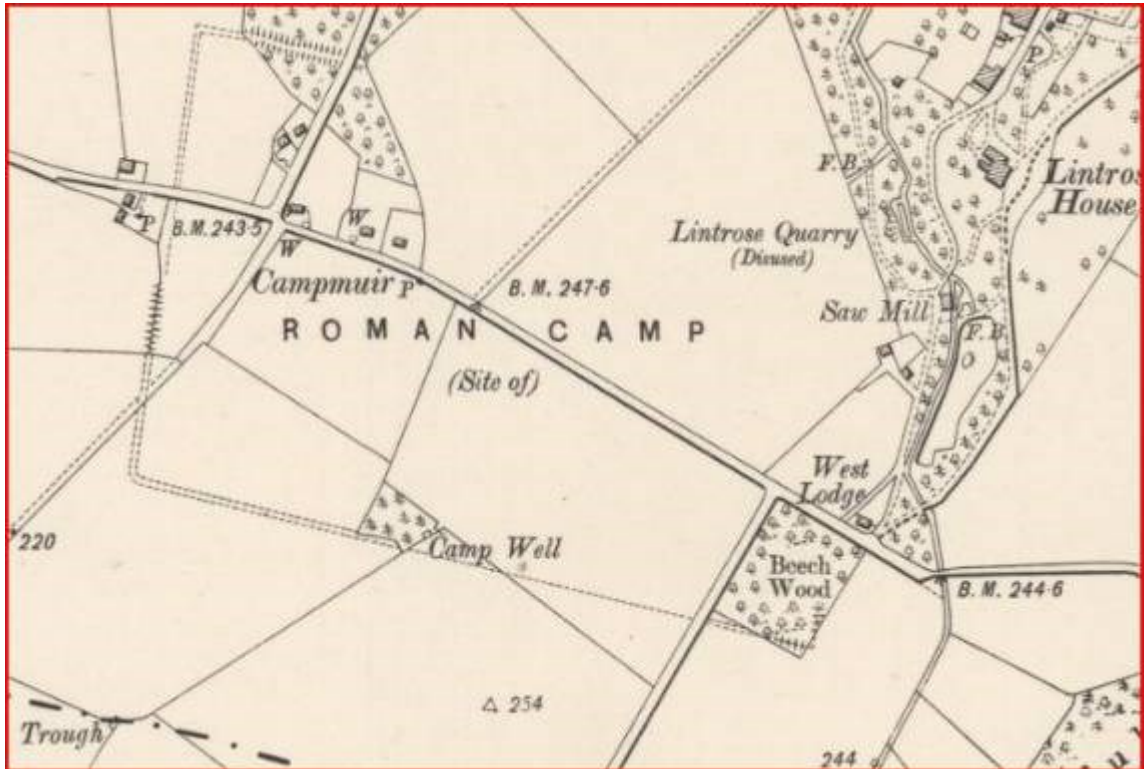


Archaeological Watching Brief
New house on Land 40m N of Harris,
Campmuir, Perth and Kinross



2nd edition Ordnance Survey map of Campmuir (1903) showing defences of Roman temporary camp
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7th March 2016

Introduction

This programme of archaeological watching briefs was carried out for Mr A Burrows and Mrs L Burrows to satisfy the outstanding archaeological condition on the planning consent for this development, as noted by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust in the Terms of Reference to Planning Application 15/00396/FLL, dated 8th September 2015. This work was carried out by the author on Monday 7th December 2015 and Saturday 5th March 2016 (site code LINT03). Weather conditions were overcast and very wet on the first visit and overcast and cold on the second visit.

Archaeological Background (Illus 1, 2)

The proposed development site lies within an area that is considered to have archaeological potential given its location within the Roman Temporary Camp of Lintrose (Campmuir). The temporary camp consists of a large rectangular enclosure (approx. 32 hectares) defined by a ditch and bank and would have been used by the Roman Army nearly 2000 years ago. Part of the defensive bank survives on the northern side of the camp, and other sections of the boundary ditch have been traced as cropmarks by aerial photography. A section of ditch and associated features within the camp were excavated at Muirside in 2003-04 (Cachart 2004, 107) and parts of the camp interior were examined during Watching Briefs at land West of Hillview in 2011 and at 30 Holding in 2012 (Hall 2011, Hall 2012). In 2015 an evaluation was carried out in the vicinity of the western defence line at Tradewinds (Hall 2015). Recent archaeological investigations of a temporary camp at Kintore (Aberdeenshire) has revealed that the name 'camp' is misleading, and that the camps could be in use for much longer periods of time than the name might suggest, however, to date, from the small number of investigations that have taken place at Campmuir, including at Broadwood - to the north of the current plot - little relating to the Roman occupation has been recovered.

Watching Briefs

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust requested that all below ground excavations associated with the construction of the new house should be monitored by an archaeologist.

Footprint for House and garage (Illustration 3 to 8)

All of the foundation trenches for the new house were dug by machine as strip trenches 0.90m wide and 0.63m deep. In all of them a layer of grey brown sandy clay and turf (100) 0.30m deep was removed to expose a purple red sand and broken stone (101). 101 represents the natural ground surface on site. The only feature encountered was a linear cut feature (102) which ran from East to West along the line of the northern foundation trench. This was filled with a loose grey black sandy clay and a plastic field drain (103). No finds were recovered.

Septic Tank (Illustration 9 to 12)

The footprint for the septic tank and soakway measured 3m by 8m. 0.25m of grey brown sandy clay (104) was removed to reveal a purple red sand and broken stone and occasional patches of yellow brown sand and stone (105). A linear cut feature (106) was revealed running from North to South through the trench. This was filled with a grey brown sandy clay (107) and produced a single sherd of 19th century Standard White Earthenware pottery. The eastern side of this feature was deeper (0.30m) than its western side (0.05m) and it may represent a former plot or field division.

Recommendations

Monitoring of the excavations of the house footprint and its associated drainage located no evidence relating to the Roman temporary camp. The only features encountered were early modern field drains and a potential field boundary or plot division. Following these watching briefs it is recommended that no further archaeological works are required.

Acknowledgements

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The above client reports are available at

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Context List

House foundations

- 100 Grey brown sandy clay and turf
- 101 Purple red sand and broken stone (natural)
- 102 Linear cut feature (trench for field drain)
- 103 Loose grey black sandy clay

Septic tank and soakaway

- 104 Grey brown sandy clay
- 105 Purple red sand and broken stone with patches of yellow brown sand and stone (natural)
- 106 Linear cut feature (field boundary or plot division)
- 107 Grey brown sandy clay

Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth and Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Land 50m N of Harris, Campmuir
PROJECT CODE:	LINT03
PARISH:	Kettins
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Derek Hall
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Derek Hall, archaeologist and ceramic specialist
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Watching Briefs
NMRS NO(S):	NO23NW 5
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Roman Temporary Camp
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NO 2188 3774
START DATE	7 th December 2015
END DATE	5 th March 2016
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	Watching briefs were carried out on the excavation of foundation trenches for a new house and garage and a septic tank within the Roman Temporary Camp of Lintrose. Nothing of archaeological interest was located.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	Mr Alex Burrows and Ms Lianne Harris
CAPTIONS FOR ILLUSTRS	N/A
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ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended)	NMRS
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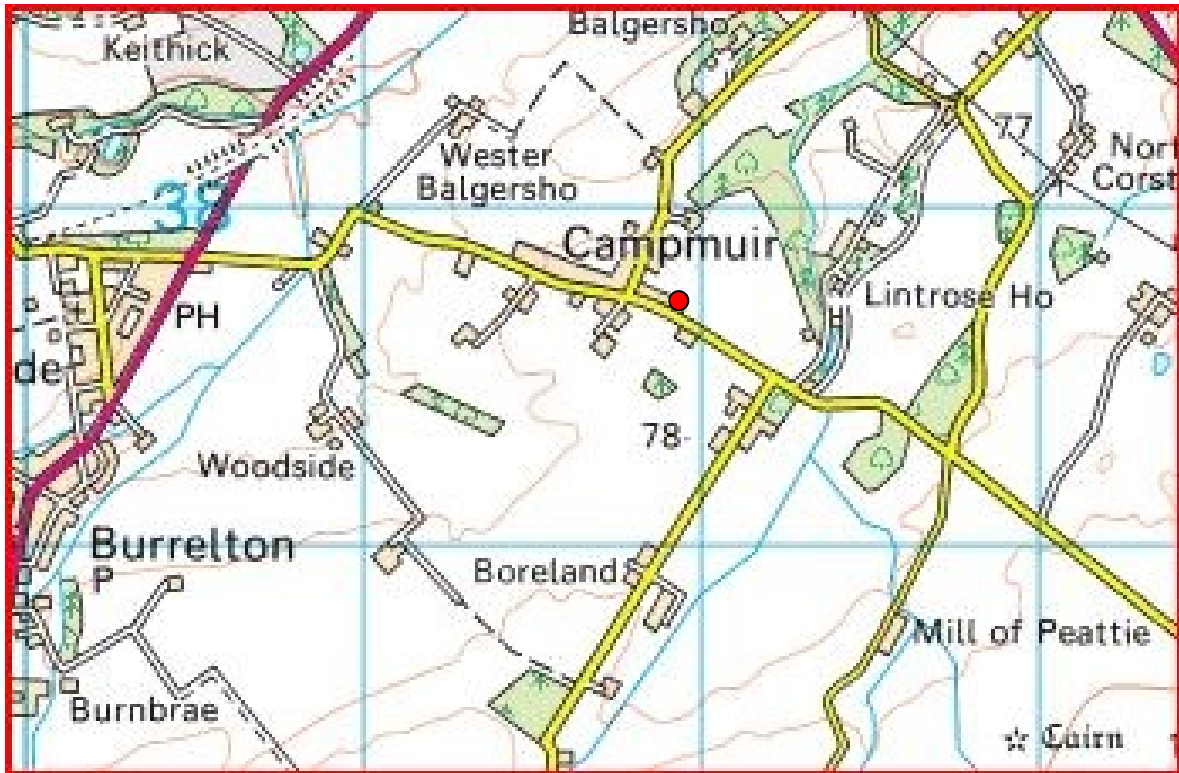
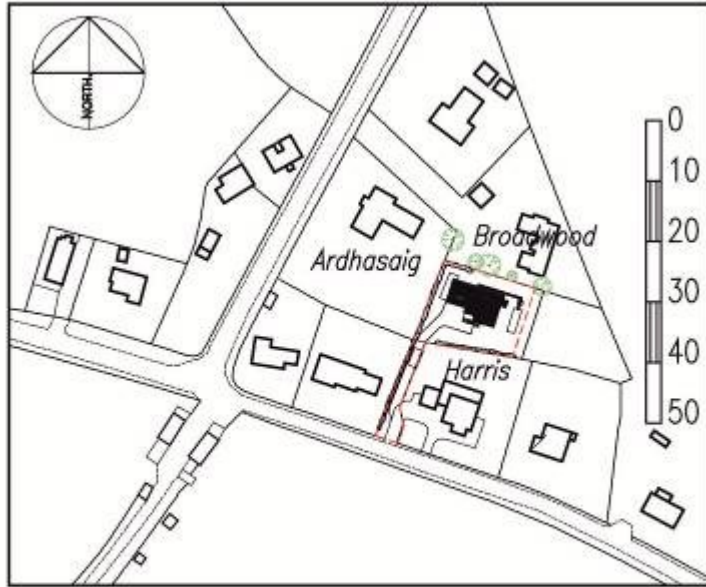


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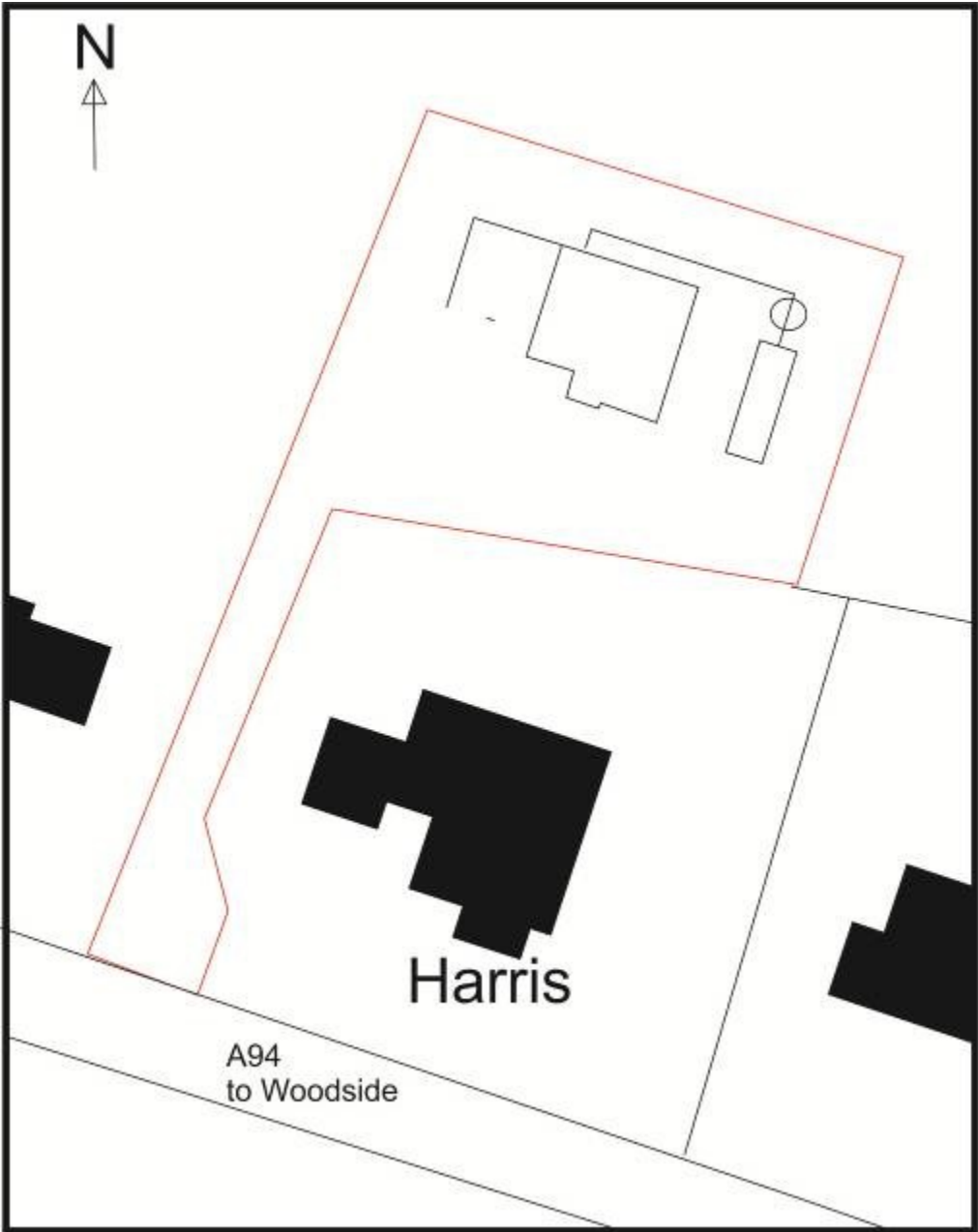


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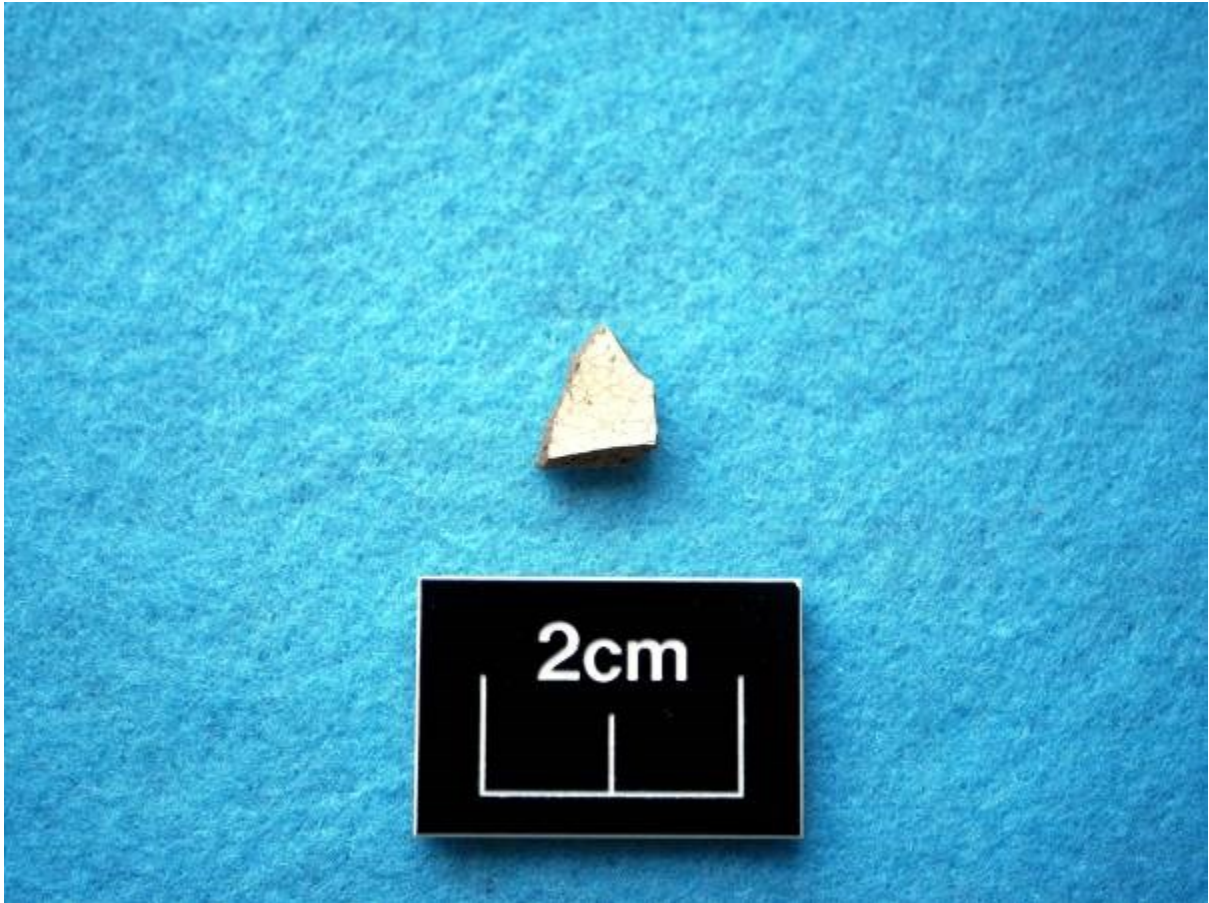


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