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Summary

John Moore Heritage Services carried out an archaeological watching brief at Folly Farm, Bury Lane, West Ilsley, Newbury, Berkshire (NGR SU 48000 83100). The metal detector survey discovered 78 metal objects dating to the late post-medieval to modern periods, consistent with the recent agricultural use of the site. The ploughsoil strip in Area 1 did not exceed the depth of the ploughsoil, and no further finds, features, or deposits were discovered. The ground reduction in Area 2 uncovered three modern postholes and six possible pits, though it is probable that such features actually represent natural depressions in the chalk, infilled with subsoil. Across the site, no evidence for prehistoric or Roman activity was uncovered. No evidence was found to corroborate the existence of the ditch which is seen as a cropmark.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Site Location (Figure 1)

The development site is located within the North Wessex Downs AONB, about 1km north of West Ilsley and 1.6km south of the A34 that connects Chilton to East Ilsley. The development area is located on agricultural land in the southeast side of Folly Farm (NGR SU 48000 83100).

The site lies at approximately 160m above Ordnance Datum (AOD). The underlying geology is Lewes Nodular Chalk Formation, a sedimentary bedrock formed between 93.9 and 86.3 million years ago during the Cretaceous period.

1.2 Planning Background

Planning consent has been by West Berkshire District Council for **Proposed steel portal framed building to be used as an on-floor grain store with hardstanding perimeter and 4 no. gas tanks** (22/02571/FULMAJ). Due to the archaeological potential of the site the following archaeological condition was attached to the consent:

5. No development shall take place within the application area until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall incorporate and be undertaken in accordance with the approved statement.

Reason: To ensure that any significant archaeological remains that are found are adequately recorded. The necessity of a pre-commencement condition is to secure a developer's responsibility to understand and mitigate impacts on the historic environment, via agreement of a written scheme of investigation. Their use is in accordance with the guidance set out in paragraph 205 of the 2021 National Planning Policy Framework.

John Moore Heritage Services has been commissioned to undertake the required archaeological investigation.



Figure 1: Site location

1.3 Archaeological Background

Prehistoric

A series of linear, curvilinear, and irregular ditches, visible as cropmarks, are present to the northeast of the site. These have been identified on aerial photographs and form part of a larger complex that extends over the downs to the northeast, north, and northwest; the ditches are irregular, discontinuous, and appear to represent multiple phases of activity (EH 2002, p.22-23). Ditches of the field system appear to underlie the Late Bronze Age Grim's Ditch, located approximately 1.5km north, thus suggesting that they predate the monument. A ditch runs through the site that is clearly seen as a cropmark. Surface finds made on the Ridgeway, approximately 1.7km northwest, are indicative of a possible Bronze Age date, however very little archaeological investigation in the area has been undertaken. This part of the Downs has much evidence for later prehistoric and Roman activity (such as an early Roman coin found 570m north of the proposal site), including from finds in the ploughsoil.

Post-medieval

Folly Farm was the site of a field barn, present from the early 19th century and extant until the late 20th century (MWB16981: SU 4795 8311). The former location of the barn, situated approximately 50m west of the proposed building, is now occupied by a modern agricultural building. A small square dew pond was located to the north of the barn, and a well to the south.

2 AIMS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The aims of the investigation as laid out in the Written Scheme of Investigation were as follows:

• To make a record of any archaeological remains revealed during the course of any operations that may disturb or destroy archaeological remains.

In particular:

- To record any evidence relating to known prehistoric, Roman, and postmedieval activity in the area.
- To investigate the ditch if encountered in an attempt to date and characterise it.

Research aims of the archaeological works were in line with the Solent-Thames Research Framework for the Historic Environment Resource Assessments and Research Agendas (https://library.thehumanjourney.net/2597/) and aimed to investigate and inform our understanding of the wider historical landscape.

3 STRATEGY

3.1 Research Design

John Moore Heritage Services carried out the work to a Written Scheme of Investigation (JMHS 2022) agreed with Sarah Orr, Senior Archaeologist at West Berkshire District Council. The recording was carried out in accordance with the standards specified by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2020).

3.2 Methodology

The spoil spreading area (Area 1) and the area to be reduced for the new building and hardstanding (Area 2) were surveyed with a Garrett Ace 150 metal detector and a Minelab X-Terra 30 metal detector prior to the start of the groundworks. Both areas were surveyed along transects 3m apart. Each transect was walked covering a wide sweep, an area of at least 1-1.5m on either side, to ensure maximum coverage along each transect. The location of each signal was plotted with GPS survey equipment, before returning to excavate and photograph the metal object; the excavation process was restricted to the depth of the ploughsoil in Area 1, but was unrestricted in Area 2.

The following groundworks consisted of ploughsoil stripping in Area 1 and more substantial ground reduction in Area 2.

The excavations in Area 1 were initially planned to cover an area measuring one hectare; during the works the surface area of the ploughsoil strip was reduced to approximately 0.54 hectares, as much of the eastern half of the initial planned square was left unexcavated. The groundworks in this area did not exceed the depth of the ploughsoil (Plate 1).



Plate 1. Ploughsoil strip of Area 1

The groundworks in Area 2 proceeded to a greater depth. The ground reduction was undertaken to the depth of the archaeological horizon to allow for archaeological investigation and recording. Following this, ground reduction continued below the level of the archaeological horizon.

Where archaeological horizons were encountered they were cleaned by hand and excavated appropriately. Standard John Moore Heritage Services techniques were employed throughout, involving the completion of a written record for each deposit encountered, with scale plans and section drawings compiled where appropriate. A photographic record was produced, and GPS survey was conducted.

The resultant spoil from the works was visually scanned, especially for finds relating to the prehistoric, Roman, and post-medieval periods.

4 **RESULTS**

All deposits and features were assigned individual context numbers. Context numbers without brackets indicate features i.e. pit cuts, while numbers in () show feature fills or deposits of material.

4.1 **Metal Detector Survey** (Figure 2)

The metal detector survey uncovered 78 metal objects, which were excavated and photographed. All of the objects were recovered from the ploughsoil deposit (01); most were spot-dated to the modern period, though two iron fasteners dated to the late post-medieval period (Table 1).

Object No.	Context	Easting	Northing	Level (m AOD)	Material	Туре	Period
1.	01	447923.26	183216.08	162.45	Fe	Other	Modern
2.	01	447931.35	183227.92	161.72	Fe	Other	Modern
3.	01	447940.63	183245.53	161.17	Fe	Other	Modern
4.	01	447946.09	183269.42	161.91	Fe	Other	Modern
5.	01	447950.40	183215.60	159.47	Fe	Other	Modern
6.	01	447938.74	183206.58	160.76	Fe	?Nail	Late post-med
7.	01	447939.51	183192.95	160.15	Fe	Other	Modern
8.	01	447959.36	183189.25	158.47	Fe	Other	Modern
9.	01	447961.63	183196.27	158.60	Fe	Other	Modern
10.	01	447961.47	183199.86	158.73	Fe	Other	Modern
11.	01	447959.08	183202.71	158.82	Fe	Other	Modern
12.	01	447967.12	183206.55	159.03	Fe	Other	Modern
13.	01	447968.57	183231.20	159.92	Fe	Other	Modern
14.	01	447974.17	183250.57	161.08	Fe	Other	Modern
15.	01	447976.72	183252.71	161.39	Fe	Other	Modern
16.	01	447982.86	183252.09	162.06	Fe	Other	Modern
17.	01	447982.29	183237.67	161.62	Fe	Other	Modern
18.	01	447987.18	183233.59	162.13	Fe	Other	Modern
19.	01	447976.60	183220.40	160.58	Fe	Other	Modern
20.	01	447980.90	183207.69	160.64	Fe	Other	Modern
21.	01	447974.54	183196.64	159.45	Fe	Other	Modern
22.	01	447977.19	183190.70	159.52	Fe	Chain	Modern
23.	01	447977.31	183177.66	159.01	Fe	Other	Modern
24.	01	447978.21	183175.98	159.13	Fe	Other	Modern
25.	01	447983.50	183187.73	160.29	Fe	Nail	Modern
26.	01	447983.16	183197.82	160.68	Fe	Nail	Modern
27.	01	447986.24	183199.51	161.23	Fe	Nail	Modern
28.	01	447988.38	183201.37	161.58	Fe	Nail	Modern
29.	01	447989.42	183210.62	161.90	Fe	Nail	Modern
30.	01	447987.80	183212.88	161.75	Fe	Other	Modern

Table 1: Summary of object	ts discovered by metal	detector survey
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Object No.	Context	Easting	Northing	Level (m AOD)	Material	Туре	Period	
31.	01	447994.75	183222.32	162.89	Fe	Other	Modern	
32.	01	447994.43	183228.33	162.96	Fe	Nail	Modern	
33.	01	447997.72	183232.04	163.41	Fe	Nail	Late post-med	
34.	01	447999.57	183242.15	163.87	Fe	Hand tool	Modern	
35.	01	447998.14	183249.74	163.90	Fe	Other	Modern	
36.	01	448001.68	183252.77	164.37	Fe	Nail	Modern	
37.	01	448003.27	183249.30	164.41	Fe	Nail	Modern	
38.	01	448009.70	183254.84	165.13	Fe	Other	Modern	
39.	01	448022.88	183250.02	165.98	Fe	Nail	Modern	
40.	01	448031.27	183243.60	166.20	Fe	Nail	Modern	
41.	01	448018.06	183247.29	165.54	Fe	Nail	Modern	
42.	01	448007.27	183244.50	164.60	Fe	Nail	Modern	
43.	01	448003.61	183242.57	164.20	Fe	Nail	Modern	
44.	01	448002.51	183230.13	163.82	Fe	Nail	Modern	
45.	01	448006.97	183223.59	164.13	Fe	Nail	Modern	
46.	01	448010.85	183215.61	164.21	Fe	Nail	Modern	
47.	01	448030.06	183219.07	165.36	Fe	Nail	Modern	
48.	01	448006.24	183166.14	162.14	Fe	Other	Modern	
49.	01	448004.13	183171.99	162.03	Fe	Other	Modern	
50.	01	448013.79	183185.11	163.20	Fe	Nail	Modern	
51.	01	448015.79	183190.30	163.76	Fe	Nail	Modern	
52.	01	448021.88	183186.94	163.92	Fe	Nail	Modern	
53.	01	448027.59	183200.73	164.69	Fe	Nail	Modern	
54.	01	448019.36	183226.09	165.14	Al	Foil	Modern	
55.	01	448011.28	183236.04	164.75	Fe	Other	Modern	
56.	01	448010.52	183208.55	163.96	Fe	Other	Modern	
57.	01	448013.20	183205.30	164.13	Fe	Other	Modern	
58.	01	448004.31	183205.56	163.38	Fe	Nail	Modern	
59.	01	448006.93	183199.42	163.34	Fe	Hand tool	Modern	
60.	01	448000.52	183201.09	162.90	Fe	Nail	Modern	
61.	01	447996.79	183201.71	162.54	Fe	Nail	Modern	
62.	01	448001.17	183197.59	162.89	Fe	Nail	Modern	
63.	01	447999.58	183184.13	162.37	Fe	Nail	Modern	
64.	01	448003.96	183181.54	162.69	Fe	Other	Modern	
65.	01	447999.08	183180.52	162.06	Fe	Other	Modern	
66.	01	447995.32	183176.13	161.34	Fe	Nail	Modern	
67.	01	447997.28	183175.15	161.51	Fe	Other	Modern	
68.	01	447988.41	183172.17	160.29	Fe	Nail	Modern	
69.	01	447997.67	183169.54	161.39	Fe	Other	Modern	
70.	01	448018.92	183134.94	161.60	Fe	Nail	Modern	
71.	01	448022.07	183137.60	161.93	Fe	Nail	Modern	
72.	01	448023.22	183122.66	161.21	Fe	Other	Modern	
73.	01	448041.16	183128.79	162.17	Fe	Other	Modern	
74.	01	448047.16	183110.56	161.27	Fe	Nail	Modern	
75.	01	448020.39	183096.53	159.21	Fe	Other	Modern	
76.	01	448032.73	183098.06	160.08	Fe	Nail	Modern	
77.	01	448034.27	183085.15	159.29	Fe	Other	Modern	
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4.2 Groundworks (Figures 2 and 3)

The stratigraphically earliest deposit encountered was the natural geological deposit (03) in Area 2, a compact white chalk with rare patches of dark grey and black angular flint (Plate 2); a roughly linear vein of flint was observed running northwest-southeast through the chalk near the centre of Area 2.



Figure 2: Location of metal detector survey transects and finds, and the limits of excavation of Areas 1 and 2





Plate 2. Representative Section in Area 2 showing the geology of the landscape

Cut into the natural chalk (03) were six possible pits: 04, 06, 09, 11, 13, and 15. No finds were recovered from any of the features.

Intercutting pits 04 and 06 were both sub-oval in shape, oriented east-west, and measured 0.56x0.47x0.18m and 0.40x0.40x0.16m respectively. The pits had sharp breaks of slope at the top, steep concave sides, and gradual breaks of slope to concave bases. They were filled by deposits (05) and (07), which both consisted of loose mid reddish brown clay loams with abundant inclusions of sub-angular stone and flint. Due to the similarity of the fills, the stratigraphic relationship between the two features was unclear; it is possible that they silted up contemporaneously.

Pit 09 was sub-circular in shape, with dimensions of 0.90 by 0.82 by 0.22m. It had a sharp break of slope at the top, steep roughly concave sides, and a gradual break of slope to a concave base. It was filled by loose mid reddish brown clay loam (10), with abundant inclusions of sub-angular stone and flint.

Pit 11 was sub-circular in shape, measuring 0.59x0.54x0.08m. It had a relatively gradual break of slope at the top, steep concave sides, and a gradual break of slope to a relatively flat base. It was filled by loose mid reddish brown clay loam (12), with abundant inclusions of sub-angular stone and flint.

Sub-oval pit 13 had a northwest-southeast orientation and was 1.22m long, 0.50m wide, and 0.11m deep. It had a sharp break of slope at the top, steep concave sides, and a gradual break of slope to a relatively flat base. It was filled by loose mid reddish brown clay loam (14), with abundant inclusions of sub-angular stone and flint.

Sub-oval pit 15 had a northwest-southeast orientation and was 1.71m long, 0.88m wide, and 0.15m deep (Plate 3). It had a gradual break of slope at the top, roughly concave sides, and a very gradual break of slope to a relatively flat base. It was filled

by loose mid reddish brown clay loam (16), with abundant inclusions of sub-angular stone and flint.



Plate 3. Possible pit 15

Subsoil layer (02) overlay the natural chalk and possible pit fills (Plate 2). The subsoil ranged in thickness from 0.08m to 0.22m and consisted of loose mid reddish brown clay loam with abundant inclusions of sub-angular stone and flint. This same subsoil layer was also present as the lowest deposit encountered in Area 1; no artefacts were discovered in this deposit in either area.

The uppermost deposit observed across the site was the 0.24m thick ploughsoil (01), a loose mid greyish brown loam with a moderate frequency of sub-angular stone inclusions (1-20mm in size) (Plate 2). No additional artefacts were recovered from this deposit during the watching brief phase of works (see section 4.1 above for results of the metal detector survey).

Reliability of Results

The metal detector survey and monitored work was undertaken in icy weather conditions. Good cooperation from site staff allowed for the archaeological investigation to be undertaken without impediment.

5 FINDS

5.1 Iron Fasteners by Simona Denis

Two iron objects were recovered for analysis during the archaeological works at Folly Farm (Plate 4).

One possible nail shaft – recorded as detected metal object 6. – had a rectangular cross section, measured 33mm in length, and weighed 1.94g. The head and point of the object were missing. The general aspect of the fragment suggests it originated from a 19th-century cut iron nail.

A second, incomplete fastener – recorded as detected metal object 33. – also had a rectangular cross-section. It weighed 2.87g and measured 28mm in length. The point was missing, but the rectangular, flat head was preserved; the item was identified as a 19^{th} -century cut iron nail.



Plate 4. Post-medieval fasteners

6 **DISCUSSION**

A series of natural deposits were observed across the development area, demonstrating the geological processes which formed the landscape.

The metal detector survey discovered 78 metal objects, 76 of which were spot-dated to the modern period. Two iron fasteners dated to the 19th century. The detected metal finds are consistent with the agricultural use of the site over the last few centuries.

The ploughsoil strip in Area 1 did not exceed the depth of the ploughsoil, so no further finds, features, or deposits were discovered.

The ground reduction work in Area 2 uncovered three modern postholes, as well as six possible pits. The fills of all six possible pits were very similar in compaction, colour, and composition to the subsoil, and it is probable that the features actually represent natural depressions in the chalk near the flint vein, which were subsequently infilled with the developing subsoil. This possibility is reinforced by the unclear, somewhat irregular shape of the six features.

Across the site, no evidence for prehistoric or Roman activity was uncovered.

Finally, no evidence was found to corroborate the existence of the ditch which is seen as a cropmark.

7 ARCHIVE

Digitised copies of all the primary records and drawings, as well as a selection of digital photographs, will be made publicly available as an appendix to the Final

Report submitted to information-gathering tool OASIS (ID johnmoor1-513275), for public release in the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) Library.

Additionally, the most recent version of all digital files is maintained by John Moore Heritage Services (ID 4771) and will be made available to the public upon request (to admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk). Security copies of all primary records will be made in digital format and stored on the Company's server, together with final versions of all born-digital files.

The archive includes:

- Digitised primary records
- Digitised versions of primary drawings
- GPS raw data
- QGIS files
- Digital photographs
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APPENDIX 1. DE-SELECTED FINDS LIST

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Fe	Fastener	33	1	2.9	19th-century cut iron nail

De-selected find were returned to the Landowner.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN

NOVEMBER 2022

Document Information						
Title	Data Management Plan					
Author	Simona Denis					
Description	This document describes the type of data that was acquired and generated					
	during the archaeological project, the way the data is managed and stored, and					
	the mechanisms to preserve and share the data.					

	Document History						
Version	Status	Date	Author	Changes from the previous version			
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OASIS ID: johnmoor1-513275
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Data Set Description
Nature of project: Watching Brief
Aims of investigation: to record any evidence relating to known prehistoric and post-medieval activity in the area, and investigate the ditch if encountered in an attempt to date and characterise it Investigation techniques: The spoil spreading area (Area 1) and the area to be reduced for the new building and hardstanding (Area 2) were surveyed with either a Garrett Ace 150 metal detector or a Minelab X-Terra 30 metal detector prior to the start of the groundworks. Both areas were surveyed along transects 3m apart based on the OS grid. Each transect was walked covering a wide sweep, an area of at least 1-1.5m on either side, to ensure maximum coverage along each transect. The location of each signal was plotted with GPS survey equipment, before returning to excavate and photograph the metal object where possible; the excavation process was restricted to the depth of the ploughsoil in Area 1, but was unrestricted in Area 2. The following groundworks consisted of ploughsoil stripping in Area 1 and more substantial ground reduction in Area 2. The excavations in Area 1 were initially planned to cover an area measuring one hectare; during the works the surface area of the ploughsoil strip was reduced to approximately 0.54 hectares, as much of the eastern half of the initial planned square was left unexcavated. The groundworks in this area did not exceed the depth of the subsoil. The groundworks in Area 2 proceeded to a greater depth. The ground reduction was undertaken to the depth of the archaeological horizon to allow for archaeological investigation and recording. Following this, ground reduction continued below the level of the archaeological horizon.
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Section 2 – Data Collection

Assessment of Existing Data

Existing quantitative and qualitative data provided by third parties as well as non-proprietary data were accessed, re-used and re-evaluated and the generated information supplemented the data collected during the project. Selected generated data were incorporated in the final report text included in the project archive.

Created Data

This table summarises the da	ta types, formats and arc	hive volume for this project.	
File Type	File Format	Data Archive Volume	
Text	.odt	None	
	.docx	1 file, 16,000 bytes	
	.doc	2 files, 13,745,000 bytes	
	.pdf	3 files, 6,842,000 bytes	
Spreadsheet	.xlsx	3 files, 34,000 bytes	
	.ods	1 file, 314,000 bytes	
Raster Image	.jpg	105 files, 567,232,385 bytes	
Vector Graphic	.dxf	None	
	.cdr	4 files, 4,898,000 bytes	
Photogrammetry	.obj/.mtl/.jpg	None	
Geospatial Vector Data	.qgz	1 file, 323,000 bytes	
	.shp/.shx/.dbf	6 files, 1,316,000 bytes	

Data Collection Standards and Methodologies

• Analogue data sets

Acquisition standards are defined against the following:

Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, 2014 Standards and Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials

English Heritage, 2015 Digital Image Capture and File Storage

John Moore Heritage Services, 2022 Field Handbook. Draft

Museum of London Archaeology Service, 1994 Archaeological Site Manual. Third Edition

• Digitised data sets

Acquisition standards are defined against the following:

The National Archives, 2016 Digitisation at The National Archives

Thomas, S., 2009 A Guide to Archival and Related Standards. Society of Archivists Data Standard Group

• Born-Digital data sets

Creation standards are defined against the following:

Archaeology Data Service/Digital Antiquity, 2011 Guides to Good Practice

Cole, S., 2015 Digital Image Capture and File Storage. Guidelines for Best Practice. English Heritage

Data Storage and File Naming System

- The working project archive is stored in a dedicated project folder in the 'Projects' partition of the company's server
- All files were renamed following the company's file naming format, based on ADS standard and including version control, as laid out in JMHS' *Archive Guidelines*
- All files included in the working project archive include
 - Company's project identifier

File descriptor

• Version number

All files are organised following the company's project folder structure laid out in JMHS' *Archive Guidelines* **Quality Control**

- All mechanical and electronic equipment used in the collection of data were calibrated prior to use and are periodically checked
- All collected data is checked during project delivery

Section 3 – Documentation and Metadata

Data Documentation

Data documentation will be compliant with the WSI, West Berkshire Museum and Archaeology Data Service requirements and will be provided via

- Collection-level metadata providing a detailed overview of the collection
- File-level metadata providing details of each data group and individual files
- All data included in the project archive will be migrated to
 - widely supported open international standards
 - most recent format version

Metadata

All metadata will be created in compliance with relevant ADS standards, and will specify for all file types:

- o File name
- o File format
- o Language
- Creation/conversion software and version
- In addition, metadata for document files will indicate:
 - o Title
 - o Abstract
 - Name of the creator(s)
 - Page count
 - Publishing details
- In addition, metadata for spreadsheet files will indicate:
 - o Title
 - Description
 - Name of the creator(s)
 - Copyright holder
 - Date of creation
 - Worksheet name
 - Worksheet purpose
 - Number of rows in each worksheet
 - Field name
 - Description of field contents
- In addition, metadata for raster image files will indicate:
 - Caption
 - Subject keywords
 - o Period
 - Name of the creator
 - Copyright holder
 - \circ Location
 - Date of the capture of the image
 - In addition, metadata for vector graphic files will indicate:
 - o Caption
 - o Description
 - $\circ \quad \text{Name of the illustrator} \\$
 - Copyright holder
 - Period of creation
 - o Location

- Conventions used in the illustration
- \circ Location
- In addition, metadata for geospatial vector data files will indicate:
 - Type of element captured
 - Type of features and/or contexts represented
 - Purpose of data collection
 - Data source and type
 - Data accuracy level
 - $\circ \quad \text{Coordinate system used} \\$
 - Method of capture
 - Name of surveyor

Section 4 – Ethics and Intellectual Property

The following acts and directives were taken into consideration:

- Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018
- EU Copyright Directive 2001
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Current best practice

Personal Data

- Personal data were collected in the form of:
 - Donor
 - o Name
 - Address
 - Project Team Members
 - o Name
 - External Specialist
 - o Name

Personal Data Management

Management of personal data is carried out in compliance with John Moore Heritage Services' Data Protection Policy Statement.

- Written consent to process and share with the repository personal data was secured for the use specified below:
 - Project Team Members: Names are included in the project archive
 - External Specialist: Name is included in the project archive and in the licence of copyright documentation
- Files containing personal data is:
 - Password-protected
 - Securely stored on a server partition with restricted access
 - Kept only as long as necessary for the relevant, valid purposes

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

- Copyright Holder: John Moore Heritage Services is the copyright holder of any collected and created data included in the project archive in all forms of records and media
- Permission to Reuse Third-Party Data: formal consent to include, reuse and share data generated by external specialists was secured
- Licence of Copyright: John Moore Heritage Services grants to Archaeology Data Service perpetual and royalty-free licence throughout the world to:
 - reproduce all or any part of the project archive for the purposes of research, study, conservation or publicity relating to Archaeology Data Service
 - o display copies of all or part of the project archive in any medium
 - publish any part of the project archive in any form or medium
 - permit third parties to do any of the above
- The following acts and directives were taken into consideration:
 - Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988
 - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018

- EU Copyright Directive 2001
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Current best practice

Section 5 – Storage and Backup

Storage System Details

- Long-term preservation of electronic records is ensured by storage on magnetic media on a Synology NAS server device with a storage capacity of 5.4TB
- The device is part of a network based on the client-server model with servers situated in separate geographical locations (JMHS's main office in Wheatley and the Director's office in Launton, Bicester)
- The system is managed via Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP)
- The system is set as a Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) and failover

Security Copies

- Back-up of raw digital data generated during fieldwork was provided by secure remote access to the company's server
- Digital copies of the primary records were made immediately on completion of fieldwork and stored on the company's server
- Security copies of all archive records and born-digital files were made in digital format and stored on the company's server

Data Storage and Access

Data storage

- Main and secondary servers are set up to constantly synchronise, effectively creating two copies of each file at any time
- Two additional copies of all files are created via backups:
 - The main server backs up to the Synology C2 Cloud Backup Server daily, starting at 17:30
 - The secondary server backs up to a local drive daily, starting at 17:30
- Versioning of files and backups is available for 30 days
- Multiple recovery methods are used, depending on the nature of the failure

Data access

- The company's server is accessible through a secure log-in by authorised staff on and off-site, via any web browser
- Secure access to the server is granted by a two-factor authentication method. Access to server's partitions containing sensitive data is restricted to authorised users through role-based access control

Section 6 – Selection and Preservation

Appraisal and Selection of Data

All data generated by all stages of the project is stored on the company's server. An appraisal of the digital data was carried out at the project report stage. A further assessment was carried out during the preparation of the project archive, in order to select data for long-term curation.

The assessment of each dataset's value was carried out by the Post-Excavation Project Team and was based on the following criteria:

- Relevance
- Scientific/Historic value
- Uniqueness
- Non-Replicability
- Potential for redistribution

The selection of data was agreed with relevant stakeholders.

Data Reuse

The project results provided limited data regarding Post Medieval and modern use of the area. The results might be:

• used to aid the future management of the archaeological site

Selection Review Points

Selection Strategy and Data Management Plan were revised in consultation with the relevant stakeholders

and updated at the following stages:

- Project Design
- Project Reporting
- Archive Preparation

Selected Data Preparation

Selected data was normalised and organised in standardised folders, to guarantee consistency and retrievability, and to prevent data loss.

Normalisation included:

- Format migration to widely supported open international standards
- Version migration to most recent format version
- File naming normalisation to ADS standards
- Organisation in the predefined file structure
- Metadata compliant with ADS standards will be generated for all selected data

Long-Term Preservation of Selected Data

Selected data was transferred to the appropriate repository:

• Digital data: selected data was prepared for long-term curation and transferred to the CoreTrustSeal certified Archaeology Data Service via OASIS

Long-Term Preservation of Deselected Data

- Long-term preservation of electronic records will be ensured by storage on magnetic media on a server device. The device is part of a network based on the client-server model, available online and securely accessible remotely via any web browser.
- The digital archives preservation strategy ensures that two copies of all born-digital items as well as digital surrogates of primary records are made available on two different server devices (server and backup) situated in separate locations (JMHS's main office in Wheatley and the Director's office in Launton).

Section 7 – Data Sharing

Data Accessibility

Final Results will are made available via the following:

- Project final results for all types of recording actions were made publicly available in digital format via the OASIS Index of Archaeological Investigations
- Summaries will be made publicly available via submission to relevant local, regional or period journals, to be included in the 'round-up' sections. Where significant discoveries are made, notes will also be sent to national journals

All selected data will be made available upon direct request for reuse, re-analysis, re-interpretation, and republication by secondary researchers

Intellectual Property

- John Moore Heritage Services holds the copyright of any collected and created data included in the project archive in all forms of records and media
- Digital elements of the project archive disseminated via ADS will be licenced under a creative commons licence
- A data sharing agreement will regulate the access and use of data by secondary researchers as appropriate

Long-Term Access

Long-term access to data is granted via deposition with the Archaeology Data Service via OASIS

Section 8 – Responsibilities and Resources

Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities are as follows:

- Project Team Members (Fieldwork): Collection and storage of analogue data sets
- Project Team Members (Post-Excavation): Storage and backup of analogue data sets, creation of digitised and born-digital data sets, data quality, data archiving and metadata production for all data sets
- External company (Oxford Mac Solutions Ltd): Data storage and backup management
- Post-Excavation Manager (Simona Denis): Implementation of relevant policies, implementation,

review and revision of the DMP, supervision of collection, production, storage, backup and management of all data sets, management of data selection, archiving and metadata production for all data sets, data sharing, project archive transfer

Resources

Resources required to prepare selected data and implement the DMP were covered by standard John Moore Heritage Services resources and project budget.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

SELECTION STRATEGY

NOVEMBER 2022

Project Information		
Project Management		
Project Manager	John Moore	
Archaeological Archive Manager	Simona Denis	
Organisation	John Moore Heritage Services	
Stakeholders		Date Contacted
Collecting Institutions	West Berkshire Museum	23/11/2022
	Archaeology Data Service	29/08/2023
County Archaeological Services	West Berkshire County Planning	20/02/2023
	Applications and Advice	
Project Lead	Alessandro Guaggenti	20/02/2023
Landowner	BK Grain	25/5/2023
Resources		
No unusual resources required in addition to JMHS normal operating equipment and staff		
Context		
The full aims and objectives of the project are detailed in the approved WSI.		
The aims of the projects were to investigate any evidence relating to known prehistoric and post-medieval		
activity in the area, and investigate the ditch if encountered in an attempt to date and characterise it.		
Modern objects observed during the metal detector survey were recorded on site and not collected. Two		
additional items located by metal-detector during the field survey were returned to the office for		
assessment and found to be of no archaeological significance; they were de-selected and returned to the		

Landowner.

Section 1 - Digi	ital Data		
Stakeholders			
Project Manag	er	John Moore	
Archaeological	Archive Manager	Simona Denis	
Digital Reposit	ory	Archaeology Data Service	
Selection			
Location of D (DMP)	ata Management Plan	The DMP (in attachment) is accessible u outlined in Sections 5 and 6	pon request and located as
		All relevant standards, policies and guidel	ines are listed in Section 1
De-Selected Digital Data		Digital files were reviewed following the approval of the final report by the Buckinghamshire County Archaeological Services and only the most recent versions were retained. Files will be made available to the public upon request (to <u>admin@jmheritageservices.co.uk</u>) and via deposition with Archaeology Data Service. Security copies of all primary records were made in digital format and stored on the Company's server, together with final versions of all born-digital files. The procedure is outlined in the DMP (in attachment) Section 6 and JMHS POL0010 Digital Archives (available upon request)	
Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders
20/02/2023	Retention strategy revision	Revision following the completion of the final report	Alessandro Guaggenti Simona Denis Archaeology Data Service
29/08/2023	Retention strategy finalisation	Finalisation for archive preparation	Alessandro Guaggenti Simona Denis Archaeology Data Service

Section 2 - Doc	uments			
Stakeholders				
Project Manager		Alessandro Guaggenti		
Archaeological	Archive Manager	Simona Denis	Simona Denis	
Repository Rep	presentative	Janine Fox		
Selection				
Selected Docur	ments	None		
De-Selected Documents The primary records were not selected for retention du results detailed in the final report, which indicate the project considered a 'sterile project' as per ClfA (<u>https://www.archaeologists.net/selection-toolkit/sterile-pr</u>) Digital copies of all primary records are maintained by Joh Heritage Services and will be made publicly available as an to the Final Report submitted to information-gathering tool johnmoor1-513275), for public release in the Archaeol Service (ADS) Library. The procedure is outlined in the DMP (in attachment) Sect JMHS POL0009 Archives		I for retention due to the indicate the project is to be s per CIfA guidance <u>n-toolkit/sterile-projects</u>). maintained by John Moore cly available as an appendix ion-gathering tool OASIS (ID in the Archaeology Data a attachment) Section 6 and		
Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders	
20/02/2023	Retention strategy revision	Revision following the completion of the final report	Alessandro Guaggenti Simona Denis Janine Fox	

Section 3 - Materials	
Stakeholders	
Project Manager	Alessandro Guaggenti

Archaeological	Archive Manager	Simona Denis	
Repository Rep	presentative	Janine Fox	
County Archae	ological Services	Sarah Orr	
Representative	2		
Landowner		BK Grain	
Material Type			
Bulk Finds			
Selection			
Selected Materials Items located by metal-detector during the field survey, which were of no archaeological significance, were deselected and returned to the Landowner. The material archive was reviewed and de-selected based on the results and recommendations of the West Berkshire Museum Selection, Retention and Dispersal guidelines and the Solent-Thames Research Framework recommendations. The selection took place during the archive preparation. Uncollected Material Items located by metal-detector during the field survey and dated to			
		the modern period were documented on	site and not collected
De-Selected Materials		The two late post-medieval fasteners collected during the by metal- detector survey were analysed and the information was included in the final report. The items were not included in the project archive and were returned to the Landlord	
Amendments		1	
Date	Amendment	Rationale	Stakeholders
20/02/2023	Retention strategy revision	Revision following the completion of the final report	Alessandro Guaggenti Simona Denis Janine Fox Sarah Orr BK Grain
29/08/2023	Retention strategy finalisation	Finalisation for archive preparation	Alessandro Guaggenti Simona Denis Janine Fox Sarah Orr BK Grain

Summary for johnmoor1-513275

OASIS ID (UID)	johnmoor1-513275
Project Name	Folly Farm, Bury Lane, West Ilsley
Sitename	Folly Farm, Bury Lane, West Ilsley
Activity type	Watching Brief
Project Identifier(s)	4771, WIBL 22, NEBYM:2022.39
Planning Id	22/02571/FULMAJ
Reason For Investigation	Planning requirement
Organisation Responsible for work	John Moore Heritage Services
Project Dates	24-Jan-2023 - 03-Feb-2023
Location	Folly Farm, Bury Lane, West Ilsley
	LL: 51.5447615105268, -1.30921625769545
	12 Fig : 448000,183100
Administrative Areas	Country : England
	County : Berkshire
	District : West Berkshire
	Parish : West Ilsley
Project Methodology	The spoil spreading area (Area 1) and the area to be reduced for the new building and hardstanding (Area 2), were surveyed with either a Garrett Ace 150 metal detector or a Minelab X-Terra 30 metal detector prior to the start of the groundworks. Both areas were surveyed along transects 3m apart based on the OS grid. Each transect was walked covering a wide sweep, an area of at least 1-1.5m on either side, to ensure maximum coverage along each transect. The location of each signal was plotted with GPS survey equipment, before returning to excavate and photograph the metal object where possible; the excavation process was restricted to the depth of the ploughsoil in Area 1, but was unrestricted in Area 2. The groundworks which followed consisted of ploughsoil stripping in Area 1 and more substantial ground reduction in Area 2.
	The excavations in Area 1 were initially planned to cover a 100m square area of one hectare; during the works the surface area of the ploughsoil strip was reduced to approximately 0.54 hectares, as much of the eastern half of the initial planned square was left unexcavated. The groundworks in this area did not exceed the depth of the subsoil. The groundworks in Area 2 proceeded to a greater depth. The ground reduction was undertaken to the depth of the archaeological horizon to allow for archaeological investigation and recording. Following this, ground reduction continued below the level of the archaeological horizon. Where archaeological horizons were encountered they were cleaned by hand and excavated appropriately. Standard John Moore Heritage Services techniques were employed throughout, involving the completion of a written record for each deposit encountered, with scale plans and section drawings compiled where appropriate. A photographic record was produced, and GPS survey was conducted.

Project Results	A series of natural deposits were observed across the development area, demonstrating the geological processes which formed the landscape
	The metal detector survey discovered 78 metal objects, 76 of which were spot-dated to the modern period. Two iron fasteners dated to the 19th century. The detected metal finds are consistent with the agricultural use of the site over the last few centuries. The ploughsoil strip in Area 1 did not exceed the depth of the subsoil, so no further finds, features, or deposits were discovered.
	The ground reduction work in Area 2 uncovered three modern postholes, as well as six possible pits. The fills of all six possible pits were very similar in compaction, colour, and composition to the subsoil, and it is probable that the features actually represent natural depressions in the chalk near the flint vein, which were subsequently infilled with the developing subsoil. This possibility is reinforced by the unclear, somewhat irregular shape of the six features. Across the site, no evidence for prehistoric or Roman activity was uncovered. Finally, no evidence was found to corroborate the existence of the ditch which is seen as a cropmark.
Keywords	Pit - UNCERTAIN - FISH Thesaurus of Monument Types
	Post Hole - 20TH CENTURY - FISH Thesaurus of Monument Types
	Nail - 20TH CENTURY - FISH Archaeological Objects Thesaurus
	Nail - POST MEDIEVAL - FISH Archaeological Objects Thesaurus
Funder	
HER	West Berkshire HER - unRev - STANDARD
Person Responsible for work	S, Gordon
HER Identifiers	
Archives	