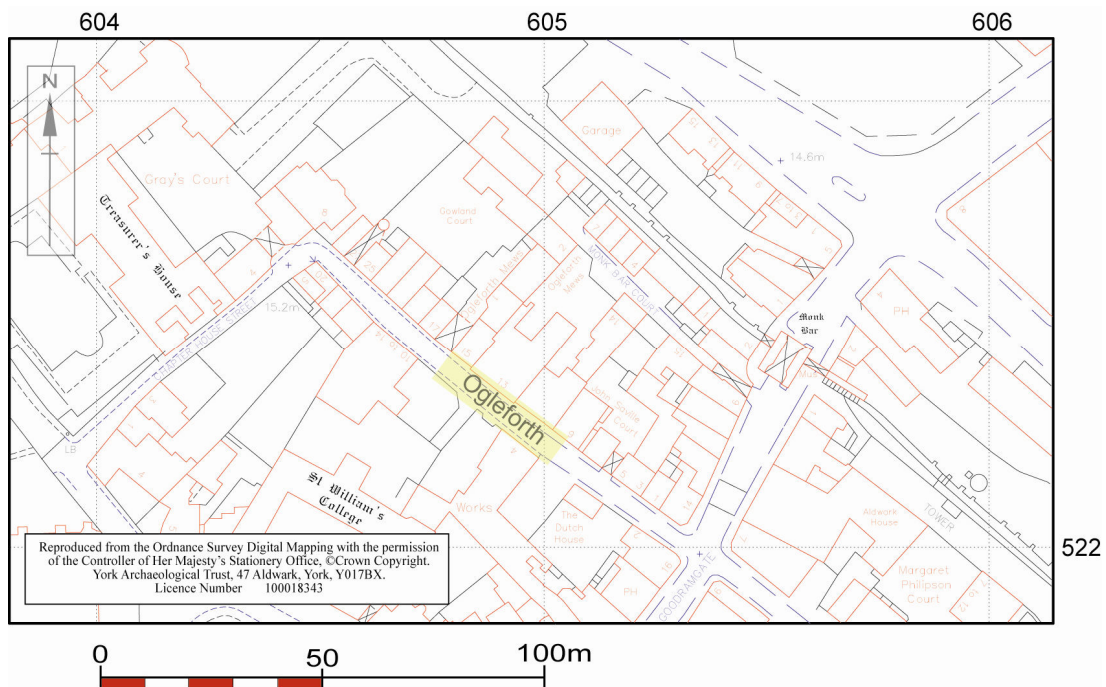




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On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief outside 4 Ogleforth, York (Figure 1). The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures exposed during the excavation of a trench to connect a new water supply to an adjacent development. A trench, measuring c.1.5m x 1m, was dug partly within the pavement and partly within the site boundary to expose the water pipes leading from the development. A second trench, c.0.8m x 0.5m, was then dug within the road to expose the main and a narrow trench, 1.4m x 0.3m, excavated to connect the two trenches, effectively making single trench roughly in the shape of a dumb-bell. One specimen section was recorded from the road area and another from the pavement / site area (Figure 2) and are described below. The excavation was generally by mini-digger with some hand digging close to existing services. Recording took the form of measured sketches and written notes and a number of colour digital photographs.



**Figure 1** Location of Ogleforth

## Section 1

This section lay below the pavement extending into the development site. The earliest context noted, between 0.45m and at least 0.8m below ground level (BGL), was a short, c.0.5m length of stone wall (1000) aligned south-west / north-east and at least three courses survived bonded with a soft pale brown mortar. Although it could not be confirmed a separate block seen in the north-west facing section may indicate a north-west / south-east section of this wall lying almost exactly under the site side of the pavement facing onto Ogleforth. A deposit, again seen between 0.45m and at least 0.8m BGL, of dark greyish-brown very slightly clayey silt with occasional charcoal and pale brown mortar (1001) appeared to butt the wall. Both 1000 and 1001 were sealed by a 0.25m deep layer of dark brown silt with occasional brick / tile (1002). Above this was a 0.1m deep slab of

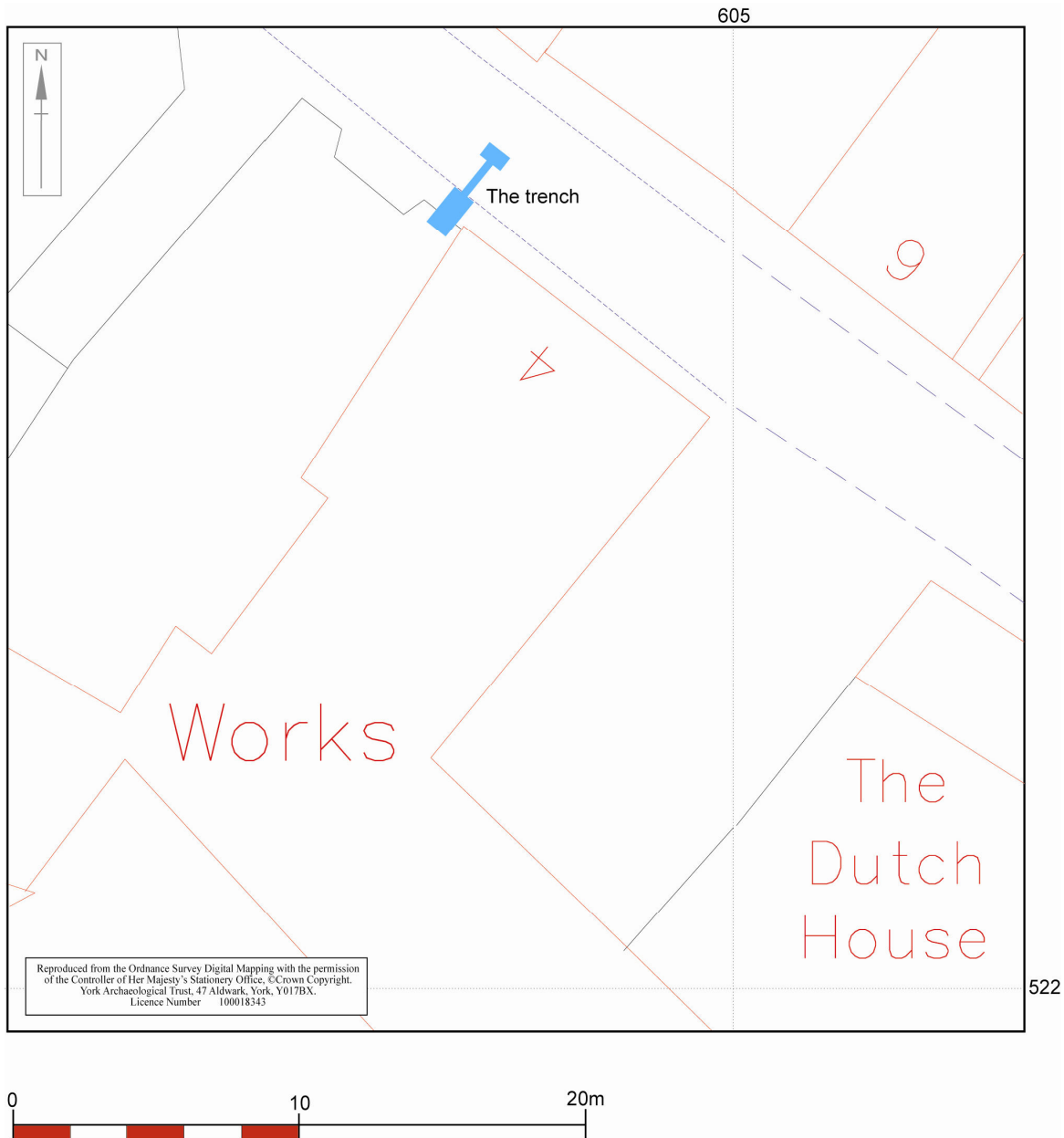
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modern concrete (1003) and over this the existing modern access to the site of concrete (1004).



**Figure 2** Location of trench

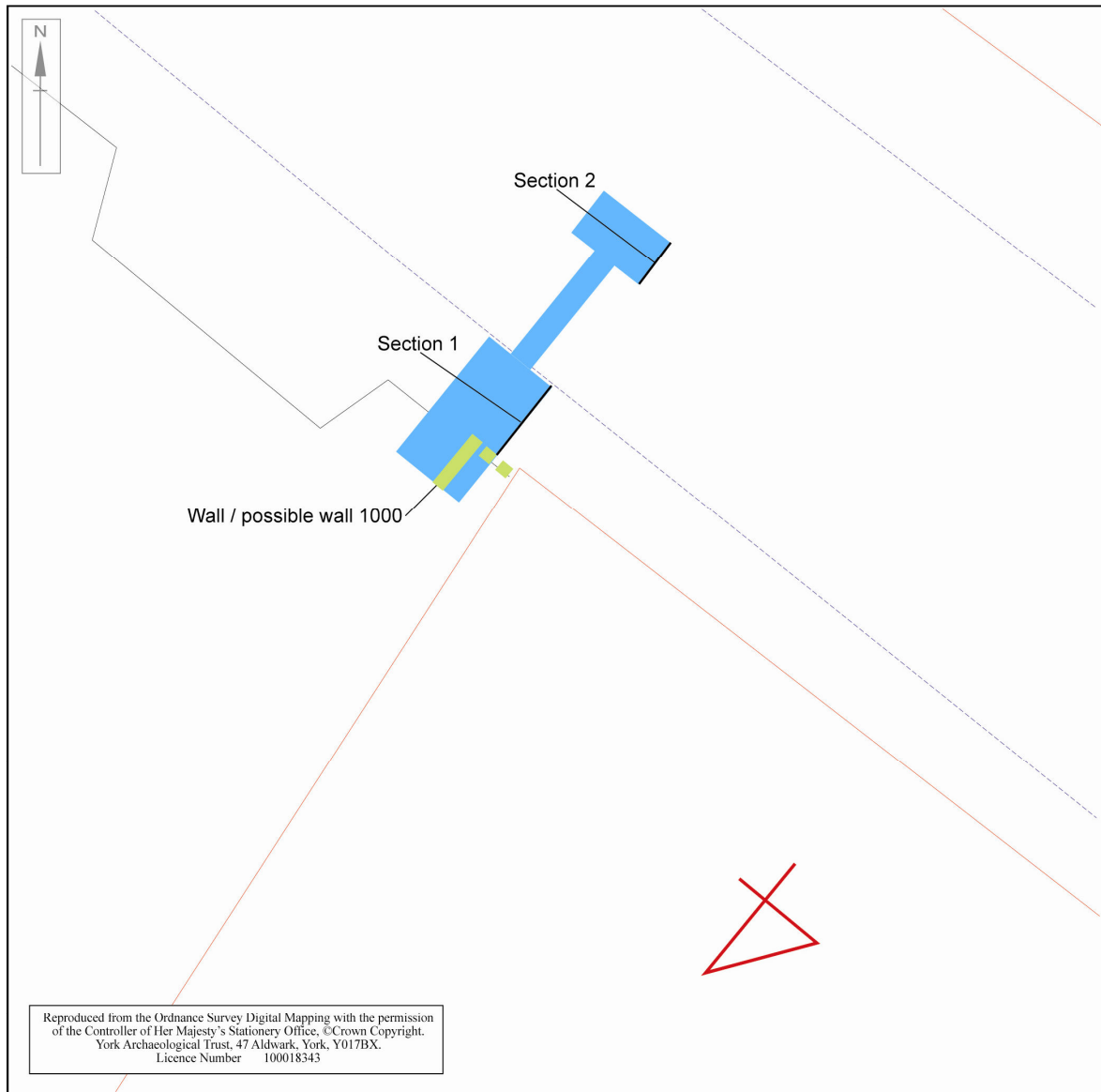
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**Figure 3** Location of recorded sections and wall

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**Plate 1** General view of trench, looking south-west

### Section 2

This section was situated within the north-east part of the trench in the road. The earliest deposit recorded, between 0.35m and at least 0.8m BGL, was a mid to dark orange-brown very slightly clayey sandy silt (1005). Overlying it was a 0.3m deep layer of mid grey crushed limestone (1006) which formed the make-up for the modern tarmac road surface (1007).

Most of the deposits seen were clearly modern and disturbed although it is possible that Context 1001 in Section 1 represents a relatively intact build-up deposit. The wall is of more interest since a previous evaluation of this area (YAT Report 2005/59) did reveal stone walls and various floor levels dating from the medieval and post-medieval periods. The date of the wall in this trench is uncertain but its depth and that it did not apparently contain any brick may argue for a medieval date. No floor levels were recorded associated with but may exist at a greater depth. Overall relatively little damage has been done to any archaeological remains.

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**Plate 2** Detail view of wall 1001, looking south-east

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