



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

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CLIENT NAME	DC-Architecture		
YAT PROJECT #	6064	YAT REPORT #	2018/104
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE 59879 51470
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INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for an extension was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of DC-Architecture on the 1st of August 2018 at 12 Priory Street, NGR SE 59879 51470 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

METHODOLOGY

A rectangular area, around 3.5m in length, located at the rear of the building extending across the garden aligned NW-SE was excavated to a depth of 0.9m (Figure 2, Plate 1). This included removal of modern setts before the watching brief started.

The deposits were recorded using digital photographs, with notes taken and measured sketches of the section and excavation location

RESULTS

The earliest deposit uncovered was a dark silty deposit interpreted as a horticultural soil, encountered at 0.5m BGL. This was sealed by a more mixed deposit that could relate to a change in land use, roughly 50-100mm thick. A cut for the standing building was made through this deposit, down to the horticultural soil. This cut was later mostly truncated away when the site was stripped to put in drains in and hardcore placed around the drains, roughly 300mm in depth. This was sealed by a layer of sand that acted as the bedding material for the brick setts, roughly 50mm deep (Figure 3, Plate 2 & 3).

CONCLUSIONS

No evidence of significant archaeology was encountered during these works.

Archaeology was limited to a series of modern makeup deposits, over a thick homogenous horticultural soil.

Many thanks to the client and groundwork contractor staff onsite for their co-operation and assistance during these works

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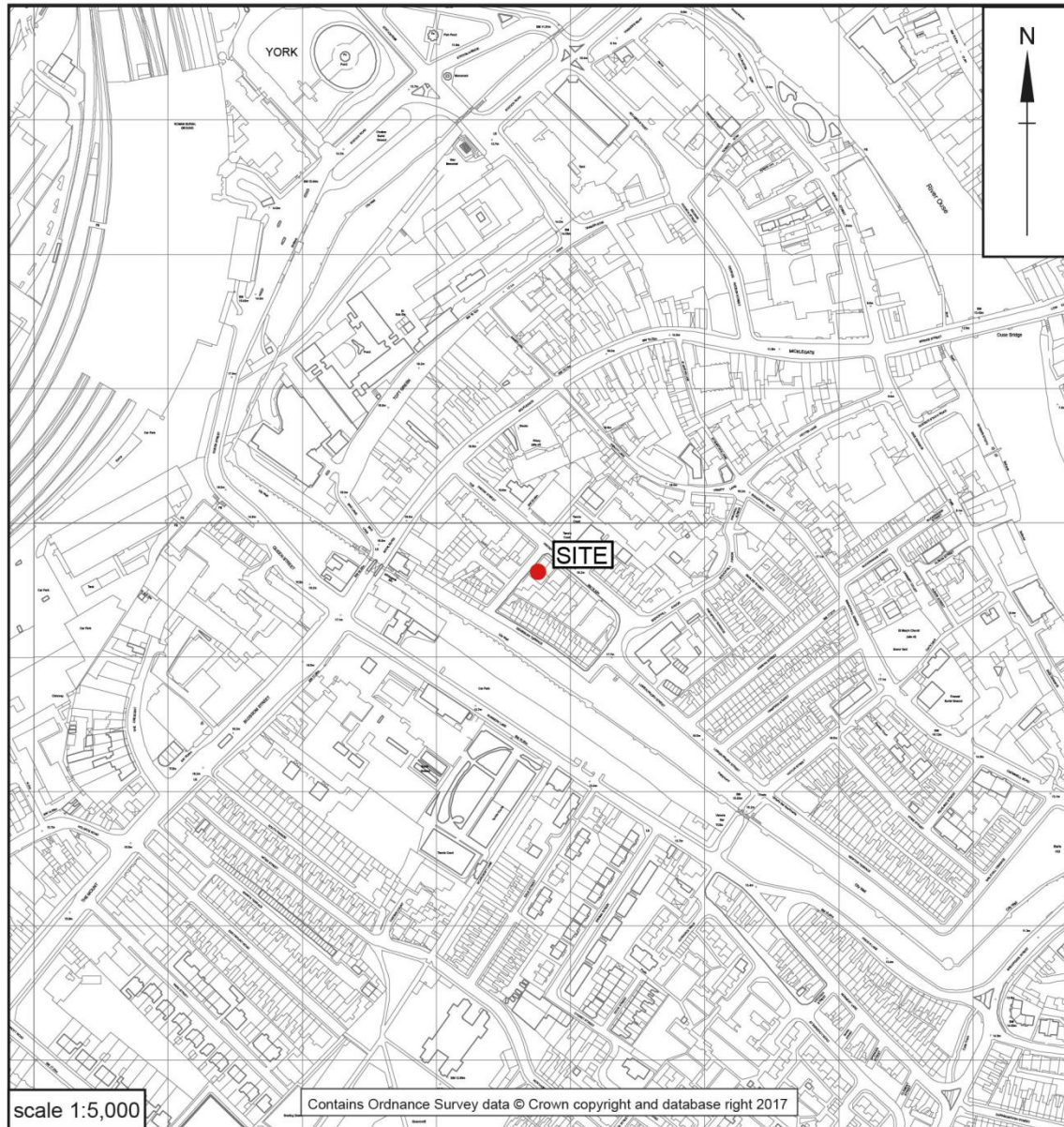


Figure 1 Site Location

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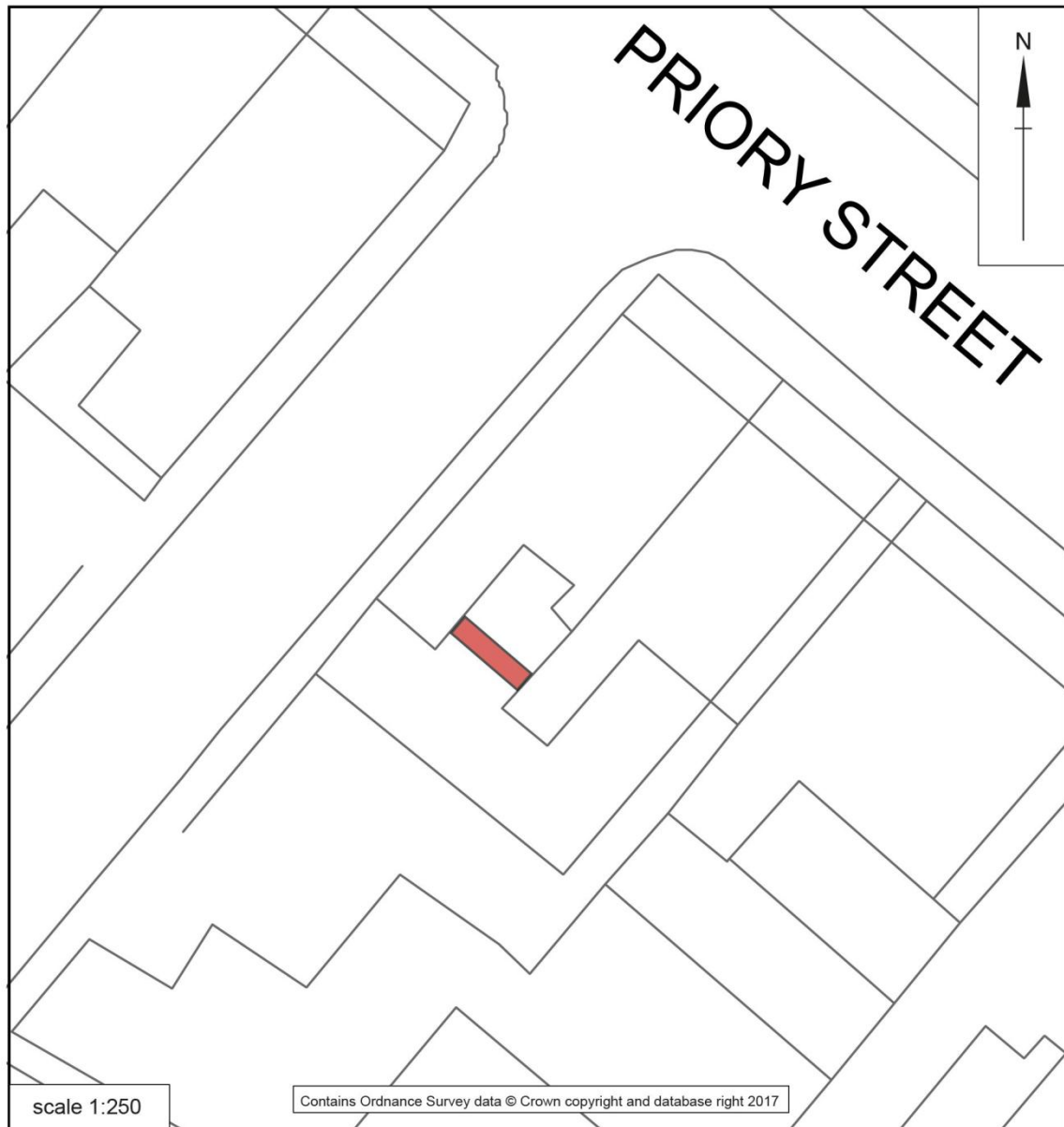


Figure 2 Location of site works

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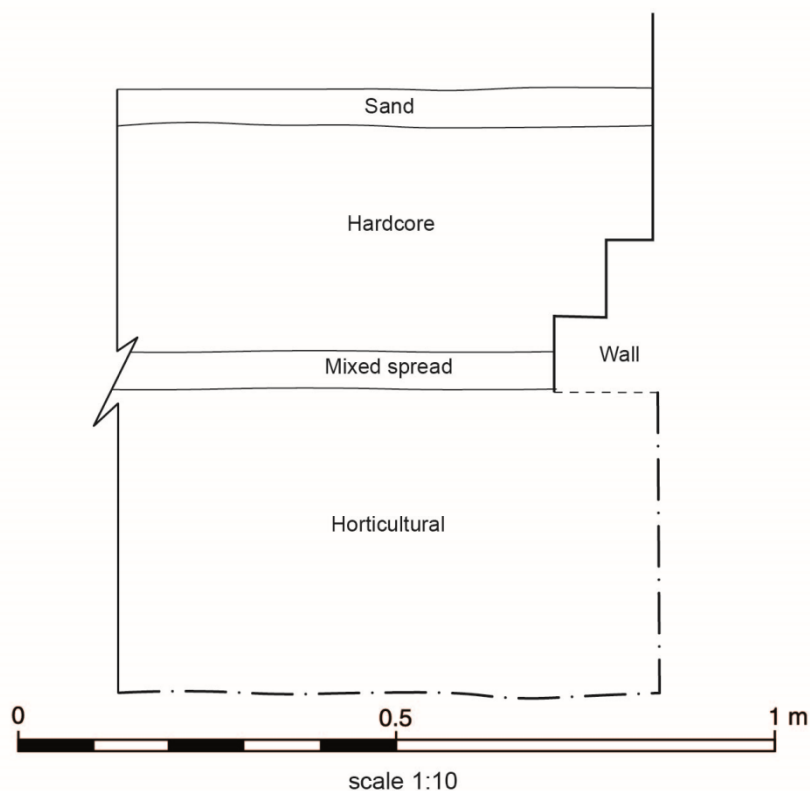


Figure 3 North west facing section

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Plate 1 Area pre-excavation, looking north-east

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Plate 2 Section, looking north-east

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Plate 3 Footings, looking south-east

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