

Metal detector survey, site of new house,  
1 Leighton Court, Stirling Council



Site of proposed house plot, 1 Leighton Court, Dunblane looking north east



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

## **Introduction (Illus 1)**

A metal detector survey on the site of a proposed new house at 1 Leighton Court, Dunblane, Stirling Council was carried out for Mr Scott Jarvie to satisfy the archaeological condition on the planning consent for this development, as noted by Stirling Council's archaeological advisor in the condition attached to Planning Application 14/00730/PPP. The detector survey was undertaken by the author on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 (Site Code DUN01); weather conditions were bright and sunny.

## **Archaeological Background (Illus 2)**

The proposed development area comprises garden ground that lies within the designated area of the Battle of Sherriffmuir (13<sup>th</sup> November 1715), and has not been subject to previous development and therefore has the potential to contain previously undiscovered archaeological objects and remains that have survived beneath the active plough-zone from the battle as well as a variety of periods in Scotland's history and prehistory. The proposed development has the potential to damage or destroy such remains.

### **Site Topography (Illus 3 and 4)**

The site lies to the North of no 1 Leighton Court in garden ground which at some time in the past has been reduced in height by at least 0.90m and levelled, this probably happened when 1 Leighton Court was built (pers comm. Scott Jarvie).

### **Metal Detector Survey (Illus 5 and 6)**

The whole area of the proposed house plot was surveyed by the author using a Lander XD100 PRO detector. Detected locations were marked with wooden markers and plastic bags and located using a hand held GPS.

### **Results (Illus 7 and 8)**

Each of the detected locations was shovel tested until the top of the natural subsoil was located. This proved to be at a consistent depth of 0.15m across the site and lay below turf and brown silty clay topsoil.

Of the 35 find spots located by the detector 32 proved to be natural iron rich stones in the top of the subsoil and the other three were a toy police car, an iron hinge bracket and a length of metal wire. Nothing relating to the battle of Sherriffmuir was located.

### **Conclusions**

Following the metal detector survey of the proposed house site the author feels that nothing was located to justify the need for any further work on the site.

### **Acknowledgements**

The author would like to thank Scott Jarvie for his interest in this project.

## **Illustration List**

Illustration 1 Site Location marked by red dot (based on Ordnance Survey map Crown Copyright 2013. All Rights Reserved. Licence number 100049628)

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Illustration 4 Detailed view of proposed house plot looking South East

Illustration 5 Proposed House plot as shown on architects drawing Scale 1:1050

Illustration 6 Detected locations marked on site plan Scale 1:700

Illustration 7 Toy police car

Illustration 8 Modern hinge bracket

## Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

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| LOCAL AUTHORITY:   | Stirling Council   |
| PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:   | Leighton Court, Dunblane   |
| PROJECT CODE:  | DUN01  |
| PARISH:  | Dunblane and Lecropt   |
| NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):  | Derek Hall   |
| NAME OF ORGANISATION:  | Derek Hall, archaeologist and ceramic specialist   |
| TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:  | Metal detector survey  |
| NMRS NO(S):  | NN80SW 1   |
| SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):   | Battlefield of Sherriffmuir  |
| SIGNIFICANT FINDS:   | None   |
| NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)   | NN 79368 01505   |
| START DATE   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2015  |
| END DATE   | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2015  |
| PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)  | None   |
| MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION:<br>(May include information from other fields) | A proposed house site at 1 Leighton Court, Dunblane was metal detected in advance of redevelopment. All of the material located was either of natural origin or of early modern date and nothing relating to the battle of Sherriffmuir was located. |
| PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:  | None   |
| SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:   | Mr Scott Jarvie  |
| CAPTIONS FOR ILLUSTRS  | N/A  |
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| ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended)  | NMRS   |
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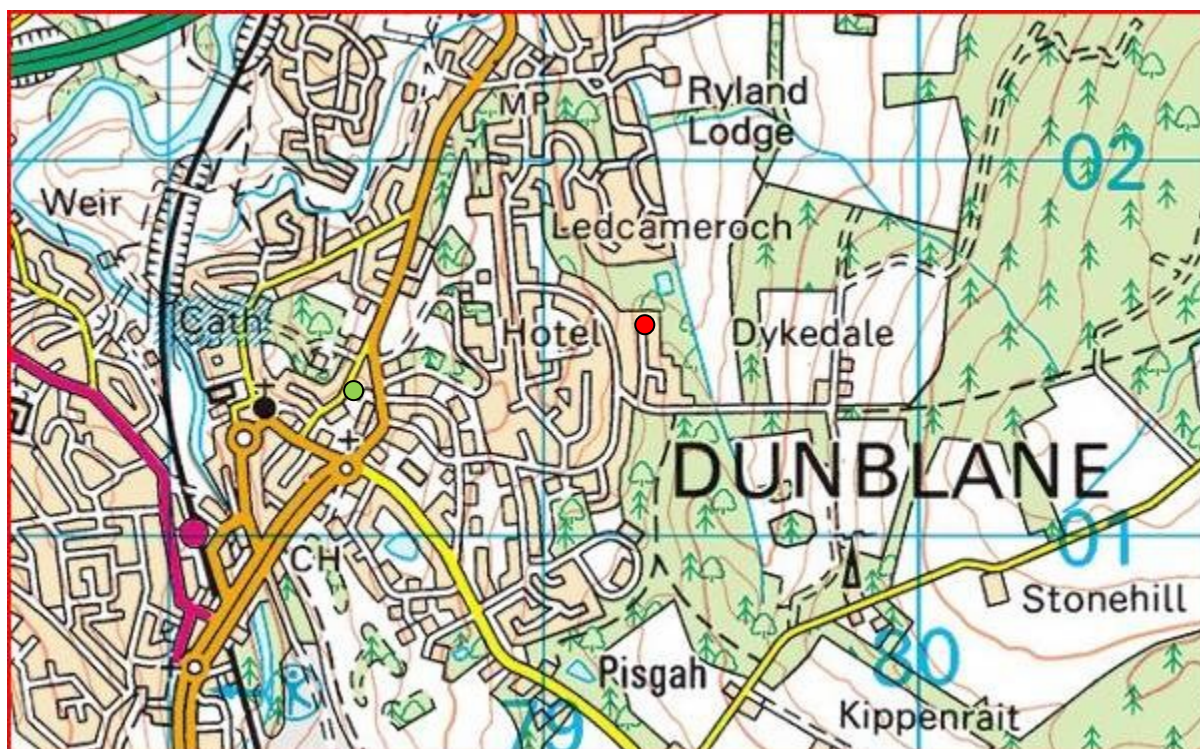


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Sheriffmuir

13 November 1715

Local Authority: Stirling

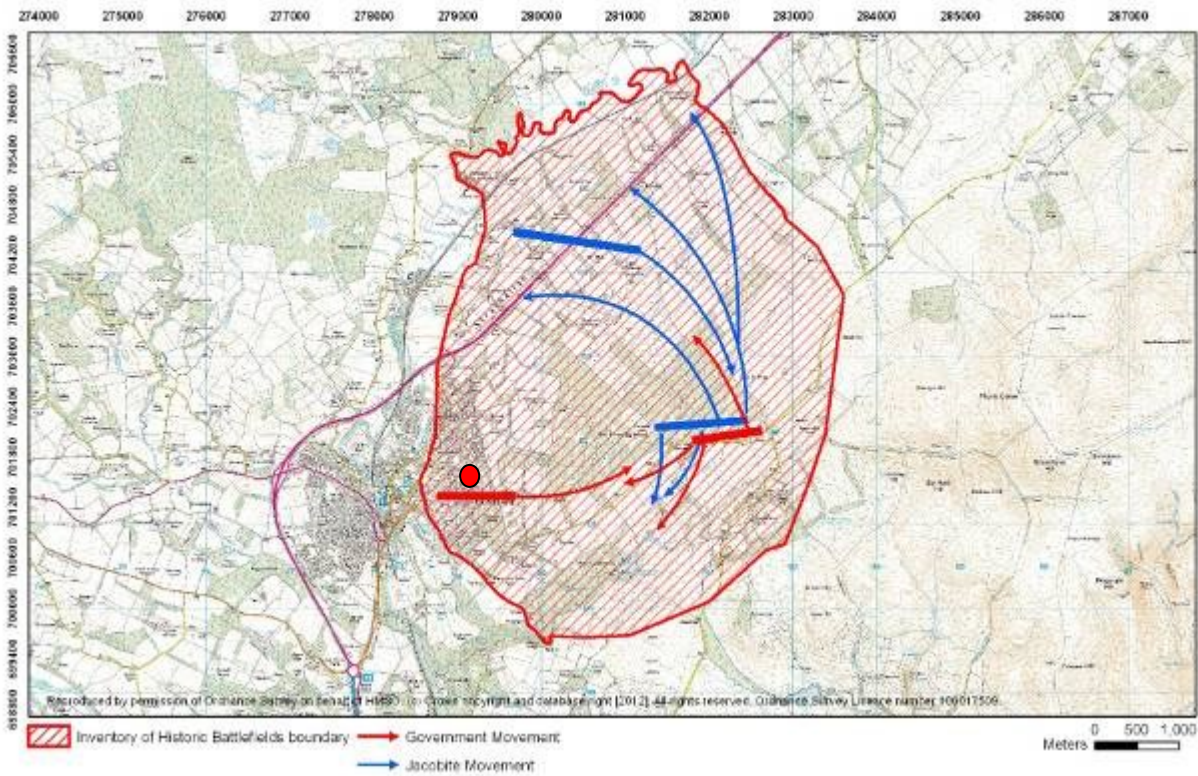


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Illustration 4 Detailed view of proposed house plot looking South East

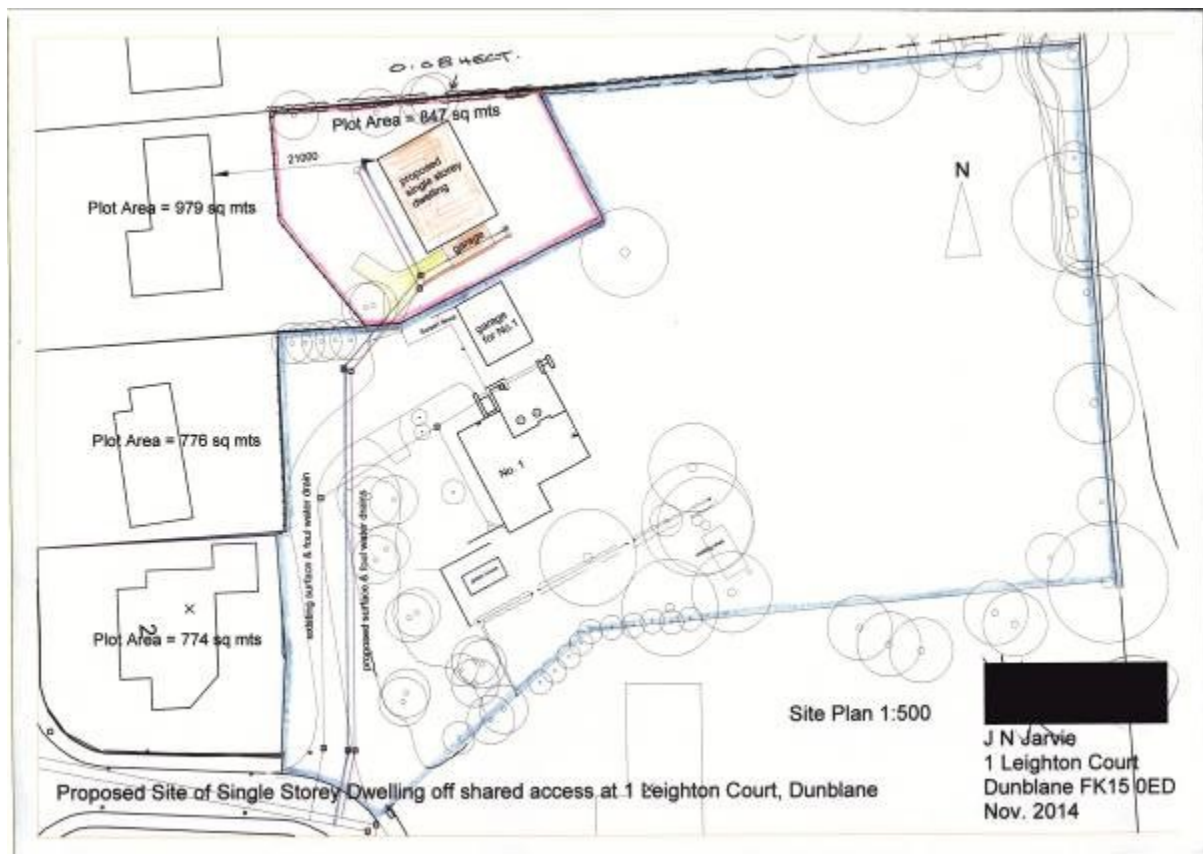


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