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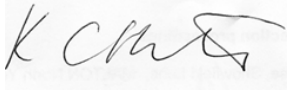
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Non-technical Summary

MAP Archaeological Practice carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on February 4, 11 and 12 at land south of South Wold Farm, Back Side, Duggleby, North Yorkshire prior to the erection of a bungalow. The site lies within an archaeological landscape of Prehistoric, Roman and medieval date that is known from aerial photographs and previous fieldwork in the locality.

No archaeological deposits or finds were encountered during the Watching Brief.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report describes the results of an Archaeological Watching Brief that was carried out by MAP Archaeological Practice on February 4, 10 and 11 2013 during the erection of a bungalow on land south of South Wold Farm, Back Side, Duggleby, North Yorkshire (SE 8779 6720: Fig. 1; Pls. 1 and 2).
- 1.2 The construction of the bungalow had the potential to adversely affect archaeological remains associated with the Prehistoric, Roman and medieval landscape that has been previously recorded by aerial photography and fieldwork in the locality. As a result, the Historic Environment Record of North Yorkshire County Council stated that the

development should only take place with the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with an approved Written Scheme of Investigation. The programme of archaeological work took the form of an Archaeological Watching Brief.

- 1.3 The work was funded by L & S Kendra and Sons.
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2. Topography and Geology

- 2.1 The site lies in between Salents Lane and Back Side, Duggleby, immediately south of South Wold Farm. This location is within the centre of Duggleby village, which lies on either side of Gypsey Race. The elevation of the site is c. 114m AOD.
- 2.2 The soils at the site are of the Coombe 1 Series, well-drained calcareous fine silty soils that overlay chalky drift (Mackney *et al* 1984).

3. Archaeological and Historical Background

- 3.1 Duggleby is situated towards the western end of Great Wold Valley, within which a landscape of prehistoric, Roman and later features have been recorded by aerial photography (Stoertz 1997). Scheduled Ancient Monument No. 1004179 lies c. 300m south-east of the site, centred on the Neolithic, hengiform barrow of Duggleby Howe. Duggleby Howe survived to a height of 6.5m and a diameter of 38m at the time of its excavation by Mortimer in 1890 (Mortimer 1905). Three phases of inhumation burial were succeeded by a fourth phase in which fifty-three cremations were inserted into the top of the primary mound. In its final phase the mound

was increased in size, apparently for the installation of a medieval post-mill. The mound lies roughly central to a circular ditch with a diameter of 368m, which is interrupted by causeways. The relationship of the ditch to the mound is uncertain, as is its status as a 'causewayed enclosure'. A recent excavation examined part of the ditch to the west of the mound, recovering antler-picks from the ditch and also locating an assumed Roman field ditch (Gibson 2009).

- 3.2 The cropmarks of a Late Iron Age/Romano-British ladder settlement were plotted by the RCHME on the northern side of the Gypsy Race c. 1km southwest of the site (Stoertz 1997). It is likely that the settlement indicated by the cropmarks extends into the area of Duggleby village as similar cropmarks appear at intermittent locations on the northern side of the Gypsy Race eastwards at Kirby Grindalythe, West Lutton and Weaverthorpe. A settlement shown by the cropmarks of larger, more dispersed enclosures, exists on the southern side of the Gypsy Race (*ibid.*).
- 3.3 Duggleby itself was a pre-conquest settlement, being recorded as *Difgeli* and *Digheli* in the Domesday Survey. The place-name means 'Dufgal's farm', *Dufgal* having a literal meaning of 'black foreigner'(Smith 1937).
- 3.4 Previous fieldwork on the development plot immediately east of the site revealed three linear features, an oven or corn-dryer and a posthole of medieval date (MAP 2002). A late medieval courtyard farm consisting of chalk-walled buildings was recorded in 2006 at Back Side, c. 120m southwest of the site (MAP 2006).

4. Methods

- 4.1 The foundation trenches were dug by a 6 tonne 360° tracked mechanical excavator using a toothless bucket and were 0.60m wide, averaging

0.80m deep. In addition, a trench was dug through the grassed area immediately east of the site to connect the new dwelling to existing services.

- 4.2 A photographic record was taken using a digital camera with twelve million pixels set on high resolution.

5. Results

- 5.1 Natural deposits consisted of a mixture of fractured chalk bedrock and reddish brown clay. In the area of the dwelling, a 0.30m deep subsoil layer consisting of reddish brown clay silt with chalk fragments overlay the natural deposits and in turn was overlain by a similar depth of and dark loamy topsoil. The service trench showed similar deposits, with the addition of chalk, concrete and brick demolition rubble at the eastern end of the run.

- 5.2 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were present within the area of the Watching Brief.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 Although situated in a locality of known archaeological activity, no archaeological remains were revealed. The negative result of the Watching Brief is possibly due to the site being located in the back-yard or back-yards of the medieval buildings that are assumed to lie closer to the Gypsy Race to the north.

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Figure 1. Site Location



Figure 2. Location of Archaeological Watching Brief.



Plate 1. Site Pre-excitation. Facing North-west.

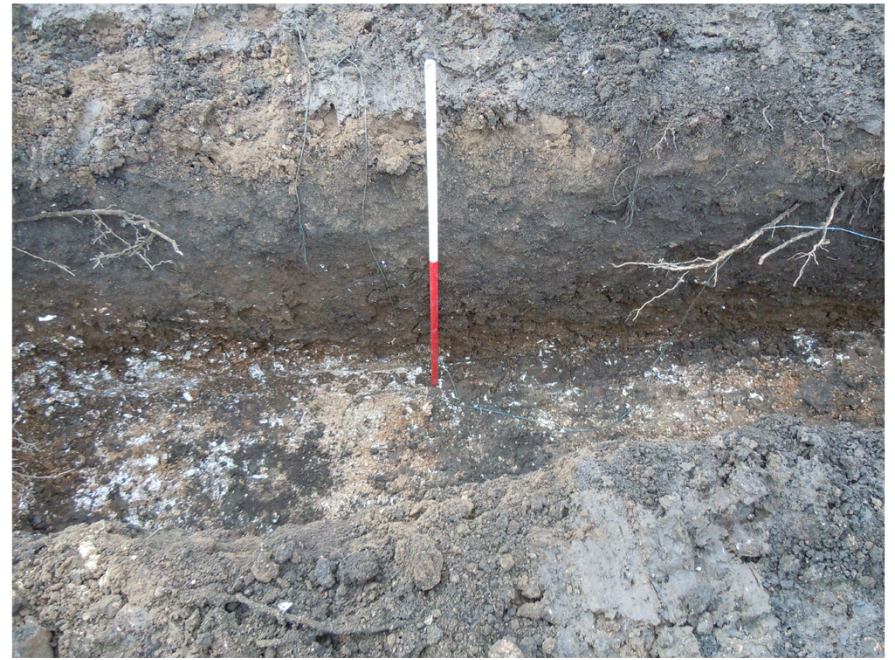


Plate 2. Foundations at North of Site. Facing North.



Plate 3. Southern Foundation Trench. Facing South.



Plate 4. Completed Foundations. Facing North-east.



Plate 5. Service Trench. Facing West.



Plate 6. Service Trench showing Demolition Rubble. Facing North.

