



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST

SITE	29 Gillygate, York		
CLIENT NAME	Mrs Janet Jacobi		
YAT PROJECT #	6105	YAT REPORT #	2018/160
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE 60140 52354
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INTRODUCTION

A watching brief on ground works for a basement extension was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Mrs Janet Jacobi between 13th and 14th November at 29 Gillygate, York, NGR SE 60140 52354 (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 4m x 3m, located against the rear of 29 Gillygate, was stripped to a depth of 2.45m by a 1-tonne rubber-tracked excavator (Plate 1).

RESULTS

The only observable deposits were dark brown garden soil/rubble, which continued to a depth of 2.45m, a brick footing relating to the basement, and a patch of lighter brown soil seen in the east corner of the site (Plates 2-3). However, this lighter deposit was below the impact level of the ground works so was not seen in further detail.

CONCLUSIONS

No evidence of archaeological activity pre-dating the 19th century was seen during monitoring at 29 Gillygate, York. The depth of the garden soil and rubble to 2.45m below ground level indicates that a high level of truncation and/or made ground has occurred during the construction of 29 Gillygate in the 19th century.

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Figure 1 Site Location

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Plate 1 Area pre-excitation, view south-east

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Plate 2 Brick footing within garden soil/rubble, view north-east

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Plate 3 Area stripped to maximum depth of 2.45m below ground level, view east

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