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SUMMARY

The Oxford Archaeological Unit carried out a Watching Brief at South Newington Church on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. The watching brief revealed no archaeological deposits or features.

1 INTRODUCTION

On 6 January 1998 the Oxford Archaeological Unit carried out a watching brief at South Newington Church on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. The Church of St Peter Ad Vincula is a late Norman church which is situated to the north of the village and east of the Manor House. The church lies on a natural rise in the landscape.

2 WATCHING BRIEF METHODOLOGY

To the north of the church three short trenches and two soakaways were hand dug for laying new drainage. The hand excavated trenches and soakaways, including the spoil, were monitored to identify and record archaeological deposits or features and to recover any archaeological finds dating evidence. A location plan of the three trenches and two soakaways was made at a scale 1:100 (Fig. 1).

3 RESULTS: GENERAL

The three trenches measured between 4.50 m to 7.50 m long, 0.35 m wide and 0.50 m deep. The two soakaways measured 1m square by 1m deep. The natural was not located in the trenches or the soakaways. The sub-soil, which was a mid-brown silt clay with limestone pieces, measured 0.40 m in depth, but this deposit was not fully excavated with the result that the full depth of the sub-soil was not determined. The top soil was mid-brown grey silt loam and measured 0.10m in depth. No archaeological deposits or features were found and no finds collected.

4 DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION

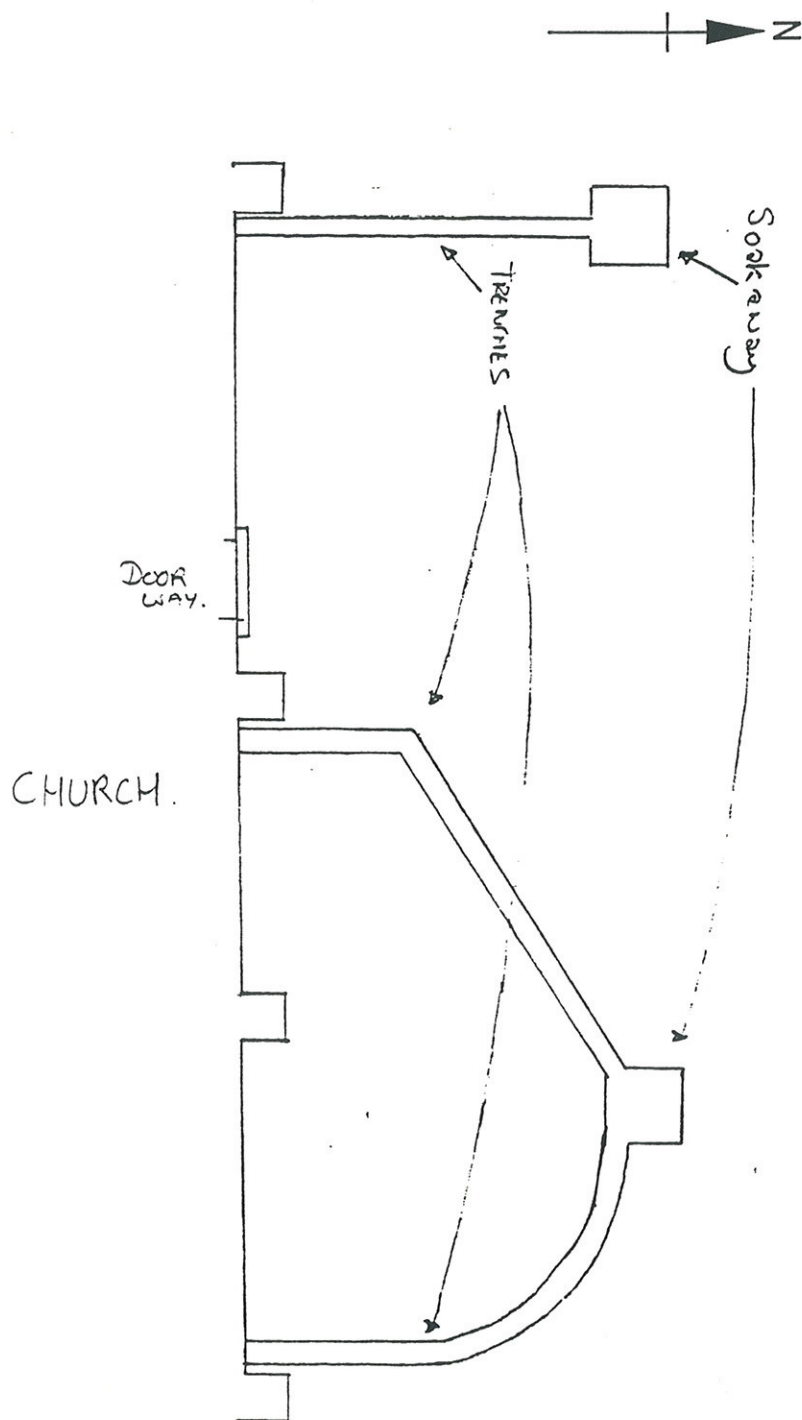
No archaeological finds, and not deposits or features of archaeological significance were observed. However; it should be stressed that the extent and depth of the excavated trenches were limited.

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Illustrations

Fig. 1 Trench and soakaway location plan.





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