

Saxton Rovers Football Club  
Caldecott Recreation Ground  
Abingdon  
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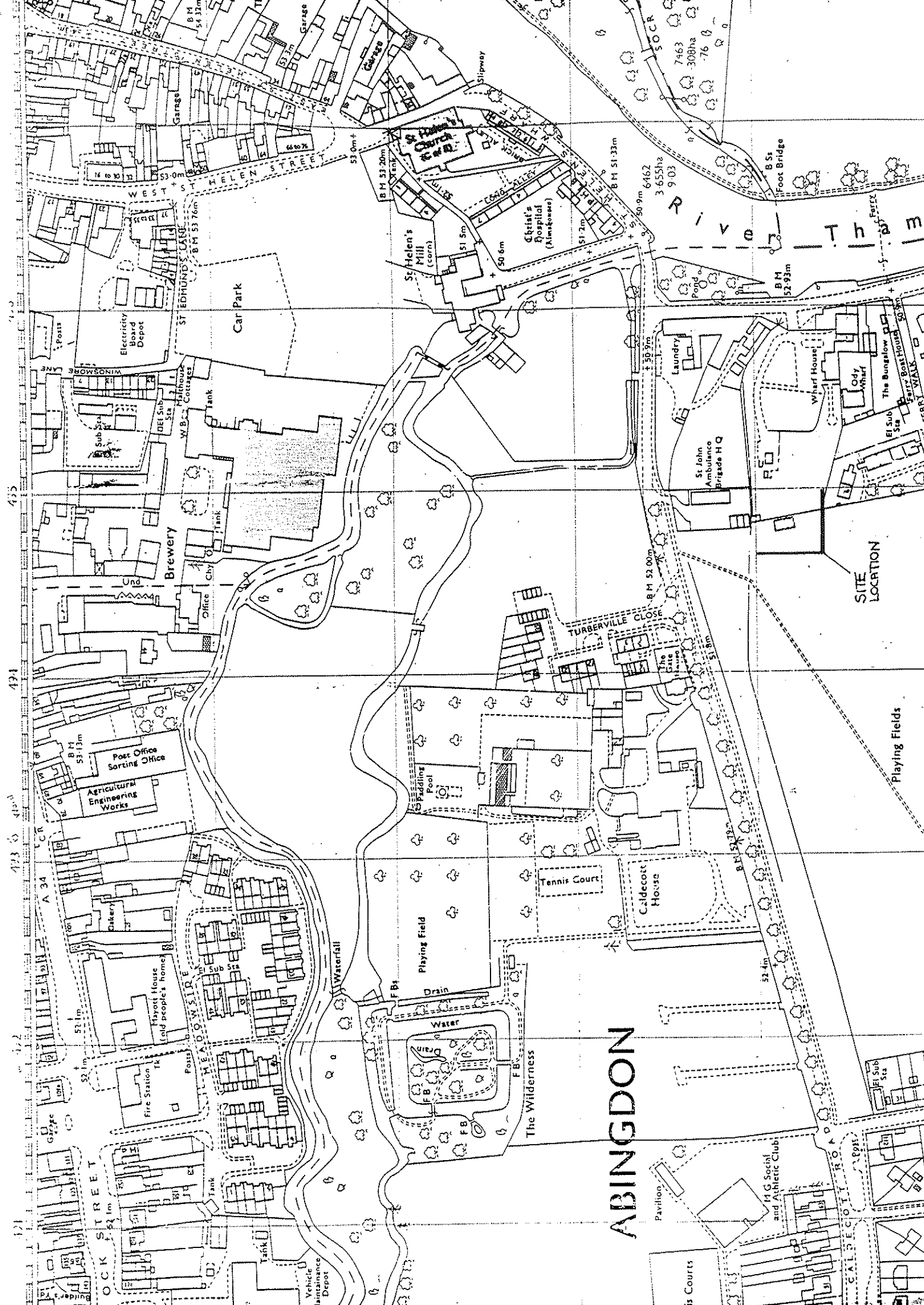
A watching brief was undertaken by the Oxford Archaeological Unit on 23rd August, 1994 at Caldecott recreation ground, Abingdon. A foundation trench for an extension to the clubhouse was excavated using a kabota JCB. The work was carried out by Bramleys of Abingdon. The trench and the spoil heaps were monitored for the presence of finds and archaeological features.

The trench was 0.55 m wide and was excavated to a maximum depth of 1.15 m. Three soil layers were observed in the trench. Topsoil (1), a dark brown friable clay loam (0.27-0.40 m thick) overlay (2) a thick deposit of dark brown clay (0.50-0.75 m thick). This layer sealed a soft yellow brown silty clay (3), which was present at the base of the excavated trench. Three modern service pipes including a water main were present, and were set into the second layer.

The sequence of deposits is similar to that observed in a service trench excavated across the recreation ground in June 1994. It is likely that the thick clay layer is alluvial, derived from the local rivers of the Ock and the Thames. The soft clay below is natural clay.

No features were observed. Modern finds such as glass and china were not retained.

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SITE LOCATION

Playing Fields

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