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Summary

On the 18th June 2018, Oxford Archaeology East conducted a programme of monitoring and recording at the site of All Saints Church, Elton, Cambridgeshire (centred TL 08871 93563, event number ECB5444) in advance of a proposed extension on the northern side of the church.

A single trench following the footprint of the standing boiler house was excavated using a 6-ton mini-tracked digger fitted with a toothless bucket. The trench measured approximately 15m long x 1m and was orientated north to south and excavated to a depth ranging between 0.60m and 1m. The fill compositions observed during the investigation were entirely of later homogenised made-ground deposits comprising of brick and ceramic pipe.

No archaeologically significant deposits were encountered. Any archaeological horizons would have been destroyed by the extensive disturbance dating to the 19th century that is highly likely to be related to the construction of the boiler house.

Acknowledgements

Oxford Archaeology would like to thank the Diocese of Ely for commissioning this project. Thank you to Quinton Carrol who monitored the work on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council for their advice and guidance.

The project was managed for Oxford Archaeology by Nick Gilmour. The fieldwork was directed by Paddy Lambert . Illustrations were carried out by Dave Brown.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of work

- 1.1.1 Oxford Archaeology (OA) was commissioned by Diocese of Ely to undertake a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording at the site of All Saints Church, Elton, Cambridgeshire (centred TL 08871 93563) (Figure.1) in advance of a proposed installation of an extension on the northern side of the church, comprising servery and toilet facilities.
- 1.1.2 The work was undertaken as a response to an Archaeological Requirement by Quinton Carrol of Cambridgeshire County Council (Carroll 2018).
- 1.1.3 All Saints' Church is on a site of high archaeological significance and consequently archaeological monitoring was required at the site due to the intrusive nature of the works. Remains associated with earlier phases and activities of the site and also burial rites may be anticipated. Human remains may be disarticulated (charnel deposits) or articulated (in situ remains) (Carrol, 2018).

1.2 Location, topography and geology

- 1.2.1 The site lies to the south-western edge of the village of Elton, Cambridgeshire, around 11 km to the south west of the city of Peterborough.
- 1.2.2 The geology of the area is mapped as Cornbrash Formation – Limestone, with no superficial deposits recorded (<http://www.bgs.ac.uk/discoveringGeology/geologyOfBritain/viewer.html>, accessed 16/07/2018)

2 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1.1 A single cut foundation trench (Plate 1) in an 'H' shape configuration was excavated following the course of the footprint of the standing boiler house (Figure. 2) on the northern side of the church. The trench was aligned on an E/W axis.
- 2.1.2 The trench measured approximately between 15m to 18m long and 1m wide. The depth was recorded at between 0.6m and 1m along the whole of the trench.
- 2.1.3 The excavation was undertaken by a 6-ton tracked mini-digger fitted with a 1m wide toothless bucket. All machining was monitored by the author.
- 2.1.4 Where necessary, hand excavation was undertaken around standing masonry and possible archaeological horizons. The spoil was stored alongside the trench and was subjected to a metal detector survey. Numerous ferrous metal objects were present in the fill, but were not retained due to their early modern date.

3 RESULTS

3.1 General soils and ground conditions

- 3.1.1 The soil sequence observed in the trench was a uniformed mixture, comprising of backfilled subsoil and made ground deposits. The homogenised made ground deposit comprised of brick work and associated debris, ceramic pipe, ferrous metal and glass, with the backfilled soil being represented by a sandy silt, measuring between 0.6 and 1m thick (Plate 2). This was overlain by turf measuring 0.10m thick. The natural geology was not observed.
- 3.1.2 Ground conditions throughout the monitoring were good, and the trench remained dry throughout. The results are deemed to have a good level of reliability.

4 DISCUSSION

4.1 Interpretation.

- 4.1.1 No archaeologically significant deposits or artefacts were encountered during the archaeological monitoring and recording at All Saints Church, Elton. Any archaeological horizons would have been destroyed by the extensive disturbance dating to the 19th century. This activity is highly likely to be related to the construction of the boiler house and associated works from that period.

APPENDIX A BIBLIOGRAPHY

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APPENDIX B OASIS REPORT FORM

Project Details

OASIS Number	oxfordar3-322808		
Project Name	Archaeological Monitoring and Recording at All Saints Church, Elton		
Start of Fieldwork	18/06/18	End of Fieldwork	18/06/18
Previous Work	Yes	Future Work	Not known

Project Reference Codes

Site Code	ELTASC18	Planning App. No.	-
HER Number	ECB 5444	Related Numbers	

Prompt	Not Known
Development Type	Not known
Place in Planning Process	Not known/Not recorded

Techniques used (tick all that apply)

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Project Location

County	Cambridgeshire	Address (including Postcode) 7 School Ln, Elton, Peterborough PE8 6RS, UK
District	Huntingdonshire	
Parish	Elton	
HER office	Cambridge	
Size of Study Area	0.003ha	
National Grid Ref	TL 08871 93563	

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Project Archives

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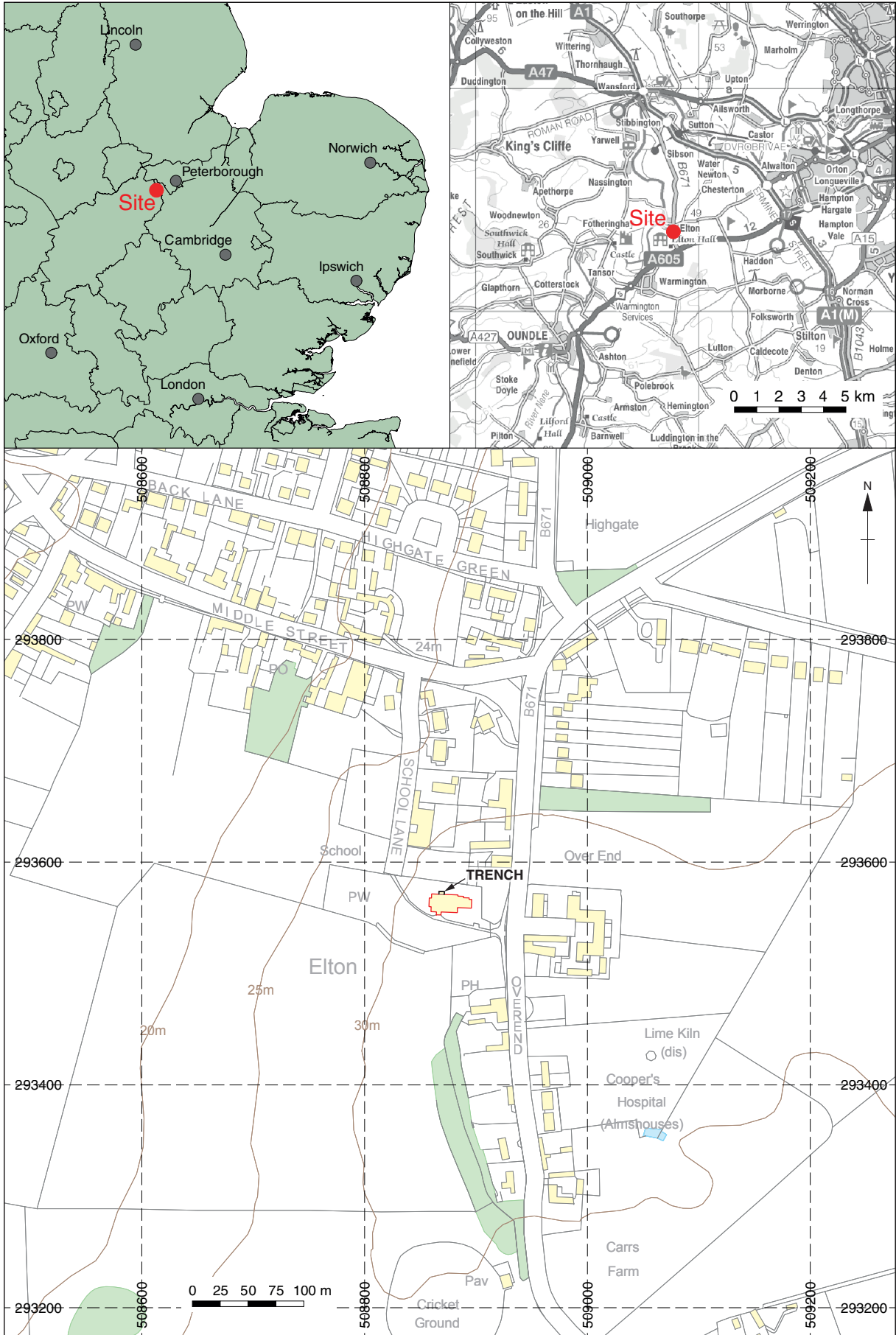
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Further Comments



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Figure 1: Site location showing church (outlined red) and trench (black)

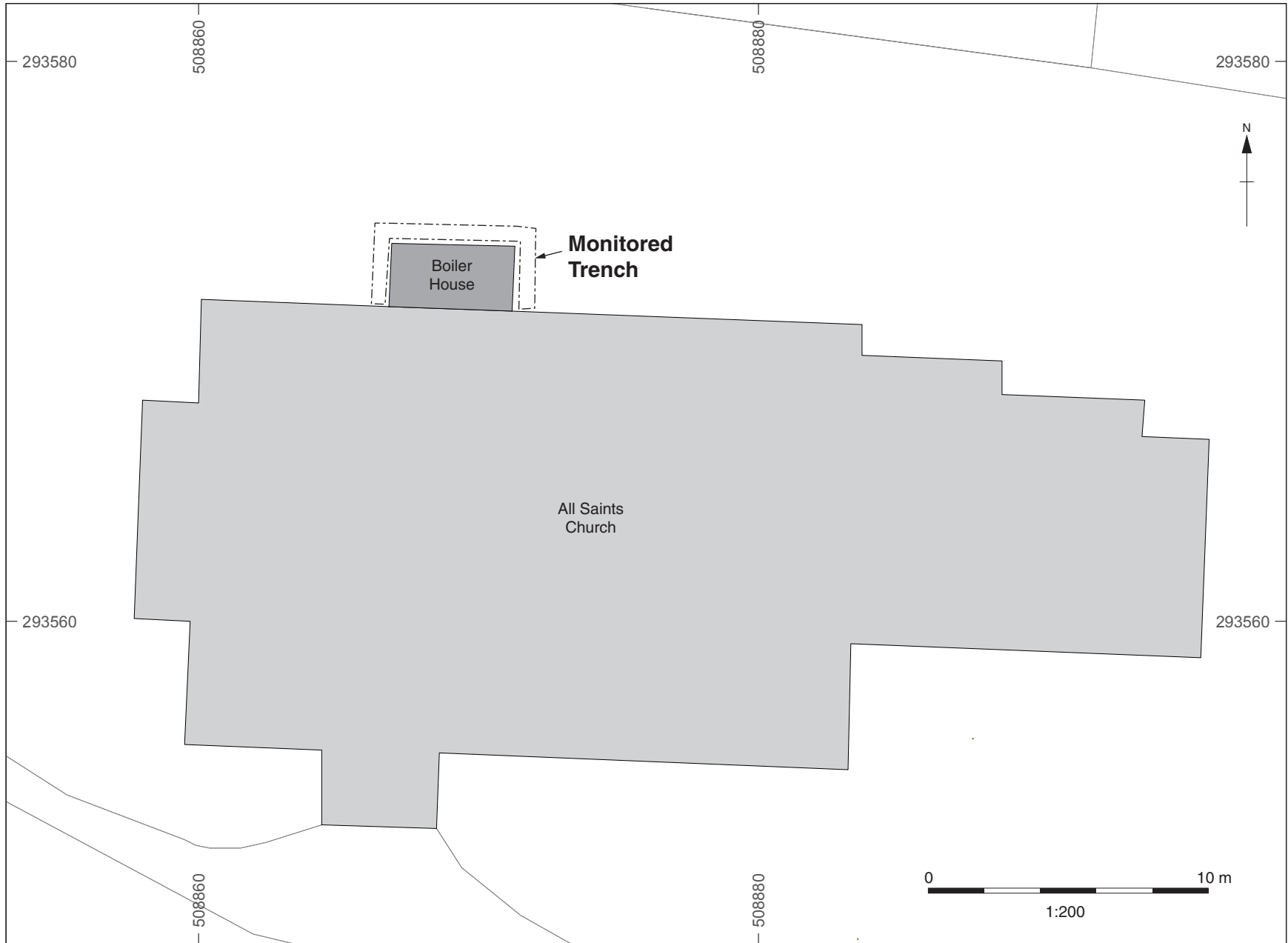


Figure 2: Plan showing location of archaeological monitoring



Plate 1: Trench looking east



Plate 2: Made ground deposits looking south



Plate 3: All Saints Church looking north-west



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