

Archaeological Site Inspection,
New access road,
Millhouse Farm, Dunning, Perth and Kinross



General view of course of new road looking south east



28th May 2013

Introduction (Illus 1 and 2)

This archaeological site inspection of the course of a new access road to Millhouse Farm was carried out for Mr Simon Howie to satisfy the archaeological condition on the planning consent for this development, as noted by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust in the condition attached to Planning Application 12/02169/FLL dated 1st March 2013. It was undertaken by the author on Tuesday 28th May 2013 (Site Code DUN01), weather conditions were bright and sunny.

Archaeological Background

The area around Dunning has a rich record of cropmarks representing Prehistoric, Roman and later settlement. The site of this new access road lies on the south side of Dunning in an area where the ground begins to rise up to the Common of Dunning. There has been little opportunity to assess the presence or absence of archaeological remains in this area.

Site Inspection (Illus 3 to 7)

A site inspection was made by the author once most of the course of the road had been stripped and tarmaced. The method of road construction was examined and any surviving soil profiles were recorded and photographed. The western end of the new road at its junction with the Muckhart Road has been built up rather than dug down for a distance of 30 metres east (Illus 4). Along the remainder of the rest of the road up to 0.30m of dark brown sandy clay had been stripped off down to the top of a pink brown natural clay (Illus 5 and 6). There was no trace of any archaeological features or deposits, nor were there any finds other than 19th century industrial ceramics or brick in the spoilheap.

Conclusions

The construction of this access road does not appear to have encountered any archaeological deposits or features.

Cartographic Sources (<http://www.nls.uk/maps>)

Ordnance Survey Maps - Six-inch 1st edition, Scotland, 1843-1882

Illustration List

Illustration 1 Location of new access road, Millhouse Farm, Dunning (based on supplied architects plan)

Illustration 2 Location of site on First Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1866 (©Trustees of National Library of Scotland)

Illustration 3 Course of new access road, 1 indicates section of road that has been built up, 2 and 3 are the location of illustrations 4, 5 and 6 (based on supplied architects plan)

Illustration 4 General view showing built up section of road at western end (see 1 on Illustration 3) looking north west

Illustration 5 Course of central section of road during soil stripping (natural clay visible below plough soil)

Illustration 6 Surviving soil profile on north side of road (at 3 on Illustration 3) showing dark brown sandy clay (ploughsoil) above pink brown natural clay and stones

Illustration 7 General view of eastern end of access road looking south west

Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth and Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	New access road, Millhouse Farm, Dunning
PROJECT CODE:	DUN01
PARISH:	Dunning
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Derek Hall
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Derek Hall, archaeologist and ceramic specialist
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Site Inspection
NMRS NO(S):	None
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	None
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	N0 696 492
START DATE	28th May 2013
END DATE	28th May 2013
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A site inspection of the course of a new access road at Millhouse Farm, Dunning located 0.30m of dark brown sandy clay overlying natural clay. No archaeological deposits or features were located.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	Mr Simon Howie
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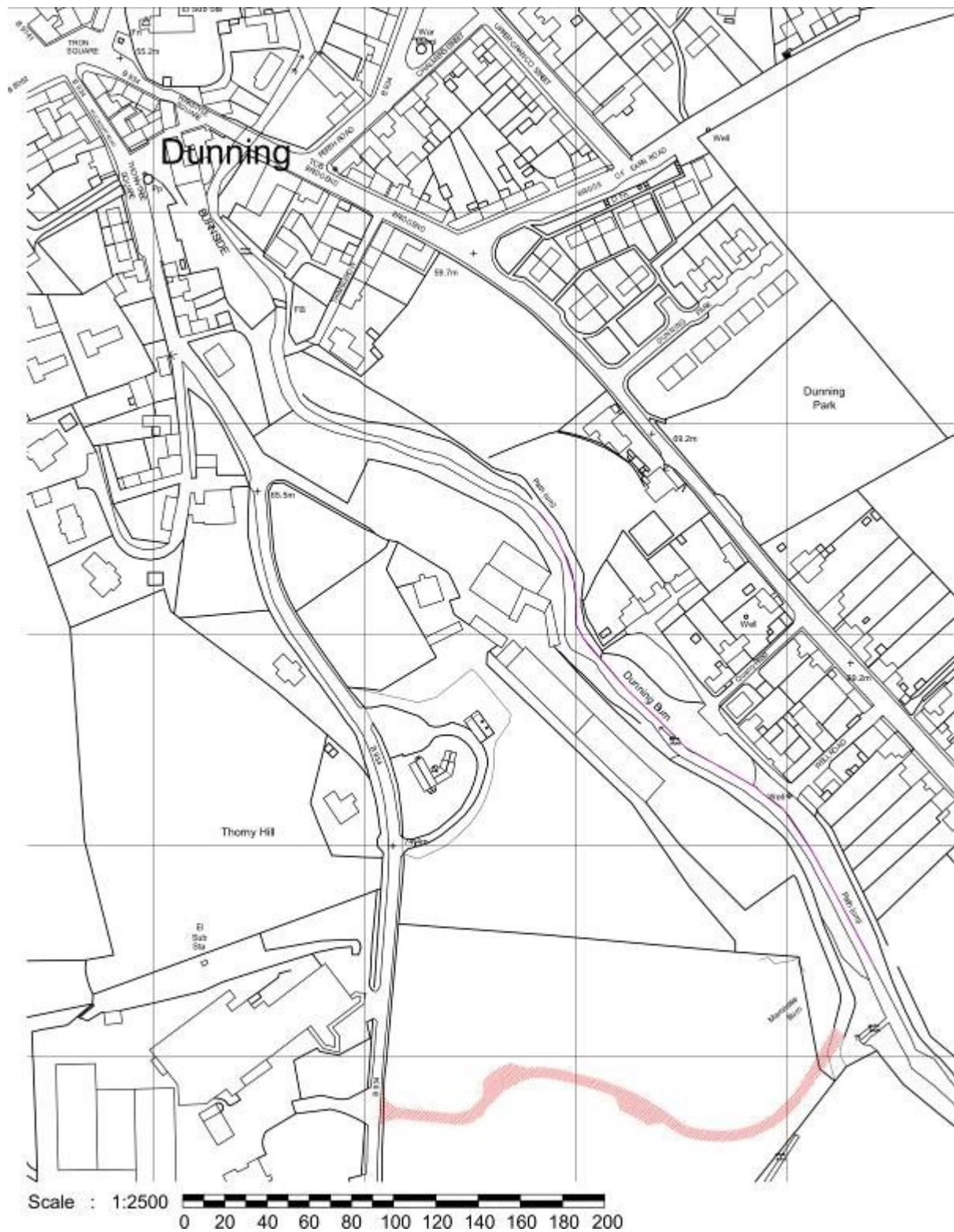


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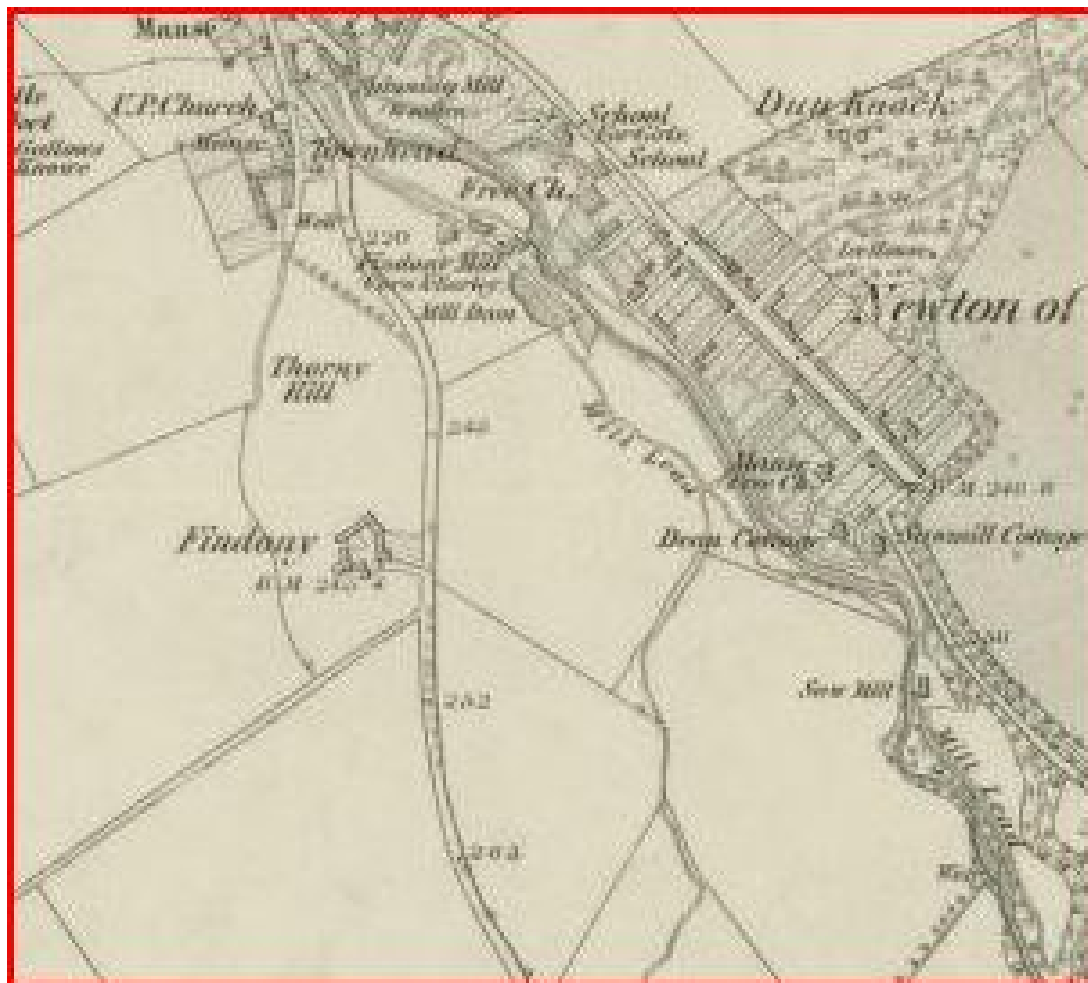


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