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## *SUMMARY*

An archaeological evaluation was carried out during December 2023, January 2024 and March 2026 at the former Moore's Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton juxta Twycross, Warwickshire in connection with a proposal for residential development of the site. The trial trenching identified a single linear ditch-like feature to the west of the site aligned north-south probably representing a former property boundary associated with an earlier settlement pattern. The boundary corresponds with the east side of the road opposite. A single medieval pot sherd was recovered from a sub-rectangular pit-like feature containing the skeletal remains of a cow that truncated the in-filled ditch, may have been residually re-deposited. This would suggest that the ditch was constructed no later than the C14. A second undated isolated pit within the same trench, also containing the skeletal remains of a cow, partly articulated, was also recorded. To the north of the site, trial trenching revealed substantial truncation of the underlying deposits in connection with the construction of the existing carparking area to the rear of the former public house. The ground appears to have been reduced to the surface of the clay substrate and consolidated with layers of modern redeposited material including the insertion of a large drainage soak-away. Investigation of the footprint of the former smithy showed significant truncation of the underlying deposits associated with its construction.



Fig. 1: site location circled in red.



Fig. 2: Site location outlined in red.

## *INTRODUCTION*

### *Location and scope of works*

This document details the results of an archaeological evaluation during 20th, 21st December 2023; 10th January 2024 and 2nd March 2026 at the former Moore's Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton juxta Twycross, Warwickshire, CV9 3PU on behalf of the owner. Planning applications ([21/01146/FUL](#) & [21/00537/OUT](#)) had been approved by Hinkley and Bosworth Borough Council for the conversion of the former public house to one dwelling, demolition of outbuilding and the erection of three new dwellings to the west and north, including new access road, garage and parking.

The permission was subject to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requiring an evaluation to identify any heritage assets that may be affected by the redevelopment and to consider the potential impact on archaeological deposits, the results of which would, if necessary, inform a mitigation strategy for further archaeological work on site prior to or during the commencement of development.

The Historic Environment Record (HER) has identified a range of medieval earthworks, of closes and a possible moat, on land to the north and west of the application site ([mle3274](#)) indicating there is potential for medieval archaeological features within the development area. Furthermore, the HER has also identified an outbuilding to the rear of the Moore's Arms, as a possible C18 outbuilding of the former public house ([mle12973](#)).

Historic building recording was carried on the Moore's Arms and outbuilding/former smithy prior to conversion of the former and demolition of the latter (Richards, 2023).

### *Geology and topography*

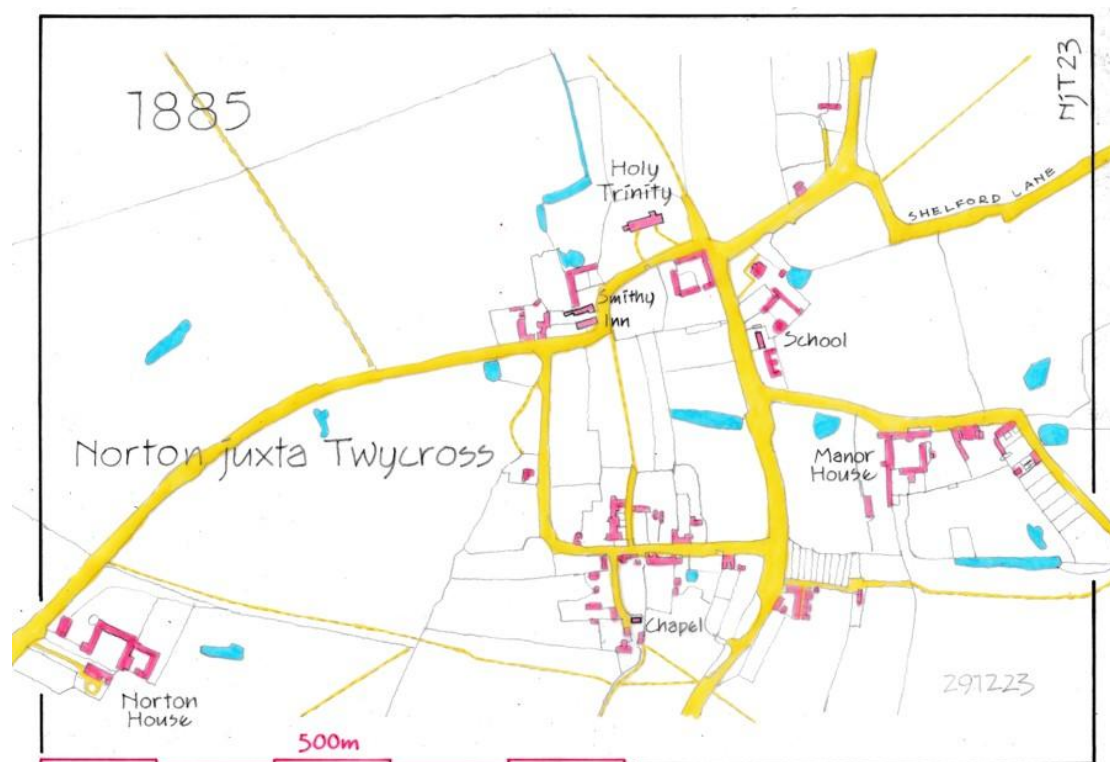
Norton juxta Twycross, usually known as simply Norton (*or "Norton-Juxta"*), is a small village in Leicestershire, England. The village is part of the parish of Appleby Magna. The population is included in the civil parish of Twycross.

The proposed development site is located on the northern side of Norton juxta Twycross, a predominantly residential settlement. The site consists of the

principal Grade II listed building (the former Moore's Arms public house), ([mle12973](#)) which has its principal elevation facing south onto Orton Lane together with a range of red brick, with painted brickwork to the front and gable elevations, with a plain tile roof.

The site lies on the north of Norton Juxta Twycross it comprises a roughly rectangular area former pub and car park and amounting to approx. 880m<sup>2</sup> situated at about 108m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD). The Geological Survey of Great Britain indicates that the underlying geology is likely to be red brown mudstone. (BGS, 1994).

### *HISTORICAL and ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND*



*Fig. 3: Historic Environment, based on the OS 1885.*

### *Historical Background*

The village has traditionally, and historically, been known as "Norton": deriving from the Anglo-Saxon, meaning "North-Town"; with variable spellings including "Northton" and "Nortone". The village, however, was also known for a brief period in the C17 "Hoggs Norton". The village's current name was acquired to

differentiate the village from the several others in the county named Norton. "juxta" is Latin for "near", and Twycross is a small village approximately 2 miles southeast of Norton.

The village is listed in the Domesday Book as a very small settlement, with only four households and the Lord of the Manor was recorded in both 1066 and 1086 as Countess (*Lady*) Godiva, widow of Leofric, Earl of Mercia although the manor has always been considered as forming part of the manor of Kempsey.

Norton was previously an independent parish, however, by 1839 was recorded as a chapelry within the parish of Orton on the Hill. It is currently within the parish of Appleby Magna.

The Moore's Arms in the early C19 is situated to the south-west of the church occupying a narrow linear plot with a long frontage to Orton Lane at the bend in the road. The historic evidence therefore suggests that the present building has had a long-established use as a public house and a similar range of buildings is shown on the OS maps throughout the C20. The early OS maps show a detached range of buildings occupying a similar narrow and separate plot to the rear. The former Moore's Arms ([mle12972](#)) is described in the list description as a mid to late C18 public house, with a painted brick exterior, plain tile roofs and brick end stacks. Although the list description does not provide any details of its historic floor plans and circulation routes, it does refer to chamfered ceiling beams and an open fireplace with salt and spice boxes. In addition, the building also derives some historic interest from its name, the Moore's Arms reflects the family name of the one of the principal landowners in the area, the Moore family who had their family seat in Appleby Magna and illustrates the historic social hierarchy in the village.

The Ordnance Survey First Edition County Series plan of 1885 shows the site standing within a cluster of buildings around the former Moore's Arms.

### *Archaeological Background*

The Leicestershire Historic Environment Record (HER) was consulted with a search carried out over a 500m radius centred on the site in order understand the archaeology of the locality. Significant aspects of the data within the HER that is relevant to the site is outlined below.

The Church of the Holy Trinity ([mle12969](#)) stands to the north-east of the former Moore's Arms and the list description notes that the Church consists of a four-bay nave, three bay chancel with vestry and a west tower and whilst it has

early C14 origins, it was heavily restored in 1841. On the eastern side of the churchyard a pair of C13-C14 recumbent stone effigies ([mle12971](#)) as well as the chest tomb of William Glen who died in 1808 ([mle12970](#)).

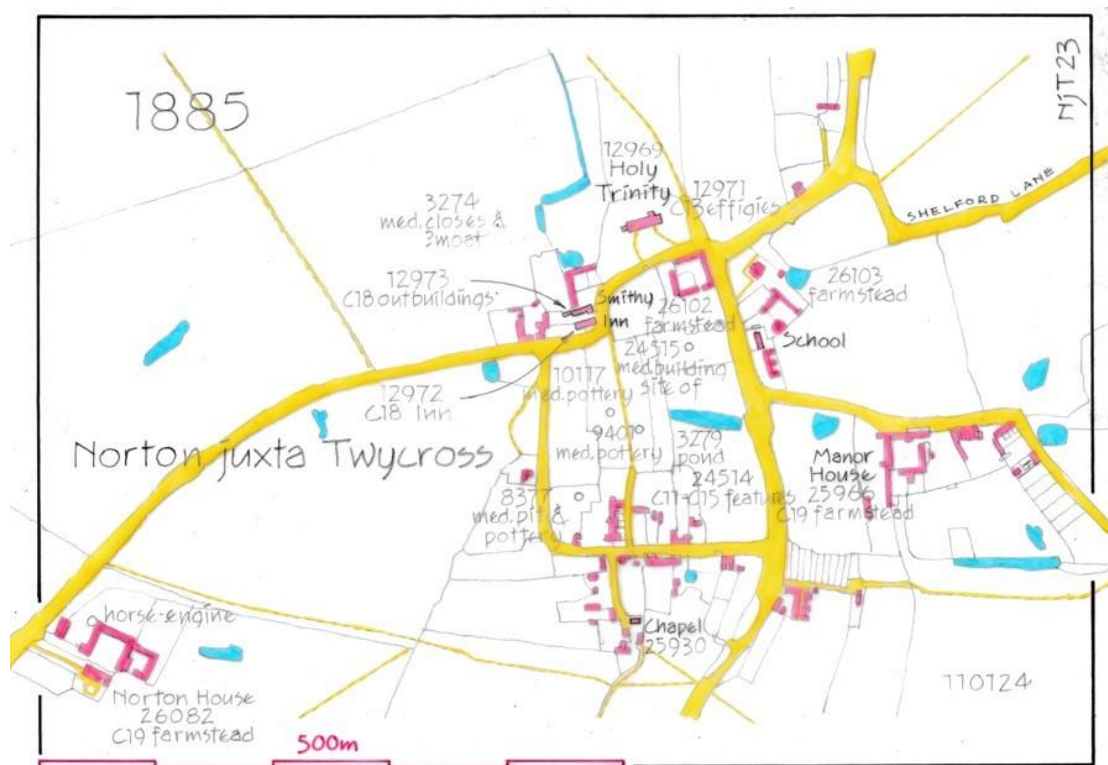


Fig. 4: Historic Environment Monument Records.

[mle3274](#) Medieval closes and possible moat west of the church, Norton Juxta Twycross. Cropmarks of closes and what may be a moat can be seen on aerial photographs north-west of the church (clearly visible on the 1969 aerial photos). "Immediately to the west of the churchyard is an "L" shaped pond, possibly the remains of a small moat."

[mle3279](#) Pond/moat west of The Manor, Norton Juxta Twycross. A long thin rectangular pond, perhaps once part of a moat, although evidence for this is lacking. Mapped as the pond shown on the late C19/1903/1924/1958 OS maps. A long rectangular pond, perhaps once part of a moat, though there seems no real evidence for this. The pond is c.300' long. (RFH 02/12/86)

[mle6001](#) The medieval and post-medieval historic core of the village, as deduced from landscape maps, etc.

[mle8377](#) Medieval activity, 11, Cock Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross.

A watching brief in 1999 revealed evidence of medieval occupation including a possible medieval waste pit. 14 sherds of medieval pottery were recovered, C11-C14 in date (Clarke, 1999).

*mle9343*: Undated cobbled road surface showing in several places on Main Street and Wood Lane, recorded during a watching brief on mains renewals in 2000/1 (Smith, 2002).

*mle9401*: Medieval pottery from 38A, Main Street, Norton Juxta Twycross. Nine sherds of medieval pottery (C10-C14) were recovered during a watching brief in 2001. A further sherd was found in the vicinity during a watching brief in 2003.

*mle10117*: Medieval pottery from Plot 2, 7 Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross. An archaeological watching brief in 2003 revealed a single sherd of possible medieval pottery.

*mle24162* Former farmstead at 1 Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross. Map evidence (and photographic record made during 1989 demolition) of a brick-built courtyard farmstead. Appears to have been single storey on three sides (west, east and south) with a two-storey (?) barn in the south-east corner. The northern range was not photographed and may have included the farmhouse.

*mle24514* Medieval activity, Main Street, Norton Juxta Twycross. Various ditches and gullies were recorded during trenching in 2018 that could relate to enclosures and site drainage. Pottery found in the excavated features dates to between the C11 and C15. Associated animal bone suggests disposal of domestic waste.

*mle24515* Site of post-medieval building, Main Street, Norton Juxta Twycross. The remains of a brick floored (C19?) 1.6m deep cellar backfilled with rubble was encountered during trial trenching in 2018. There is no building shown on the 1814 or 1886 OS maps, so it unclear what these remains relate to.

*mle25966* The Manor House, 8 Wood Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross. A C19 courtyard farmstead with the farmhouse forming most of the northern/street front range. The 1886 & 1903 OS maps show an unwallled horse engine to the west of the western range - suggesting a threshing barn. The

farmhouse has been fully renovated but the eastern, southern and much of the western ranges have been demolished (Google Maps 01/07/2021).

*mle26082*: Norton House Farm, Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross.

A regular multi-courtyard farmstead with detached farmhouse. The 1903 OS shows an unwallled horse engine sited off the north-west corner of the yard.

*mle26102*: Un-named former farm at 1 Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross.

A C19 loose, four-sided courtyard farmstead, opposite the parish church. Although the farm is clearly extant on the 1969 air photographs, it is not clear which of the buildings was the farmhouse. All the buildings associated with the farm were demolished by 1991, replaced by a housing estate.

*mle26103*: Un-named former farm at 1 & 5 Main Street, Norton Juxta Twycross.

A C19 loose, L-shaped courtyard farmstead, with detached house to the north (The Firs). The eastern range of farm buildings includes a covered entrance. Both the farmhouse and farm buildings are extant but have been interspersed with modern development.

## *EXCAVATION METHODOLOGY*

### *Aims of the work*

The objectives of the evaluation were to determine the date, character, quality, survival and extent of the archaeological deposits within the application area likely to be threatened by the proposed development in order that an informed decision on their importance in a local, regional and national context can be made. This information would clarify whether any remains should be considered for preservation *in situ* or form the basis of a mitigation strategy.

In particular, the aims of the investigation will include:

- i) establishing the date, nature and extent of activity or occupation on the development site;
- ii) recovering artefacts to assist in the development of type series within the region;
- iii) recovering palaeo-environmental remains to determine local environmental conditions.

In particular, the aims of the investigation will include:

iv) establishing the potential for Medieval archaeological deposits related to the early settlement.

### *Sample size and scope of fieldwork*

The first stage of the evaluation comprised a total of two 15m long trenches located in the area of plot 1 and associated parking fronting Orton Lane and within the footprint of plot 4 (to the north of the site). A third trench was excavated within the footprint of the outbuilding or former smithy (OS 1885). during a second stage of investigation following its demolition. All the trenches were excavated at a minimum width of 1.50m.

### *Fieldwork methods and recording*

The archaeological field work and post-excavation was carried out in accordance with standards and guidance for archaeological field evaluations produced by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA, 2020). All deposits were excavated removing the overburden under close archaeological supervision and investigated for archaeological features. Plans and sample sections of the trenches were made and recorded during excavation.

## ***RESULTS: GENERAL***

### *Soil and ground conditions*

Conditions were generally dry during the excavation although the soil layers showed noticeable water retention. Excavation was relatively smooth throughout the trenches being made through alternate layers of soil until the surface of the natural clay substrate was revealed in both trenches. This was particularly evident in trench 1 to the west of the site where the ground has remained largely undisturbed.

### *Reliability of field investigation*

There was little evidence of truncation in trench 1 where deposits appear to survive relatively intact below redeposited soil. In trench 2 truncation of the earlier deposits above the surface of the natural clay appears to have been carried out during the construction of the existing car parking area associated with the former public house. Truncation of the underlying deposits associated with the construction of the former smithy was also evident in trench 3.

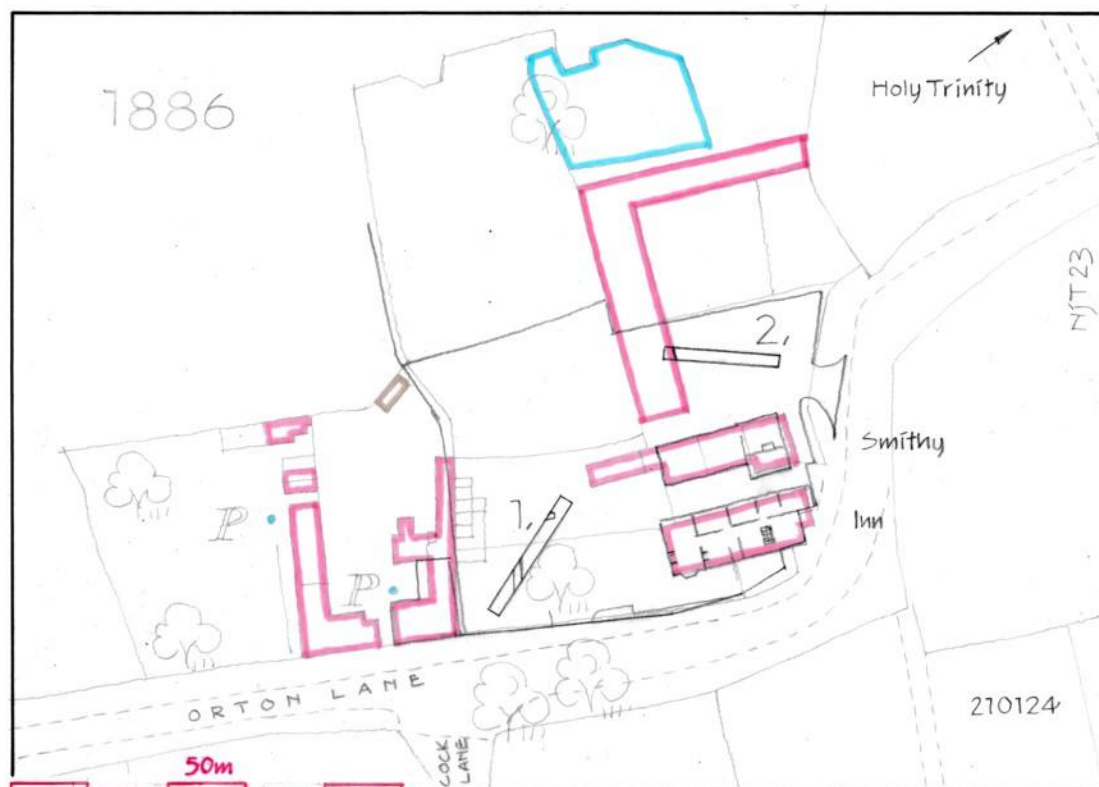


Fig.5: site plan and 1886 setting with location of trenches 1 and 2.

### *Distribution of archaeological deposits*

Archaeological deposits comprised two pit-like features, each containing the skeletal remains of a cow. One of these was undated, although the evidence suggests a possible modern origin. The other pit feature produced a single sherd of medieval pottery, but this may have been residually redeposited from the underlying fill associated with a single linear ditch-like feature interpreted as a probable former property boundary.

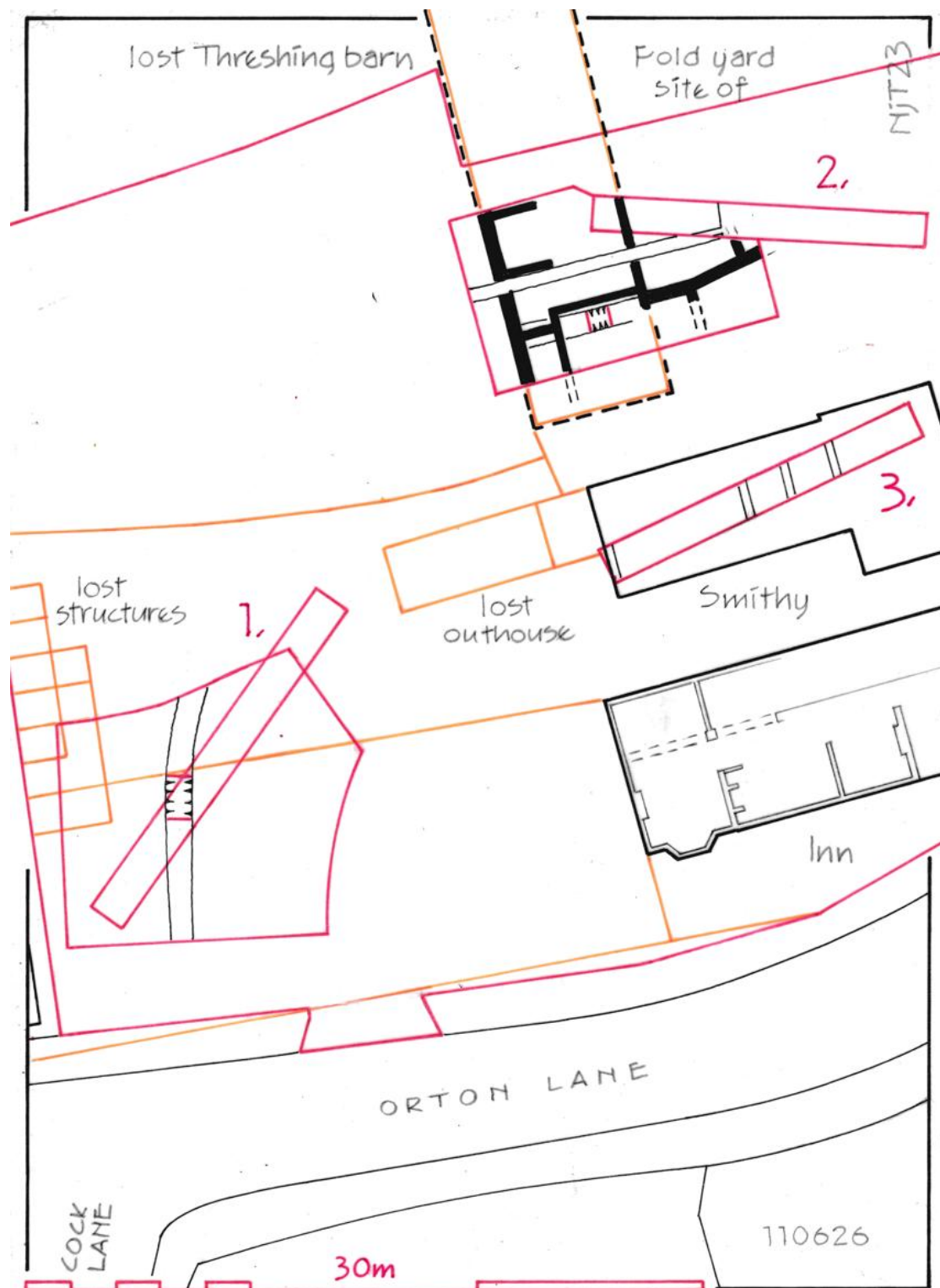


Fig.6: detailed site plan and 1886 setting with location of trenches 1, 2 and 3 including the subsequent strip, map and sample excavation areas also outlined in red.

## *Presentation of results*

The results of the excavation (below) are described from the earliest to the latest deposits. Trenches were attributed context numbers with a numerical value equivalent to the number of the trench.

## *RESULTS: DESCRIPTIONS*

### *Trench 1*

The surface of the natural substrate (103), consisting of a stiff light grey clay with the occasional component of small stones, was recorded at a roughly level height of about 107.80m AOD throughout the trench. At the southwest end a single linear ditch feature [113], aligned north-south, was recorded. Sample excavation showed it was about 0.30m deep, 1.30m wide and filled by a single deposit (104) comprising an olive-brown, silty-clay with some light-grey clay mottling throughout the deposit. No finds were recovered from this fill, which was itself truncated by a later, sub-rectangular shaped pit [106] measuring 1.85m long, 0.75m wide and 0.40m deep, also orientated north-south along the central axis of the ditch fill (104). Construction of this pit penetrated about 0.20m below the bottom of ditch [113] itself. It was filled at its base by the partially exposed, disarticulated skeletal remains of a cow, subsequently overlain by the (back) fill deposit (108), a mid-greyish-brown, silty clay with a significant amount of natural grey clay mottling throughout. A single sherd of C14 pottery was recovered from this deposit although it remains unclear if this was the original context of deposition or whether it was residually redeposited from the earlier ditch fill deposit (104) during the construction of the pit itself.

Overlying the natural clay substrate throughout the trench to a depth of up to 30m was a relict subsoil deposit (102) and truncating this layer towards the northeast end of the trench was another partially exposed, albeit undated, sub-rectangular pit-like feature [110] which also contained the partial skeletal remains of a cow. These comprised the spine and ribs face down, bent over more than forty-five degrees within a narrow pit. To the west of the spine, near the trench edge, was a pelvic bone and some smaller bones, possibly lamb. Sealing these remains and filling the remainder of the pit was a single undated deposit consisting of a brown clayey-silt, interestingly this was similar to the overlying

soil layer (101) which was itself about 0.30m thick and interpreted as likely redeposited modern material along the length of the trench.

### *Trench 2*

The surface of the natural substrate (202), consisting of a stiff red clay mottled throughout with light grey clay and containing a component of small stones, was recorded at a roughly level height of about 107.25m AOD throughout the trench. However, although it is likely that the surface level of the clay substrate is relatively intact, the stratigraphy suggests that some previous truncation of this deposit can be expected to have occurred within this part of the site during the creation of the existing carparking area.

At the southwest end of the trench, two modern land drains were recorded aligned northwest southeast.

Overlying the clay substrate within the eastern half of the trench was an undated 0.20m thick deposit (201) consisting of a greyish-brown, clayey-silt with a component of small stones. This was in turn sealed by a 0.16m thick modern carpark deposit consisting of crushed and compressed stone (200).

At the western end of the trench the clay substrate was sealed by a 0.30m thick deposit (206) of modern hardcore, comprising a mixture of brick rubble, redeposited natural clay, cement, stone and pebbles. This was in turn overlain by the deposit (201), the same recorded at the east end of the trench and sealing this the same carpark material (200).

A large modern pit, at least 4.0m wide and seemingly acting as a drainage soakaway truncated the central area of the trench immediately beneath the carpark deposits. A single linear trench approx. 0.30m wide connects with this pit on its western edge and is likely the main drainage channel feeding the soakaway.

Overlying the clay substrate at the northeastern end of the trench was part of the walled remains (203) and floor surface (205) of the former brick building recorded on the OS 1885 map.

### *Trench 3*

The surface of the natural substrate (301), consisting of a stiff red clay mottled throughout with light grey clay and containing a component of small stones, was recorded at a roughly level height of about 107.25m AOD throughout the trench. Some previous truncation of this deposit is likely during the construction of the former smithy (recently demolished); no archaeological deposits or cut features

Hand-drawn archaeological plan of Trench 1, showing two burials (111 and 112) and various measurements. The plan is oriented with North (N) at the top.

**Measurements:**

- 5m (top horizontal scale)
- 1m (bottom horizontal scale)
- 103 (multiple locations along the trench boundaries)
- 102 (near burial 111)
- 110 (near burial 111)
- 106 (near burial 112)
- 104 (near burial 112)
- a, b, c, d (red dimension lines indicating specific measurements)

**Labels:**

- skeletal remains 111
- skeletal remains 112
- NJT23 (on the right side)
- 210124 (bottom left)
- Trench 1, Plans (center bottom)

The plan shows two burials, 111 and 112, both containing skeletal remains. Burial 111 is located in the upper left, and Burial 112 is located in the lower right. The trench is bounded by a dashed line, with measurements 103 and 102 indicating specific dimensions. Red dimension lines (a, b, c, d) are used to indicate specific measurements within the trench. The plan is oriented with North (N) at the top.

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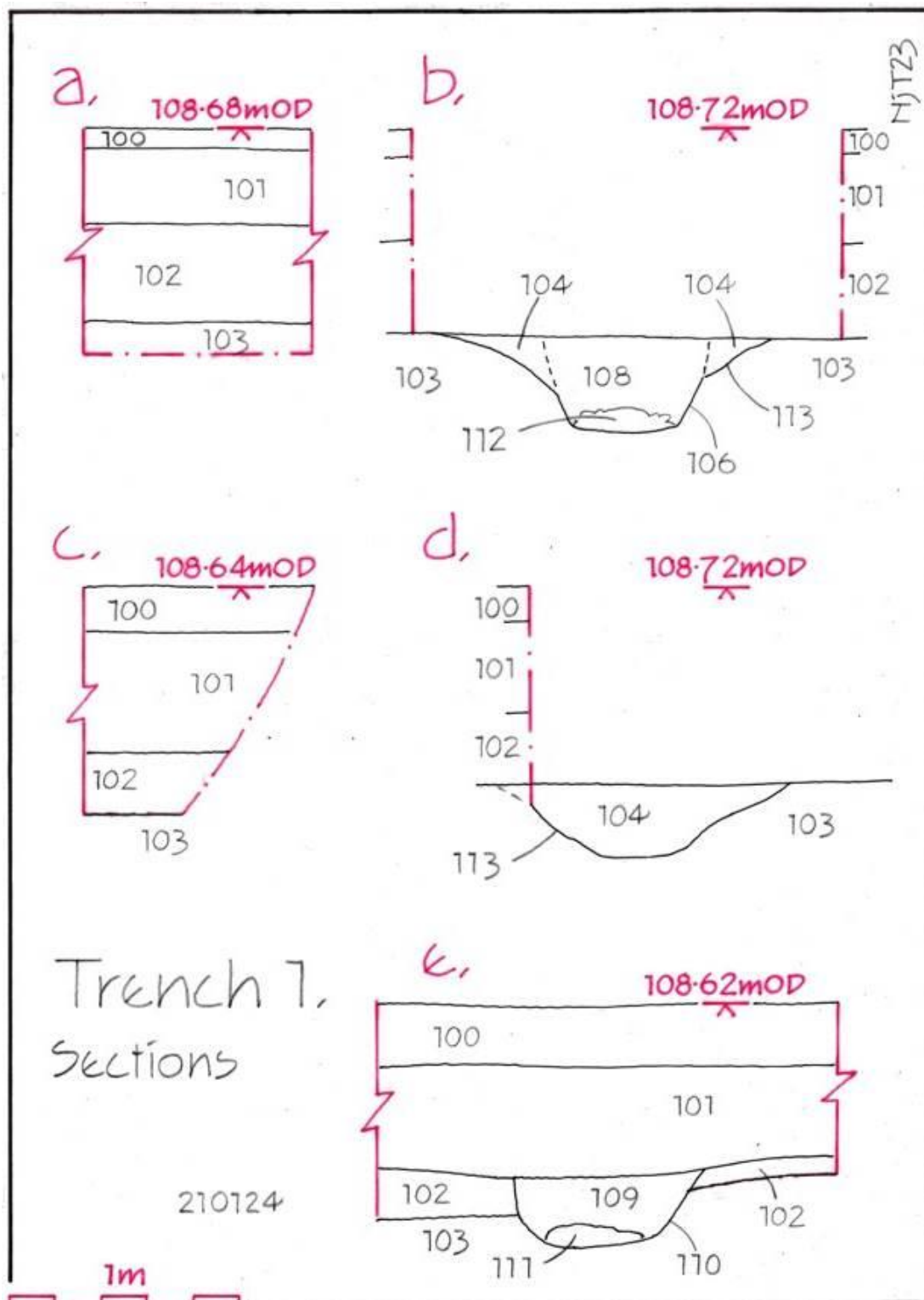


Fig.8: trench 1 sections.

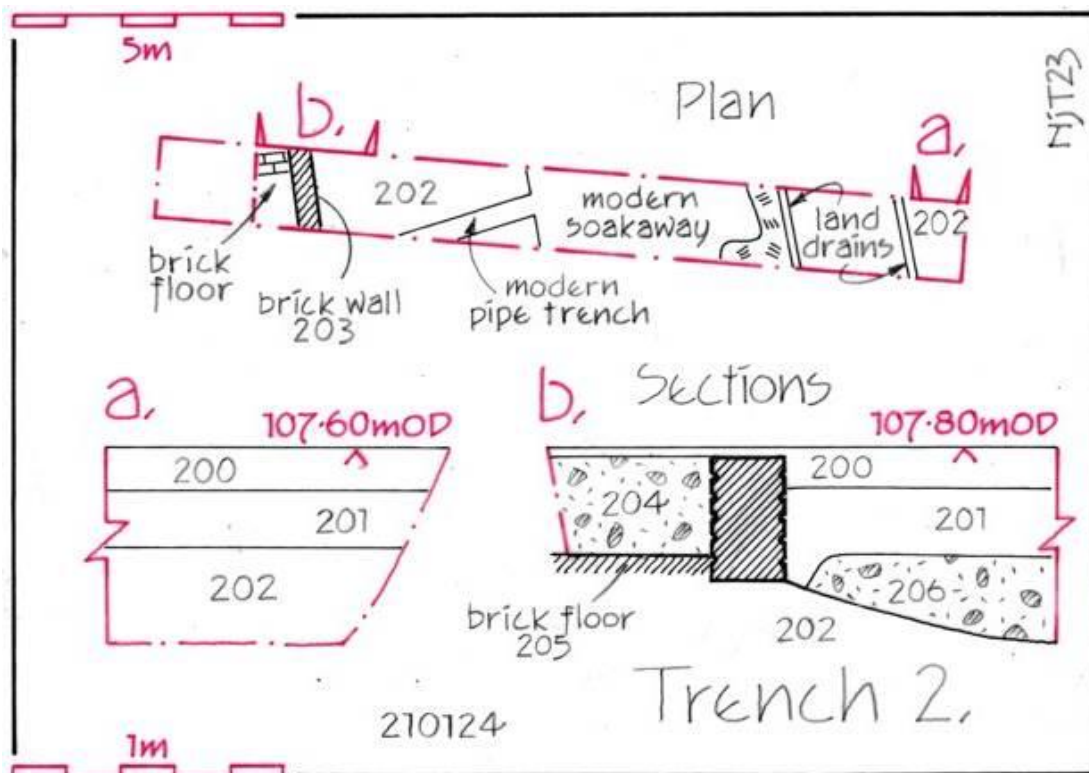


Fig.9: trench 2 plan and sections.

## FINDS

### *The Pottery by Paul Blinkhorn*

A single sherd of pottery weighing 29g occurred, in context 108. It is a fragment of a green-glazed jug in Chilvers Coton 'C' Ware, fabric CC2 of the Leicestershire County type-series (Sawday 1994). It is of C14 date. The sherd is large, sharp, and fresh, and appears reliably stratified.

### *The Animal bone; site visit by Jennifer Browning*

A site visit was made during 8th January 2024 to examine and identify the skeletal remains where it was confirmed that all the visible bones belong to animals rather than humans.

The bones in the ditch (Skeletal remains 112) belong to a large mammal, probably a cow. There is a bone towards the top of a group which appears to be a

cattle humerus. The degree of articulation of the bones is not currently clear but further excavation will resolve this.

Skeletal remains 112 represent at least two animals. The main skeleton comprises the articulated vertebrae, ribs and mandibles of an adult cow. There seems to be a broad anatomical coherence, suggesting that it is a single articulated skeleton, although the spine has clearly been folded into an unnatural position. There is a further group of smaller bones from a separate animal, adjacent to the mandibles, close to the northwest baulk. Two of these bones were examined and appear to belong to a neonatal animal, probably lamb.

Excavation of the exposed remains within both pit-like features was carried out following their identification, a detailed report on the remains will be added to the final report.

### *Environmental data*

None of the deposits identified during excavation proved suitable for palaeo-environmental sampling.

## *DISCUSSION*

The HER shows that the former Moore's Arms lies on the northern edge of the village which based on the current historical and archaeological evidence originated as a settlement in the Late Saxon/Early Medieval period. Archaeological interventions so far have recorded C14 activity within the village.

Trench 1, placed to the west of the application site, recorded a single linear ditch [113] within the surface natural clay substrate although it is likely that it was constructed at the surface of the earlier relict subsoil layer (102) representing the earliest occupation horizon.

Truncating the infilled ditch along its central axis was a later pit [106] containing the partial remains of a cow, whether this event was deliberate or coincidental with the ditch alignment itself is unclear, but a single sherd of C14 pottery recovered from the fill of the pit (108) is likely residual, being redeposited during the excavation of the pit through the earlier ditch fill. This would indicate that the ditch is at least C14 in date.

The character and alignment of the ditch, perpendicular to Orton Lane, suggests an earlier property boundary, possibly associated with the adjacent

cottage which in 1885 formed part of a larger farmstead west of the Moore's Arms. A brook marks the current boundary between the two properties and remains a significant watercourse in the village facilitating the flow of water from the higher ground to the north, but it may be that the ditch recorded in trench 1 marked an earlier location. Interestingly, the alignment of the ditch corresponds with a boundary along the eastern edge of the road opposite, evidence perhaps of an earlier settlement pattern based on a series of small holdings perpendicular to either side of the road frontage.

Truncating the subsoil layer towards the northeast end of the trench was another partially exposed, sub-rectangular pit-like feature [110] which also contained animal remains (111). These remains appeared partially articulated although, particularly the spine and ribs although bent in half as if to ensure that they fitted into the pit. The pit was filled with a single undated deposit consisting of a brown clayey-silt, similar in colour and composition with the overlying soil layer (101) which itself is redeposited and although undated, is possibly modern in origin. The remains themselves may be associated with the occupation of the Moore's Arms rather than being anything archaeological.

The results from trench 2 within the northern half of the site suggests little earlier activity. The underlying deposits were clearly removed during the construction of the existing carpark area at least to the surface of the natural clay substrate and further modern truncation was observed within the central area of the trench where a modern drainage soak-away was recorded. At the west end of the trench was a brick wall and internal surface associated with a former building shown on the OS 1886 which appears to be part of a large range, probably farm buildings that formerly extended into the area to the north of the site.

Trench 3 also revealed little previous activity other than that associated with the construction of the former smithy, only the walled remains of this building were observed within the trench, any overlying deposits being previously removed during its construction.

### *Summary of results*

The investigation comprised initially of two trenches, each located within the footprint of a proposed new dwelling and driveway within the west and northern areas of the site with a third trench programmed within the footprint of the former smithy/outbuilding following its demolition. The results indicated that a probable C14 ditch-like feature survives within the western part of the proposed

development and that this is likely to represent a former property boundary associated with the medieval settlement pattern within this part of the village. Two pit-like features, each containing the remains of a cow were also recorded although both may represent more recent events, perhaps associated with the occupation of the Moore's Arms.

### *Significance*

The probable C14 ditch feature recorded in trench 1 perpendicular to the road frontage appears to represent a property boundary related to the settlement pattern during this period. The results from trenches 2 and shows little evidence of earlier occupation predating the Moore's Arms and that construction of the former smithy and the existing carparking area has resulted in significant truncation of the underlying deposits in this area of the site.

### *Impact of development*

The results of the investigation suggest that the construction of the new dwelling and associated car parking to the west of the site will likely impact on medieval archaeological deposits comprising a probable C14 property boundary. Two pit-like features containing animal remains were also recorded, but both appear to be more recent in origin, perhaps associated with the occupation of the former Moore's Arms rather than anything archaeological.

The results from the second and third trench to the north and east of the site revealed little evidence of occupation predating the Moore's Arms, the results also suggest that construction of the smithy and the existing car parking area resulted in the truncation of the earlier underlying deposits overlying the clay substrate.

### *Archive location & dissemination of the results*

On the completion of all fieldwork and in consultation with the curatorial service, the physical archive arising from the work will be deposited with the Leicestershire Museum Service (LMS). The digital archive/report will be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) via the online portal OASIS.

A summary of the results of the work will be published in the Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society.

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PLATES



Plate 1; former Moore's Arms, view from the southeast.



*Plate 2; trench 1 view northeast.*



*Plate 3; ditch fill (104) and pit fill (108), view northwest.*



*Plate 4; ditch [113] and pit [106] with skeletal remains (112), view north.*



*Plate 5; fill deposit (109), view northwest.*



*Plate 6; skeletal remains (111).*



*Plate 7; section 1a, view northeast.*



*Plate 8; section 1c.*



*Plate 9; trench 2, view east.*



*Plate 10; trench 2, view northeast.*



*Plate 11; trench 2, view northwest.*



*Plate 12; section 2a.*



*Plate 13; section 2b, view northeast.*



*Plate 14; trench 3, view east.*



*Plate 15; trench 3, view northeast.*



*Plate 16; trench 3, view northwest.*

**OASIS Summary**

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| <b>OASIS ID (UID)</b>                    | 110archa1-522407                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Project Name</b>                      | Archaeological Evaluation at former Moore's Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton juxta Twycross, Leicestershire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sitename</b>                          | former Moore's Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton juxta Twycross, Warwickshire, CV9 3PU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sitecode</b>                          | NJT23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Project Identifier(s)</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Activity type</b>                     | Evaluation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Planning Id</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Reason For Investigation</b>          | Planning: Between application and determination                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Organisation Responsible for work</b> | one ten archaeology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Project Dates</b>                     | 21-Dec-2023 - 2-Mar-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Location</b>                          | <b>former Moore's Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton juxta Twycross, Warwickshire, CV9 3PU</b><br>NGR: SK 32225 06994<br>LL: 52.659715845514924, -1.52500639998583<br>12 Fig: 432225,306994                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Administrative Areas</b>              | Country: England<br>County/Local Authority: Leicestershire<br>Local Authority District: Hinckley and Bosworth<br>Parish: Twycross                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Project Methodology</b>               | Three trenches were excavated next to Moore's Arms, Norton Juxta Twycross.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Project Results</b>                   | An archaeological evaluation was carried out during December 2023, January 2024 and March 2026 at the former Moore's Arms, 6 Orton Lane, Norton juxta Twycross, Warwickshire in connection with a proposal for residential development of the site. The trial trenching identified a single linear ditch-like feature to the west of the site aligned north-south probably representing a former property boundary associated with an earlier settlement pattern. The boundary corresponds with the east side of the road opposite. A single medieval pot sherd was recovered from a sub-rectangular pit-like feature containing the skeletal remains of a cow that truncated the in-filled ditch, may have been residually re-deposited. This would suggest that the ditch was constructed no later than the C14. A second undated isolated pit within the same trench, also containing the skeletal remains of a cow, partly articulated, was also recorded. To the north of the site, trial trenching revealed substantial truncation of the underlying deposits in connection with the construction of the existing carparking area to the rear of the former public house. The ground appears to have been reduced to the surface of the clay substrate and consolidated with layers of modern redeposited material including the insertion of a large drainage soak-away. Investigation of the footprint of the former smithy showed significant truncation of the underlying deposits associated with its construction. |

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| <b>Keywords</b>                    | Boundary Ditch - Medieval - FISH Thesaurus of Monument Types<br>Farm Building - Post Medieval - FISH Thesaurus of Monument Types                  |
| <b>Funder</b>                      | Private individual                                                                                                                                |
| <b>HER</b>                         | Leicestershire HER - rev - STANDARD                                                                                                               |
| <b>Person Responsible for work</b> | S Cook                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>HER Identifiers</b>             | HER Monument No - MLE29252, HER Event No - ELE12516, HER Monument No - MLE29251                                                                   |
| <b>Archives</b>                    | Physical Archive, Documentary Archive, Digital Archive - to be deposited with Leicestershire County Council Museums; Accession Id(s): X.A135.2023 |