

P4714 Evesham Fire Station- Site Visit Report 01/11/2016

Worcestershire Archaeology were asked to attend the site of the new Fire Station, Abbey Road, Evesham (NGR SP 0331 4335; WSM 67622). following the reporting of a large animal trough being found on site.

This appeared after moving site cabins and demolition of the existing brick boundary wall. The site had been archaeologically monitored previously, with a report produced (Arnold 2016, WSM 67622) but this area was not within the original area requiring monitoring.

The trough had been reused in the footings of the brick boundary wall of Abbey Road depot and was filled with ash and encased in concrete.

The trough was made out of granite and measured 2.90m long, 0.66m wide and 0.44m high. The internal trough was 2.50m long, 0.44m wide and 0.30m deep, with grooves for metal grates and some iron fixings still visible. There was also a hole for drainage at either end of the trough.

An inscription carved on the side with letters 5cm high read:

"Presented by the Evesham Branch Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals,
Jan 1st 1884".

At the site visit the construction team had been in contact with Evesham Museum regarding its retention and display, however, due to the size and weight of the item, it may remain on site as a decorative flower planter. The final destination of the item will be updated by Greswolde Construction and is pending their final decision.

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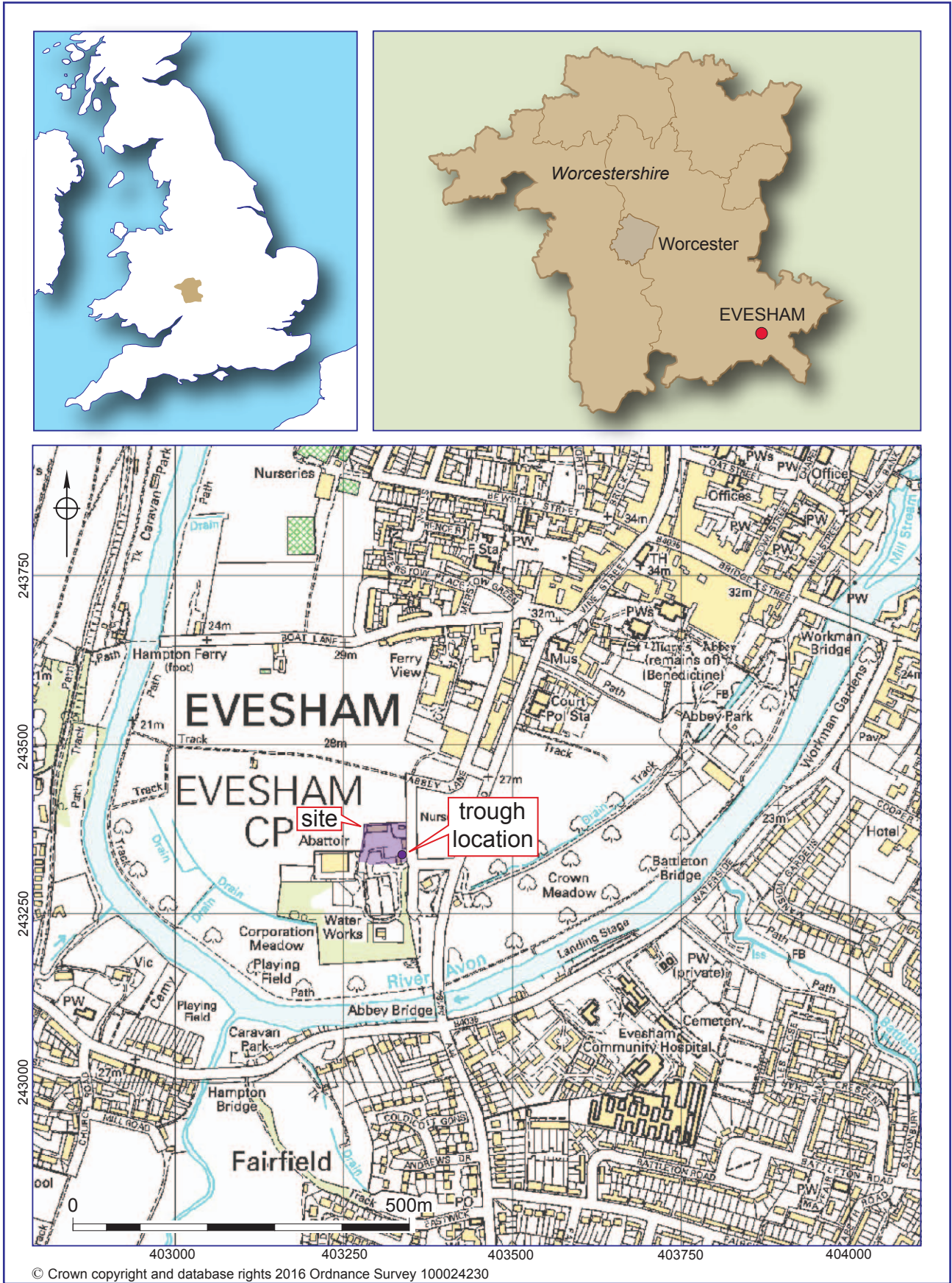
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Figure



Location of the site

Figure 1

Plates



Plate 1: Site location – found close to the telegraph pole, in line with the black duct



Plate 2: Granite animal trough



Plate 3: Inscription on side of trough



Plate 4: Internal trough



Plate 5: Internal trough, close up of grooves and drainage holes.



Plate 6: Internal trough close up of grooves and drainage