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WATCHING BRIEF REPORT.
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Excavation of a foundation trench at the private residence of Mr. Paddy Lenehan was overseen by the Oxford Archaeological Unit for the presence of features and artefacts. The work was undertaken by R.Cooper, building contractors of Carterton. Bampton is known to have a Romano-British settlement, and owes much of it's present appearance to medieval development.

The foundation trench for a utility room was dug to a uniform depth of 0.82 m and extended 4.5 m away from the back of the house. Beneath topsoil lay a homogenous band of reddish-brown clay, felt to be natural subsoil which in turn overlay natural sandy gravel. No features were observed to be cutting the gravel, nor seen in the trench sections. Two sherds of post-medieval pottery and one piece of animal bone came from the topsoil. Further monitoring of the building work was not felt to be required.

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