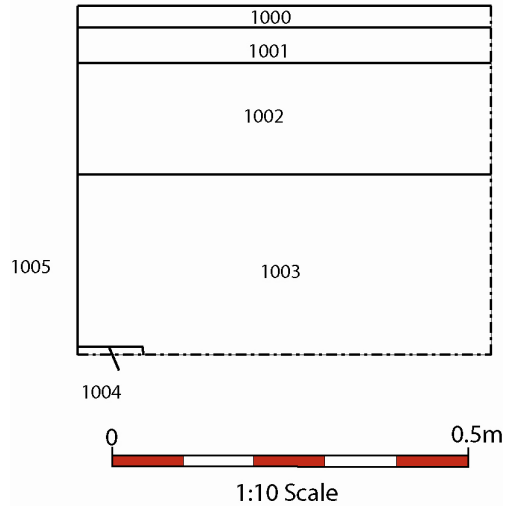


Plate 1: Post excavation shot of trial hole

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