



# YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

<b>SITE</b>	7 St Pauls Square, York, YO24 4BD		
<b>CLIENT NAME</b>	Christian Cranfield		
<b>YAT PROJECT #</b>	6084	<b>YAT REPORT #</b>	2018/127
<b>MUSEUM ACCESSION #</b>	N/A	<b>GRID REFERENCE</b>	SE 459122 451349
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## INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works in the rear garden of the property was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Christian Cranfield on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7 St Pauls Square, York, YO24 4BD, NGR SE 459122 451349 (Figure 1). The works involved the removal of a retaining wall and the reduction of the garden ground level. The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological deposits or structures exposed by the ground works.

The property sits within the City Centre Area of Archaeological Importance with potential for Roman and later archaeology. The property, grouped with 4, 5 and 6 St Pauls Square, is a Grade II listed building and received Listed Buildings Consent for the works to progress.

## METHODOLOGY

The works involved the hand dismantling and excavation of the standing retaining wall with a clearance of 500mm behind the wall, into the raised garden material. The trench around the retaining wall was excavated to a depth of c.800mm BGL (Below Ground Level). The rest of the garden was reduced by 300mm.

Deposits encountered were recorded in a notebook alongside sketch plans, including location, and a representative section. Digital photographs were taken at intervals during the watching brief.

## RESULTS

The trench contained a simple sequence of deposits associated with the property and garden (Plate 1). The earliest deposit encountered was 400mm of earlier garden soils which contained fragments of CBM (Ceramic Building Material). This was sealed by a layer of possible mortar or construction material that may be an earlier ground level for the garden. The latest soil deposit was 400mm of 20<sup>th</sup> century ground build up containing large amounts of CBM and mortar. This was sealed in parts by the concrete path in the garden.

## CONCLUSIONS

No significant archaeology was encountered during the works. The deposits exposed within the trench were all 19<sup>th</sup> century or later garden deposits.

Many thanks to the client and building contractor for their co-operation and assistance during these works.

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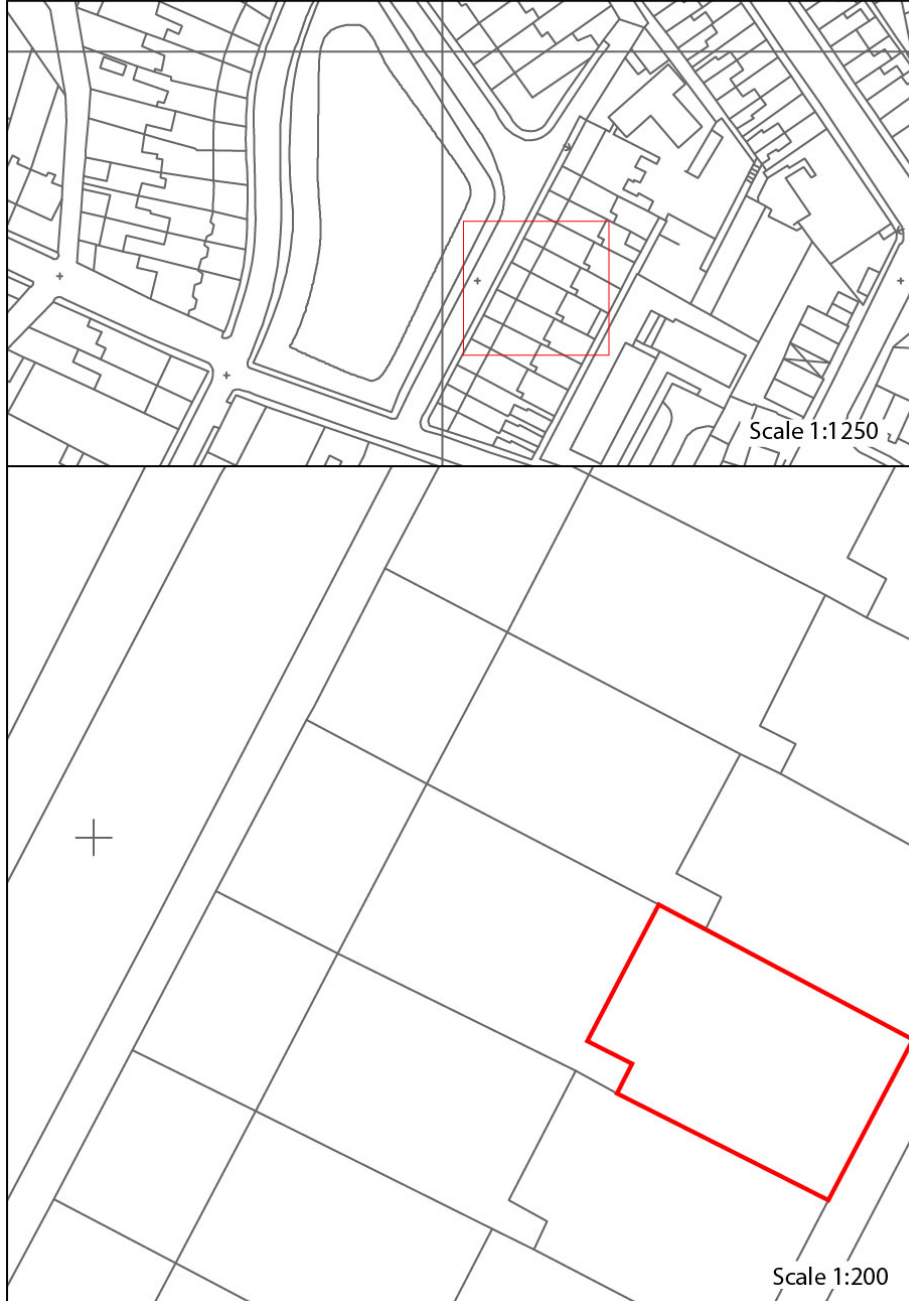


Figure 1 Site Location (Contains Ordnance Survey Data ©Crown Copyright and Database right 2018)

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**Plate 1** Section of trench behind removed retaining wall. To depth of c.800mm BGL.

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