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## INTRODUCTION

A watching brief was undertaken by York Archaeological Trust on behalf of Pearce Bottomley LLP between 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 on the installation of an accessible toilet and drain at All Saints' Church, Bubwith, Selby YO8 6NB, NGR SE 7118 3618 (Figure 1). The objective of the watching brief was to record any archaeological graves, deposits or structures exposed during the ground works.

All Saints is described by Pevsner and Neave (2017, 359) as 'quite a large church, at the w end of the village and open towards a loop of the River Derwent. It is a Grade I listed building and is described in its list entry as of late 12<sup>th</sup> century in origin with a chancel of c. 1300, a 13<sup>th</sup>-century arcade, a mid-14<sup>th</sup> century north aisle, with a 15<sup>th</sup>-century south aisle, tower and clerestory built with funds from will of Nicholas de Bubwith, Bishop of Bath and Wells (1408–1424). These additions were possibly designed by Robert Cooper (fl 1442–59) and the east window is of c.1485.

## METHODOLOGY

The first stage of this project was the installation of a toilet inside the church against the north wall (Figure 2). This work was undertaken by the contractor before archaeological monitoring started. However, the impact of this work appears to have been minimal and nothing of archaeological importance was discovered.

The second stage of works required the digging of a 500mm wide, 52m long trench for the installation of a new drain through the churchyard to the north of the church. This was dug by contractors using a 1.5 tonne, rubber-tracked excavator. This trench ran between an existing inspection chamber immediately north of the northern entrance of the church and a newly installed inspection chamber to the east, immediately next to the churchyard lychgate (Figure 2).

The westernmost end of the drain cut was excavated down to 0.40m BGL (Below Ground Level) with a gradual incline to the east end of the drain down to 1.25m BGL.

Representative 1.00m wide sections were recorded at intervals along the drain cut and notes were taken as part of the written record. Digital photographs were taken for photographic archival purposes. Locations of archaeological remains were recorded using measured sketch plans from which Figure 3 was created.

## RESULTS

Natural was found at 1.25m BGL at the east end of the trench near to the new inspection chamber next to the lychgate. This consisted of a firm, light yellowish brown, silty clay.

At a depth of 0.4m BGL at the western end of the trench was a soft, dark brownish-grey clayey silt with moderate flecks and fragments of sandstone rubble which may represent a period of landscaping or ground make-up (Plate 1). This was overlain by a graveyard soil consisting of a friable, dark brownish grey, sandy silt with occasional flecks and fragments of ceramic building material and occasional fragments of coal cinder.

Due to the required drain invert the trench was much deeper at the eastern end than at the western end. At the bottom of the trench, a depth of 1.25m BGL, was a series of four wooden coffin lids. Four coffin lids were defined, the upper surfaces of which ranged from 1.25m BGL to 0.95m BGL (Figure

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3, Plates 2). All four lids had collapsed in slightly due to the decomposition of the wood and the compression of the soil above. Stratigraphically above the graves were their associated backfills, which consisted of a mottled firm, light bluish yellowish grey silty clay. It was not possible to identify any grave cuts due to the narrowness of the trench.

Graves 1 and 2 were 11m and 8m respectively from the eastern edge of the trench inside of the lychgate. Graves 3 and 4 are shown in Figure 3.

The grave backfills were overlain by graveyard soils, a homogenous deposit that was observed consistently throughout the uppermost 0.30m–0.40m of deposition in the trench section.

### CONCLUSIONS

There are no surviving gravestones in the part of the churchyard where this work was undertaken and no dating evidence was found to suggest when this area was actively used for internments. No nameplates were found and the good preservation of the coffins is likely due to the proximity of the River Derwent and the height of the water table, which was observed at 1.2m BGL, maintaining good organic preservation. It is likely judging by the condition of the wooden coffin lids that these graves were interred sometime in the 18<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup> centuries but of this we cannot be sure.

Twentieth century pot sherds were recovered from the possible landscaping/made ground, identified at around 0.4m BGL at the western end of trench. This deposit went below the formation depth of the service trench and its extent is unknown, but the lack of charnel remains from this material suggests no human remains had been disturbed during its formation.

Other than the lids of four coffins described above, nothing of archaeological significance was discovered during the course of these works. As all the graves were beneath the formation level of the trench, they were left in situ and no burials were disturbed during works.

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**Figure 1** Site Location.

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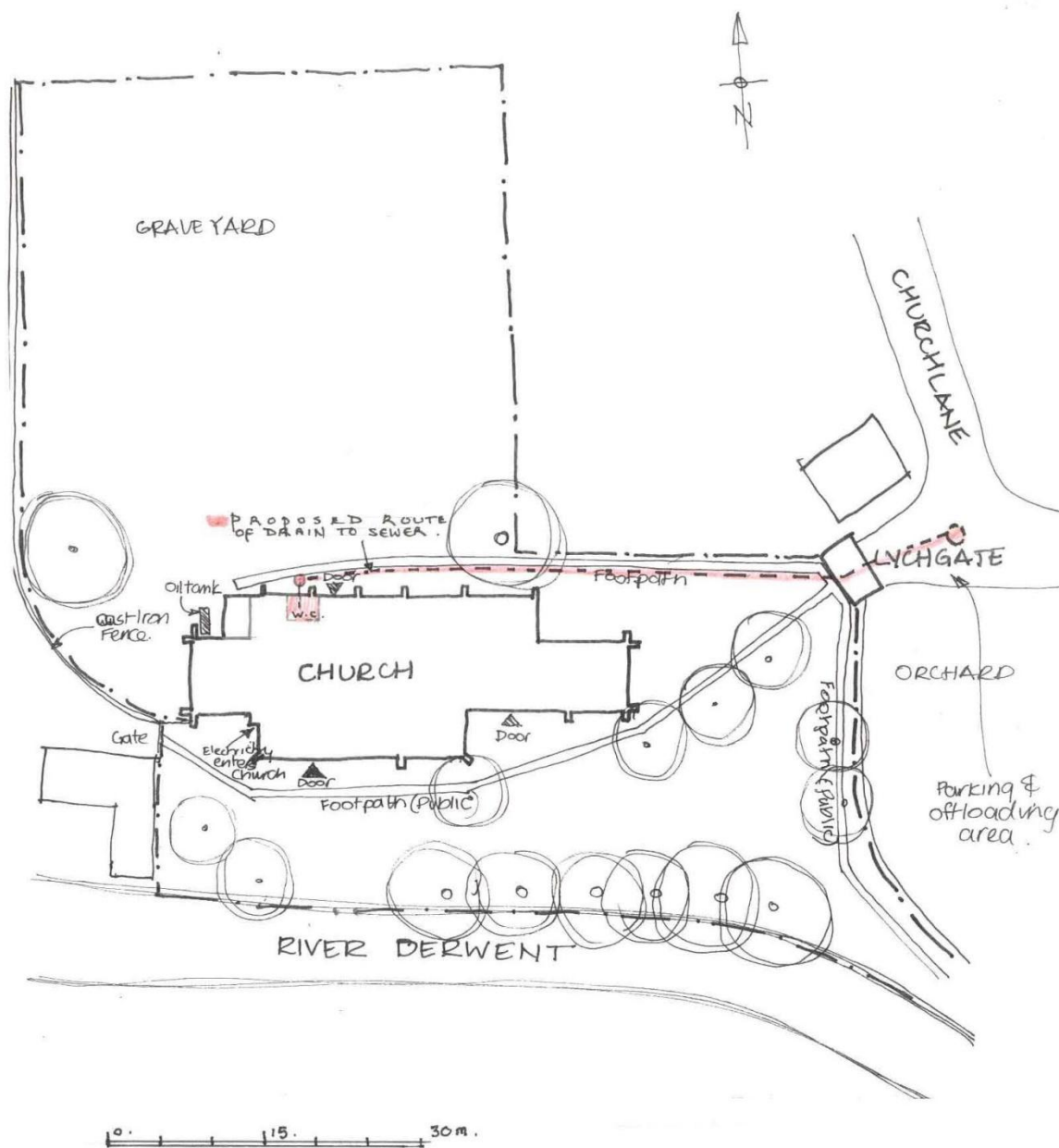
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**Figure 2** Location of drain run provided by the client.

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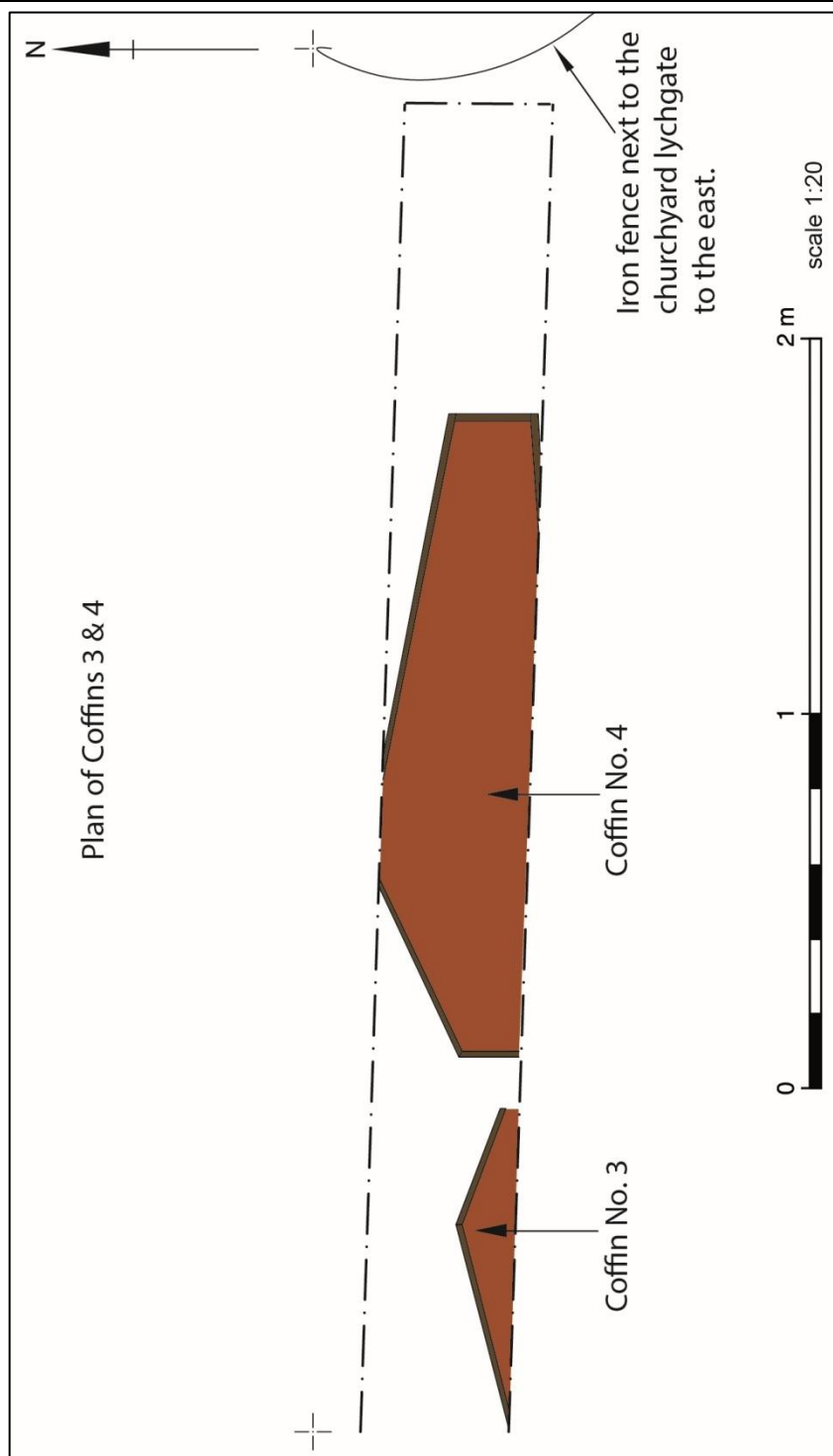
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**Figure 3** Location of Graves 3 and 4.

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**Plate 1** Representative section showing the churchyard topsoil overlying made ground looking north. Scale unit 100mm.

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**Plate 2** line of coffin lid of grave no. 2 looking east. Scale unit 100mm.

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**Plate 3** Location shot looking west.

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