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SUMMARY

Laing O'Rourke has recently constructed a pre-cast concrete moulding manufacturing complex at Steetley Quarry, Nottinghamshire (SK 5530 7891). Oxford Archaeology North (OA North) was commissioned by Waterman Energy, Environment & Design Ltd on behalf of Laing O'Rourke, to undertake a series of archaeological watching briefs, evaluations and an excavation on the site which has a resulted in the production of a post-excavation assessment in 2008 and a watching brief report in January 2011. A small watching brief was also undertaken in August 2011.

A small building survey was undertaken in October 2011, focusing on photographing a nineteenth century wall, 72m in length, before demolition, in an area being considered for further development.

This report on October's work has been issued as a supplement to the watching brief documents.

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Vickie Jamieson undertook the site work for OA North and wrote the report. Gill Hey managed the project and edited the report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Laing O'Rourke has constructed a pre-cast concrete moulding manufacturing complex at Steetley Quarry, Nottinghamshire (SK 5530 7891). Oxford Archaeology North (OA North) was commissioned by Waterman Energy, Environment & Design Ltd, on behalf of Laing O'Rourke, to undertake a small building survey of a nineteenth century wall in association with potential further ground works.

2. METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 The building survey was undertaken by Vickie Jamieson on behalf of Oxford Archaeology North on 20th October 2011. The works undertaken on this date comprised photographing a wall with survey targets placed at 1m intervals, except where visibility was restricted when 0.5m intervals were used. The survey tags allowed the wall to be geo-rectified and an accurate 3D model made of it. The wall was located in zone 3B of the Waterman zone layout plan.
- 2.2 The photographs were downloaded in the office and an accurate model plan of the wall was made using Agisoft PhotoScan and Kubit PhotoPlan software.

3. RESULTS

- 3.1 The wall was located at the south-eastern edge of the woodland area of zone 3B (Fig. 1). The wall was 72m in length and 1.75m in height. The wall runs on a south-west to north-east alignment for 22.5m and then turns 90° to run south-east to north-west for 5m, then turning again at 90° to run for a further 44.5m on a south-west to north-east alignment.
- 3.2 Survey tags were placed on the wall at 1m intervals (Plate 1), except for for the stretch of wall from 16m to where it turns, where the targets were placed at intervals of 0.5m. This was due to restricted access, and inability to move further away from the wall to photograph it. The last 10m of the wall could not be photographed with survey tags as heavy fencing was prevented access to the wall.
- 3.3 The wall itself is constructed of hand cut, light grey stones of varying sizes, with a grey sandy mortar. The wall sits on top of a concrete foundation, that extends 0.5m above ground level. It was heavily overgrown with ivy and surrounded by trees which were cleared so that the survey could be undertaken (Plate 2).
- 3.4 The wall is recorded on the 1961 Ordnance Survey map (Fig. 2). It appears to be associated with the former Ten Row Cottages, though its function remains unclear. It may have been a boundary wall.
- 3.5 The rectified image of the wall is shown on Figure 3.

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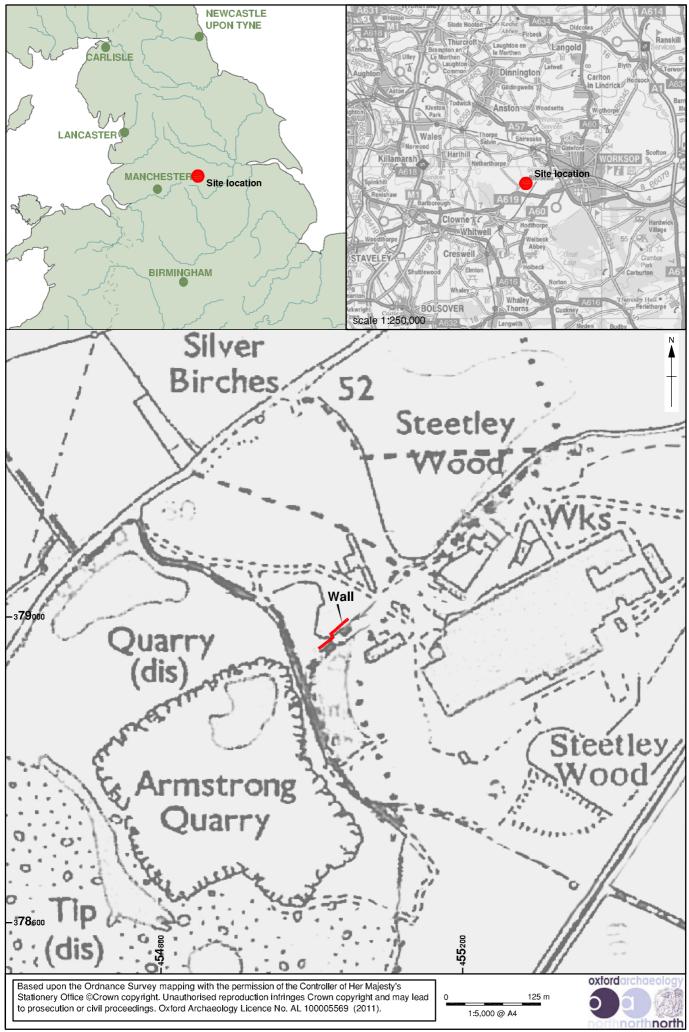


Figure 1: Site location

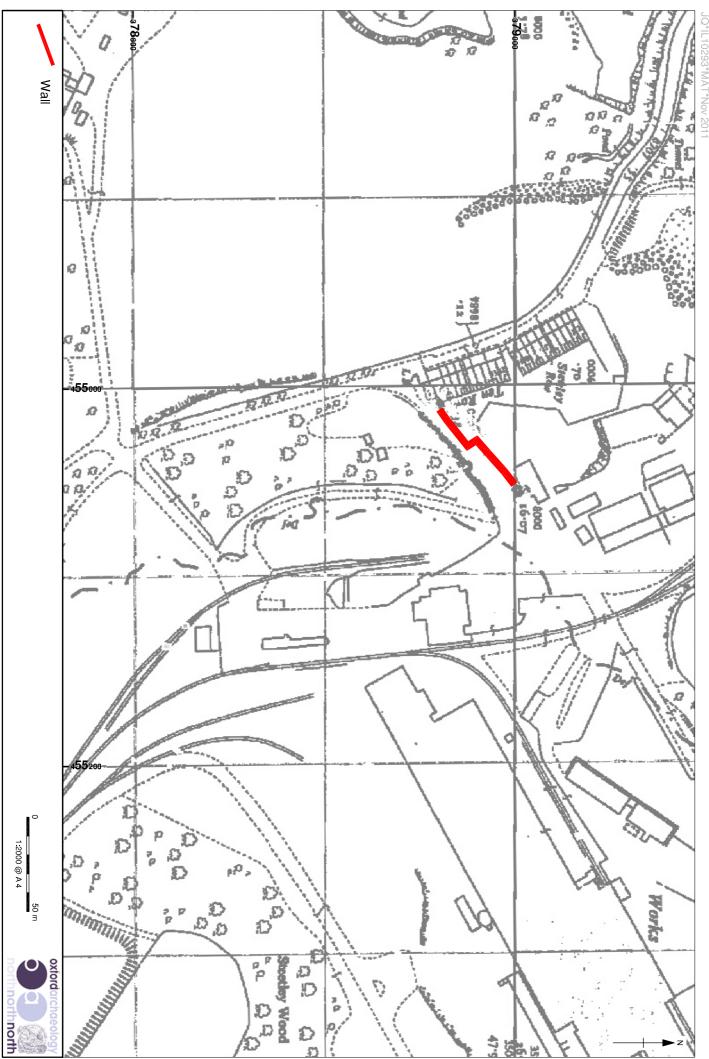
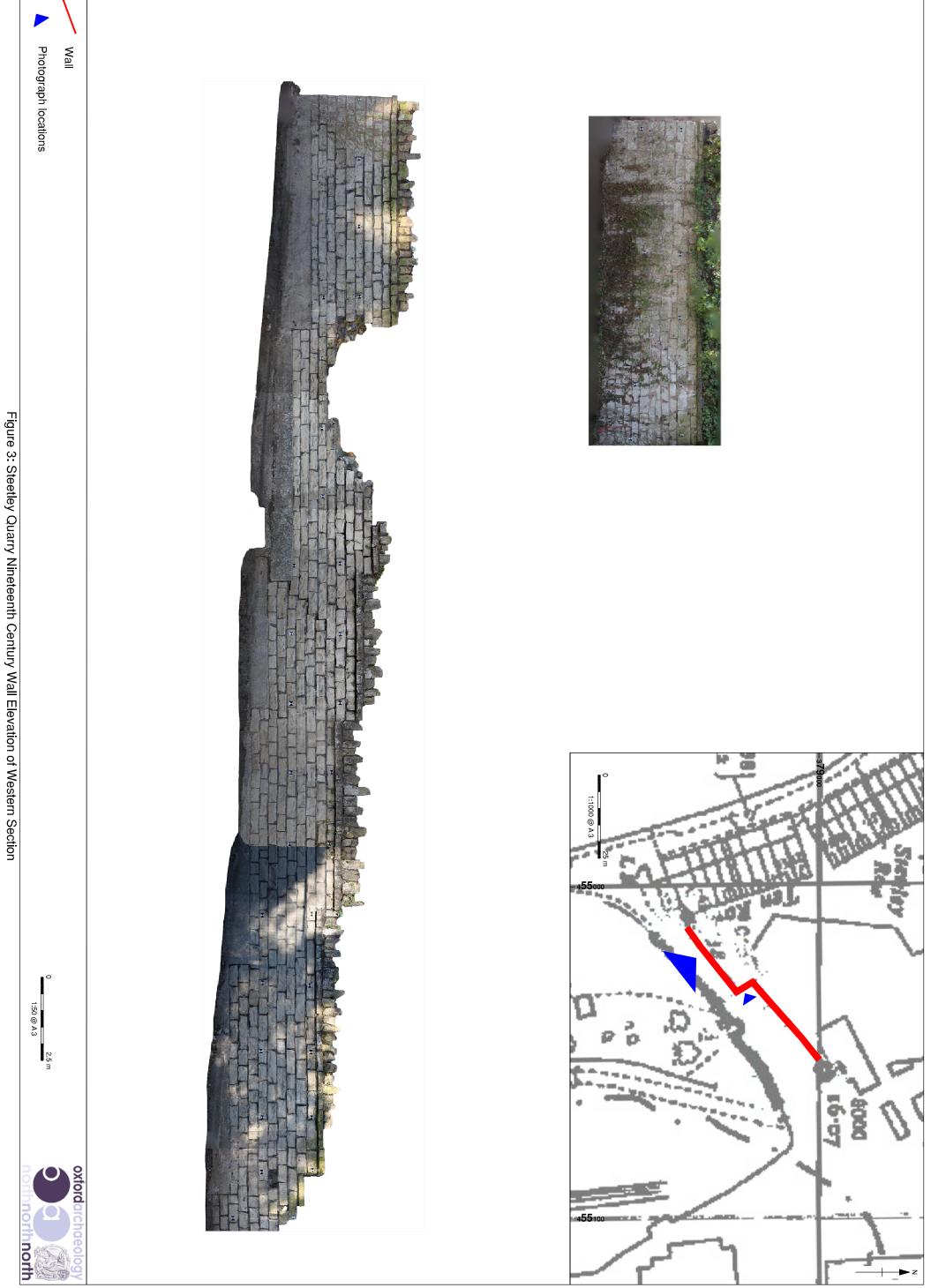


Figure 2: Wall location



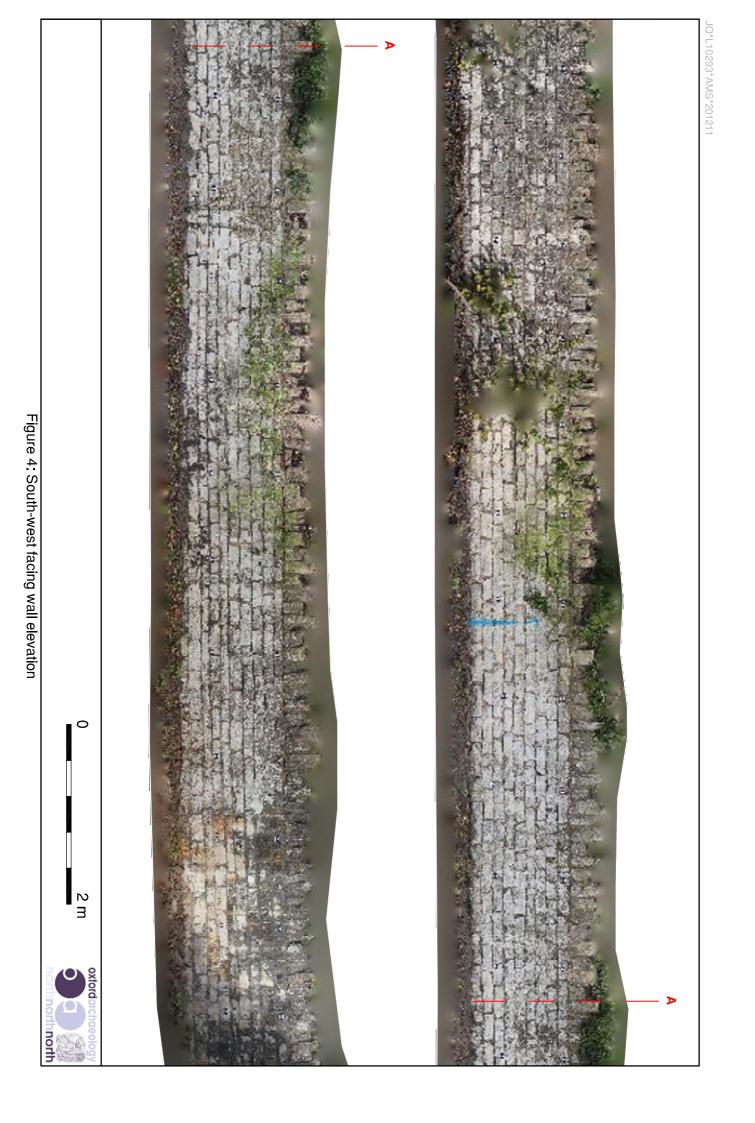




Plate 1: Section of wall with survey tags.



Plate 2: Wall after vegetation clearance.