

A RAPID
ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION
AT
90 BREFORTON ROAD
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Background information

<i>Client</i>	Cotswold Oak Ltd
<i>National Grid reference</i>	SP 0771 4376
<i>Historic Environment Record reference</i>	WSM 57537
<i>Planning authority reference</i>	Wychavon District Council W/13/00138
<i>Brief</i>	WCC 2013
<i>Project design</i>	WA 2014
<i>Project parameters</i>	IfA 2012

Background and previous archaeological work on the site

There has been no previous archaeological work undertaken on site. A brief was prepared by the planning authority and a proposal by WA, for archaeological works in advance of proposed development of the site (WCC 2013; WA 2014). However the present project was requested by the client outside the planning process. The brief and proposal were approved by Mike Glyde (Historic Environment Planning Officer), but were only used for guidance, as this project does not conform to the full scope of the recommended works.

Previous archaeological work on associated sites

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken in February 2013 on land off Bretforton Road, to the west of the proposed site (WSM48205). A ditch terminal and a pit/ditch terminal containing quantities of probable Iron Age pottery and animal bone were identified to the east of site.

Aims

The aims of this evaluation are:

- to describe and assess the significance of the heritage asset with archaeological interest;
- to establish the nature, importance and extent of the archaeological site

Methods

General specification for fieldwork

WA 2012

Date(s) of fieldwork

3 July 2014

Area of site

c 8,100m²

Sampling	area sampled	c 90m ² . Indicated on Figure 2
	sample size	c 1%

Results

Trench 1 length 30m
 width 1.5m
 depth 1.0m

Deposit description

Context	Type	Description	Interpretation	Depth (m below ground level)
100	Deposit	Moderately compact dark brown clayey loam	Topsoil	0-0.2m
101	Deposit	Compact light brown silty clay	Subsoil	0.2-0.99m
103	Deposit	Compact mid bluish grey clay with light brown silty clay mottling and flecks of whitish grey clay	Natural	0.99m+

Trench 2 length 30m
 width 1.5m
 depth 1.04m

Deposit description

Context	Type	Description	Interpretation	Depth (m below ground level)
100	Deposit	Moderately compact dark brown clayey loam	Topsoil	0-0.14m
101	Deposit	Compact light brown silty clay	Subsoil	0.14-1.0m
103	Deposit	Compact mid grey brown clay with light yellowish brown silty clay mottling and some sand and sandstone inclusions	Natural	1.0m+

Discussion

No archaeological features, deposits or *in situ* finds were identified during the archaeological evaluation. The sole piece of pottery recovered comprised an unstratified, heavily abraded handle fragment from an oxidised glazed Malvernian ware (fabric 69) cup (form 69/11), of 15th to 16th century date (Rob Hedge *pers comm*), which was found in spoil from Trench 2. Earthwork remains of ridge and furrow were visible in this field and the pottery is probably associated with medieval manuring practice.

Publication summary

Worcestershire Archaeology has a professional obligation to publish the results of archaeological projects within a reasonable period of time. To this end, Worcestershire Archaeology intends to use this summary as the basis for publication through local or regional journals. The client is requested to consider the content of this section as being acceptable for such publication.

A rapid archaeological evaluation was undertaken on behalf of Cotswold Oak Ltd at 90, Bretforton Road, Badsey, Worcestershire (NGR ref SP 0771 4376; HER ref WSM 57537). Two trenches were excavated representing a 1% sample of the proposed site. No archaeological features, deposits or

in situ finds were identified during the works. The only find was an unstratified piece of handle from an oxidised glazed Malvernian ware cup of 15th to 16th century date.

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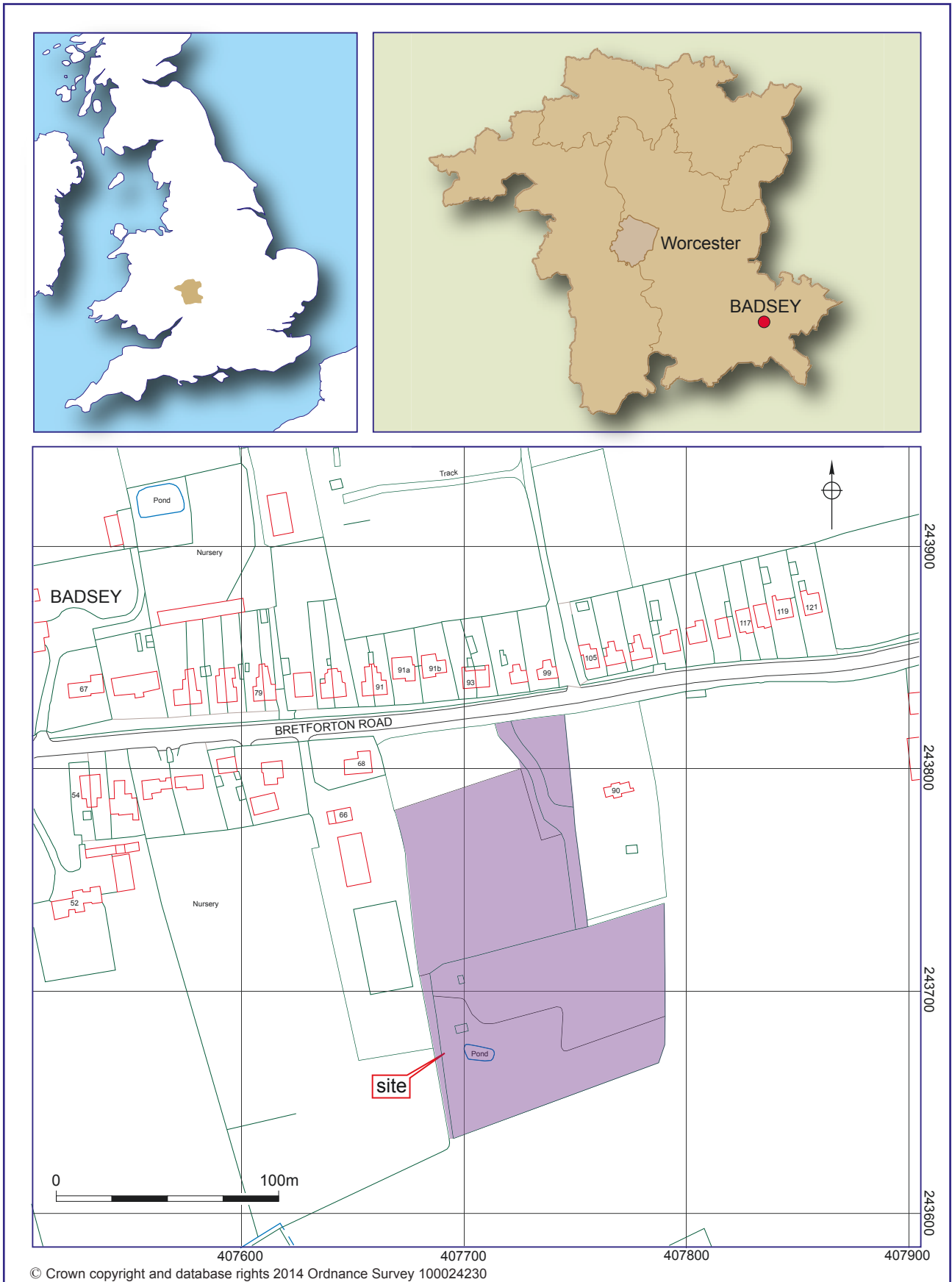
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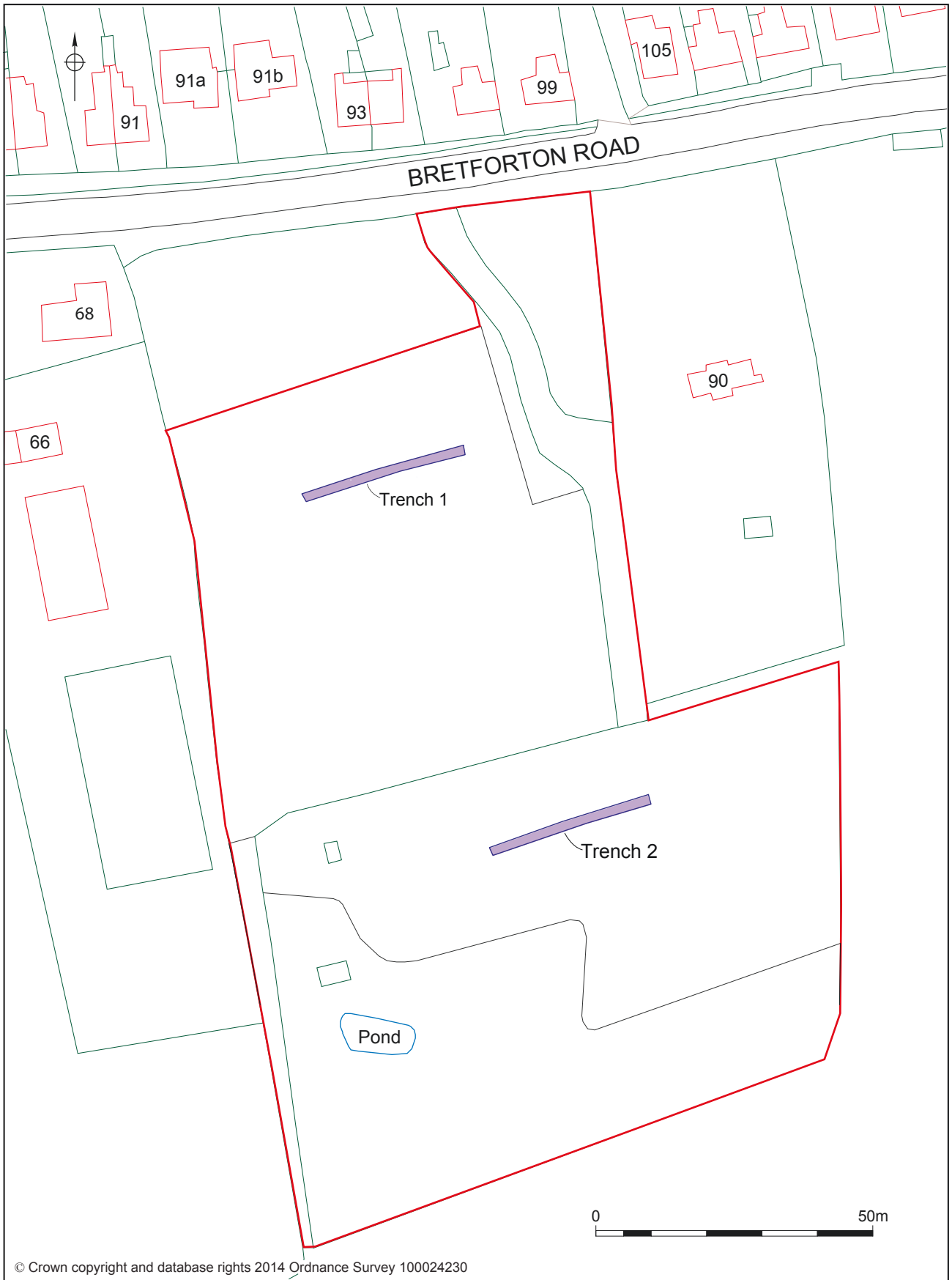
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Figures



Location of the site

Figure 1



Trench location plan

Figure 2

Plates



Plate 1: Trench 1, looking west



Plate 2: Trench 2, looking east

Appendix 2 Technical information

The archive (site code: WSM57537)

The archive consists of:

- 1 Field progress reports AS2
- 1 Photographic records AS3
- 16 Digital photographs
- 2 Trench record sheets AS41
- 1 Copy of this report (bound hard copy)

The project archive is intended to be placed at:

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