

Pipe Trench Monitoring at All Hallows Church Wellingborough



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Summary

Between the 17th and 28th October 2016, Oxford Archaeology East carried out an archaeological watching brief at All Hallows Church, Wellingborough (SP 489126 267938). The monitoring was carried out during the excavation of a trench to locate and repair a burst sewer pipe within the graveyard to the west of the church.

Numerous pieces of disarticulated Human Skeletal Remains were recovered during these works. No in situ remains were found, all of the recovered bone had been subjected to significant post-depositional disturbance. The remains were collected and bagged by the archaeologist on site and, at the direction of the vicar, re-buried within the trench.

1 INTRODUCTION

Location and Scope of the work

- 1.1.1 An archaeological watching brief was conducted in the grounds of All Hallows Church, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. These works were necessitated by excavations to uncover and repair a burst pipe running beneath the graveyard to the west of the church.
- 1.1.2 The site archive is currently held by OA East and will be deposited with the appropriate county stores in due course.

Geology and topography

- 1.1.3 The site lies over the Northampton Sand Formation. The sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 172 to 176 million years ago in the Jurassic Period.
- 1.1.4 All Hallows Church lies atop a hill in the centre of the town of Wellingborough. It is bounded to the north by Church Street, to the west by Orient Way and to the south by the market place. The graveyard slopes away to the south and is entirely enclosed by a low brick wall.

2 AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

- 2.1.1 The primary aim of this archaeological observation was to monitor, observe, identify and collect any Human Skeletal Remains (HSR) uncovered by the excavations.
- 2.1.2 In the event that other archaeological remains were present the evaluation sought to establish the character, date, state of preservation and extent of these deposits.
- 2.1.3 The site was attended by a fully qualified archaeologist every day between the 17th and 28th October 2016 to monitor the digging of the trench. The works were carried out by hand, using spades and shovels. Trench spoil was also scanned for HSR.
- 2.1.4 Weather conditions on site varied between periods of wet and sunny weather.

3 RESULTS

- 3.1.1 In the event, the trench was excavated to a length of approximately 7m and was up to 1.5m deep. Disarticulated Human Skeletal Remains were recovered from the soil deposits along the length of the trench.
- 3.1.2 The remains were collected and bagged and then reburied when the trench was backfilled. This was done upon the instruction of the vicar, who visited the site on the first day to liaise with the contractors.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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APPENDIX A. OASIS REPORT FORM

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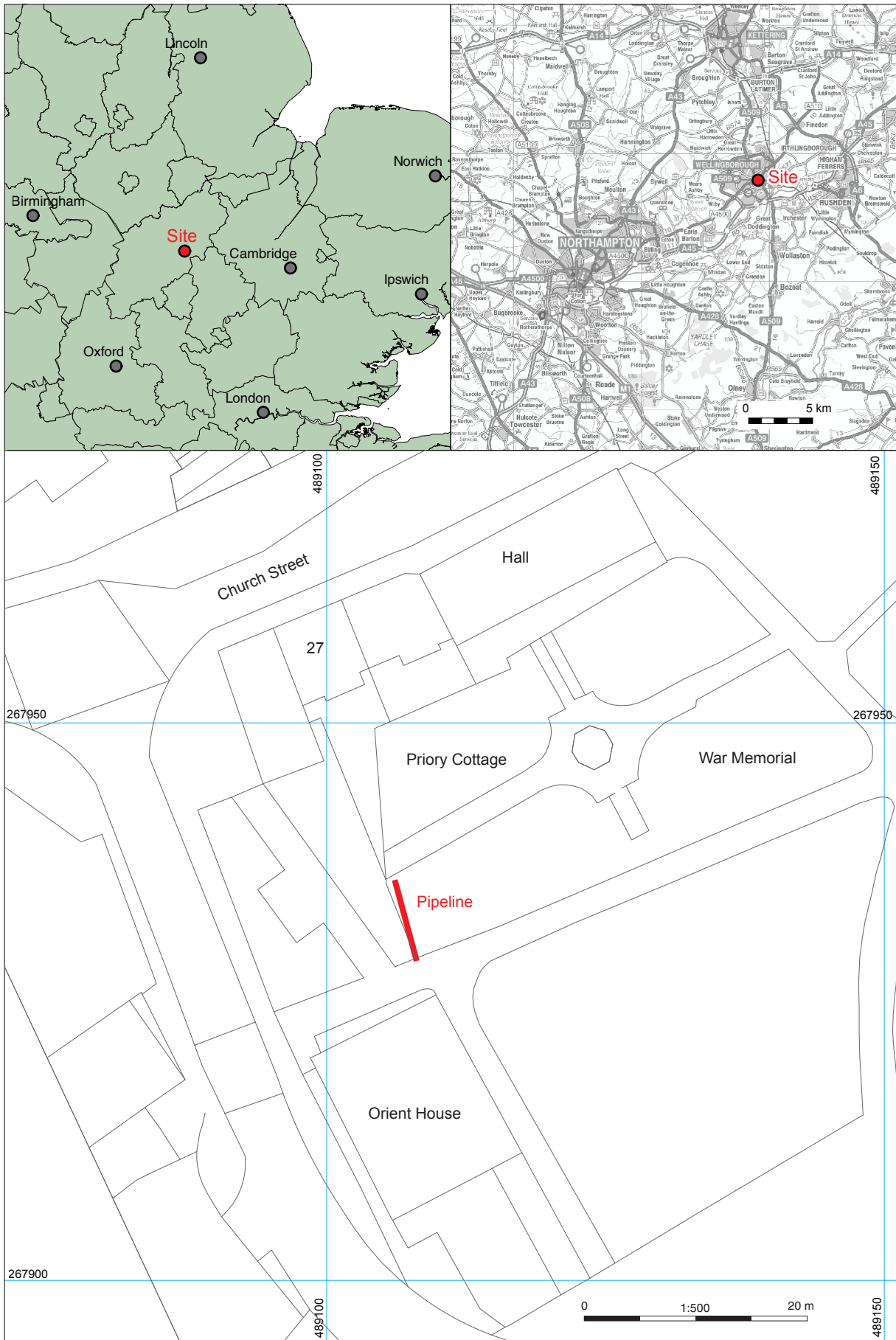
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Notes:



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Figure 1: Site location showing archaeological trench (red) Scale 1:500



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