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Archaeological Watching Brief On Land North of 9 to 13 Elmfield, Bradford on Avon



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Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief
On Land North of 9 to 13 Elmfield, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire
Planning Reference 08/02633/FUL
NGR ST 8212 6133

Summary

Absolute Archaeology was commissioned by Mr Morgan on behalf of C J Morgan to carry out an archaeological watching brief, in conjunction with the preparation of ground ahead of the development of a car parking area on land north of 9-13 Elmfield, Bradford on Avon (West Wiltshire Planning Reference 08/02633/FUL).

No features of archaeological interest were revealed during the course of the groundwork. No artefacts were recovered as a result of the watching brief.

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Abbreviations

aOD

Above Ordnance Datum; used to express a given height above mean sea level.

1. RESULTS

- 1.1. An archaeological watching brief was carried out by Absolute Archaeology, on land north of 9-13 Elmfield, Bradford on Avon in February and March 2010. No archaeological features were identified during groundwork ahead of the development of a new car parking area. The area, totalling c. 250 square meters was reduced down through a depth of 220mm of turfline/topsoil (context 1) and 230mm of subsoil (context 2) down on to Middle Jurassic Forest Marble limestone bedrock (context 3). The entire operation was carried out using a mini digger with an appropriate grading bucket, through the 450mm of topsoil/subsoil. Numerous service pipes (including gas, water and electricity) were noted cutting through the subsoil, running at different angles across the area. Disturbance and deposits of residual aggregate (base footing material) within the clay subsoil layer, along with an extant *in situ* post-1960 curved granite pathway, suggests that the area had undergone periods of change during and since the erection of the houses and bungalows each side of the grassed area. All finds were residual, including 2 body sherds of abraded Medieval sandy ware. Late 18th/early 19th century pancheon made up the remainder of the assemblage. The finds were not retained.

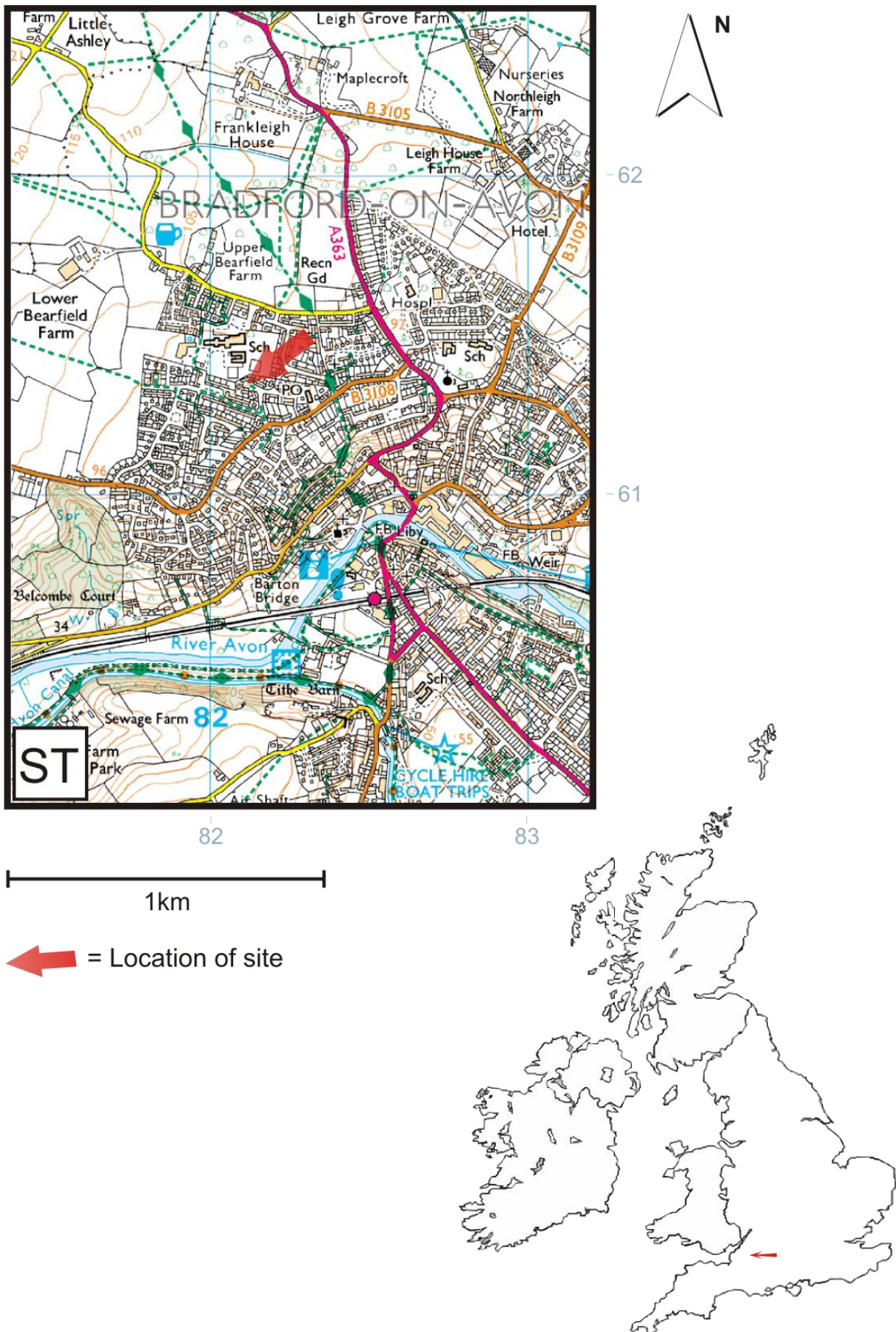
2. METHODOLOGY

- 2.1. Monitoring of all groundwork associated with the development of a car park on land north of 9-13 Elmfield, Bradford on Avon, was carried out.
- 2.2. This was carried out in accordance with IFA (2008) *Standards and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching brief*.
- 2.3. The archive has been prepared using the site code AARC 26.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. No archaeological features were identified during the groundwork. No significant artefacts were recovered from the spoil heap, which was monitored throughout.

Figure 1. Site Location (Centred on NGR ST 8212 6133)



Miscellaneous Photographs



1) SSE Facing Section (500mm Scale)



2) General WNW View



3) General WNW View