



YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST REPORT

SITE ADDRESS	Utility trench, 31 Bootham Row, York		
CLIENT NAME	Morrison Utility Services		
YAT PROJECT #	5379	YAT REPORT #	2010/58
MUSEUM ACCESSION #	N/A	GRID REFERENCE	SE 6008 5236
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On 4th June 2010 York Archaeological Trust undertook a watching brief at 31 Bootham Row, York (Figure 1). The objective was to record any deposits, features or buried structures of archaeological interest exposed during the excavation of a trench to install a new water connection to a new development fronting onto Bootham Row and Bootham. The trench was rectangular and measured approximately 1.4m x 1m and was up to 1.1m deep. Initial excavation was by mini-excavator but hand excavation took place at all times in the immediate vicinity of existing services. A single section, the south-east facing section, was recorded in detail. As well as the written and measured sketch recording a small number of colour digital photographs were taken.

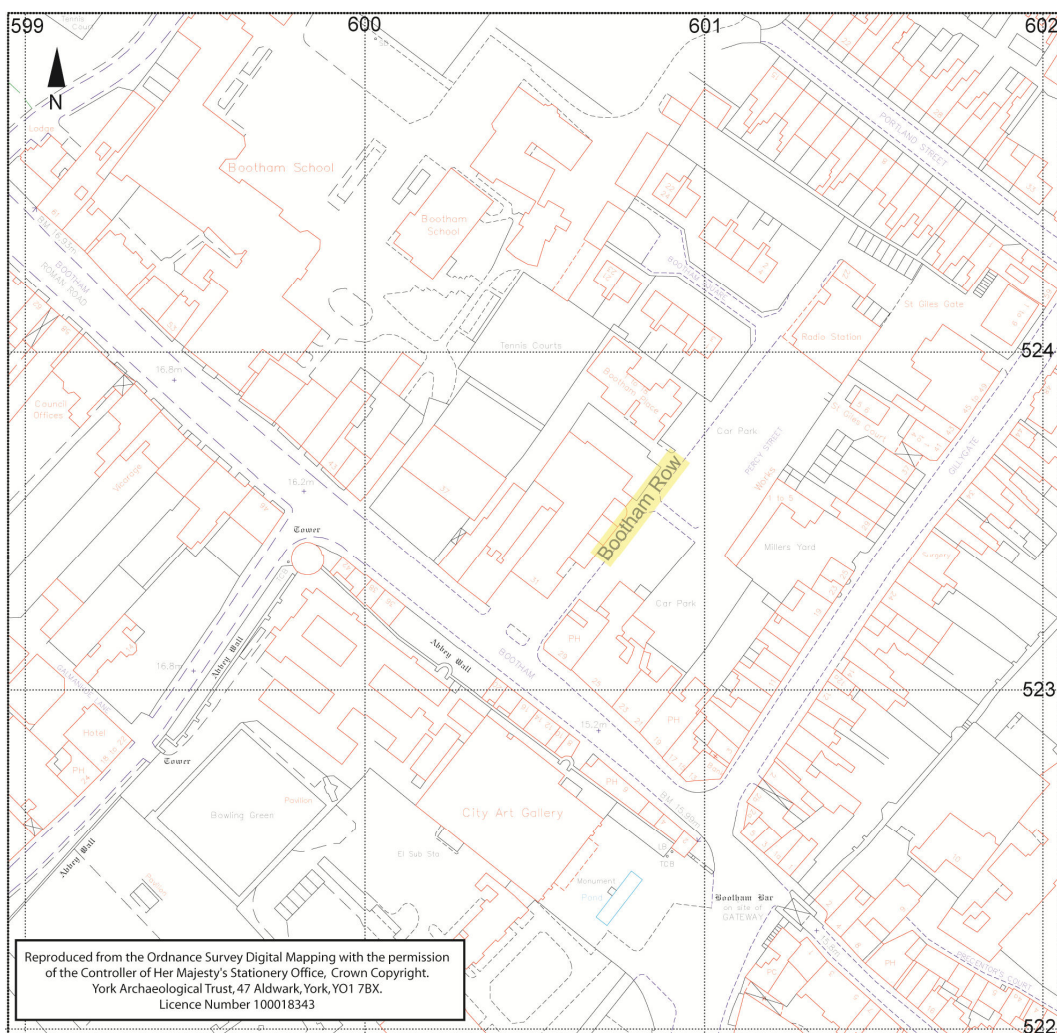


Figure 1 Location of site

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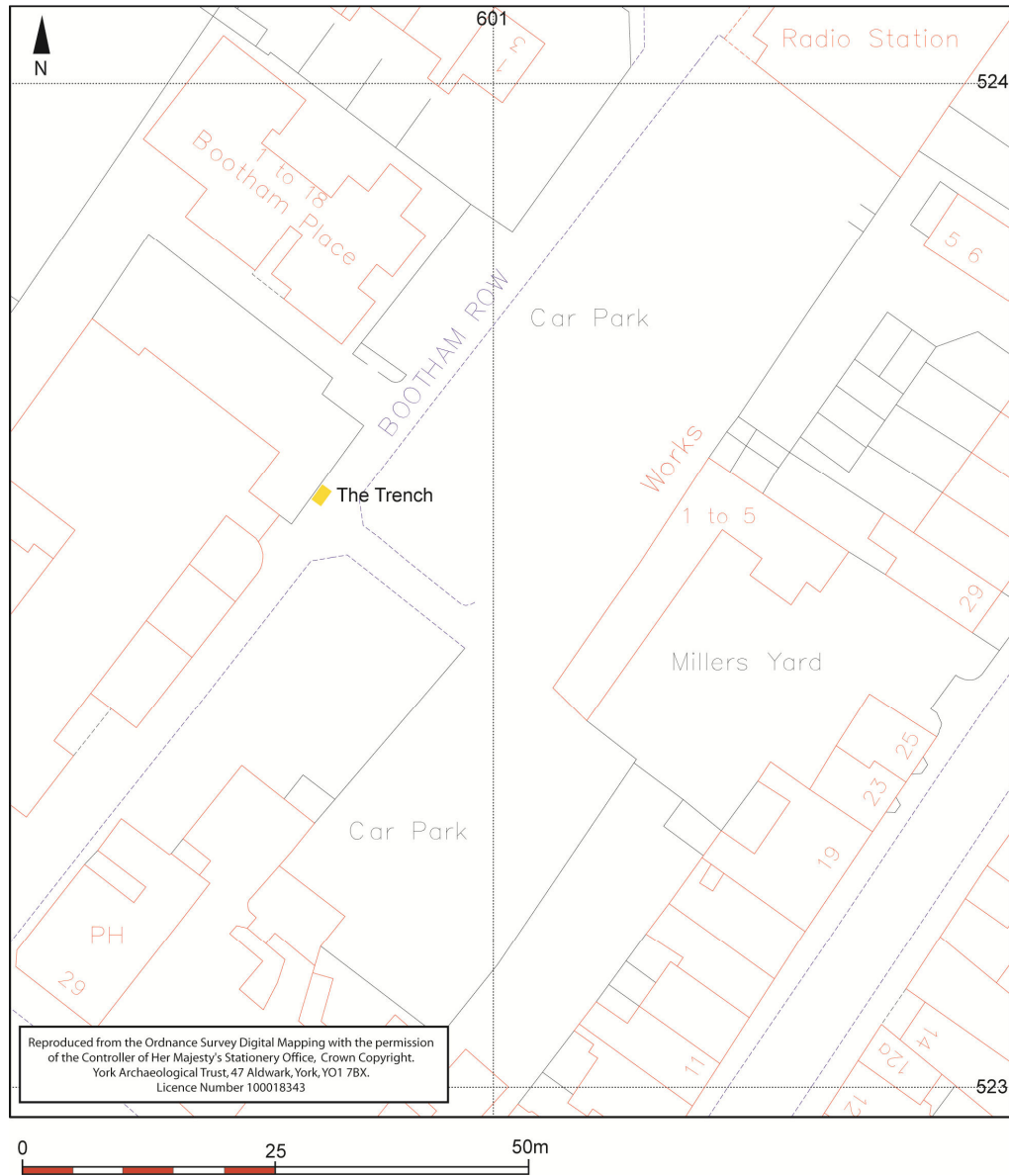


Figure 2 Location of trench

The earliest deposit recorded, between 0.9m and 1.1m BGL, was below the modern services and was very dark grey –black clayey silt (1000)). Overlying it was a 0.6m deep layer of very dark brown very slightly clayey silt (1001) containing various modern services. It was sealed by a 0.15m deep deposit of dark brown silt with moderate brick / tile and crushed limestone (1002). Above this was an horizontal band of cobbles in dark grey silt (1003) sealed by the modern road surface of tarmac (1004).

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Plate 1 The trench, looking north-west

Although the majority of the deposits recorded from this trench were clearly modern the cleanness and location of Context 1000 may indicate that it was a deposit of some archaeological significance, possibly a build-up deposit. All contexts above it were at least relatively modern although the cobbled road surface, Context 1003, below the existing tarmac road surface might be of 19th century origin. No archaeological remains were disturbed during these works.

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