

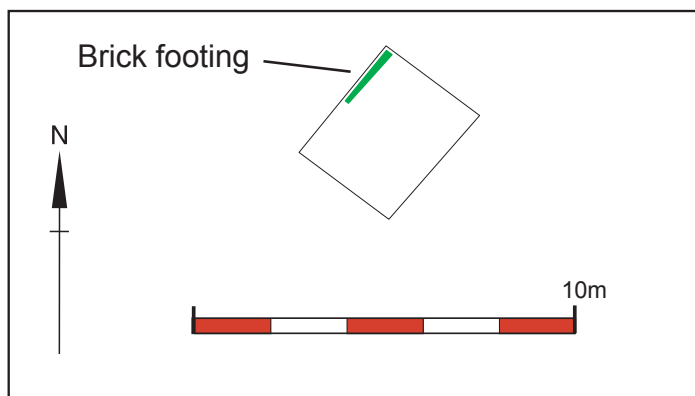
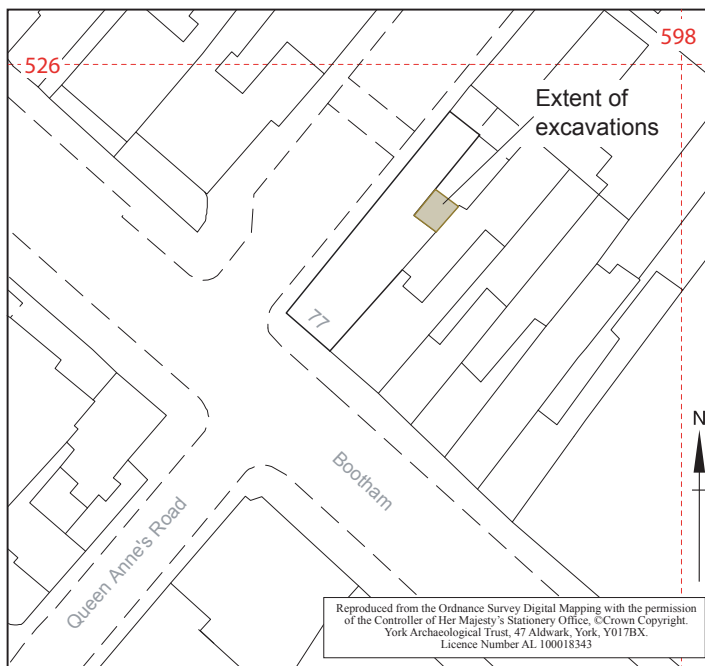


YORK ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST
WATCHING BRIEF REPORT FORM

SITE ADDRESS	77 Bootham, York						
CLIENT NAME	Mr J Lowery						
YAT PROJECT CODE	YAT REPORT NUMBER		MUSEUM ACCESSION NUMBER				
5046	2007/06		YORAT: 2007.9				
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SE 59775258	N/A		N/A				
ARCHIVE LOCATION	York Archaeological Trust						
DATES OF VISIT	16-17/01/2007						
DESCRIPTION							
<p>A watching brief was carried out during initial groundworks for a new rearward extension to the above property. The building dates from at least 1770, with a C19th rearward extension (RCHMY1, 62). Other local archaeological activity relates to Roman Road 7, which runs beneath the current A19 immediately in front of the building (Archaeology of York 6/1, 94-95), and to the associated Roman burial grounds, nearby to the NW in Clifton, and also to the SE where they were encountered during the C19th construction of the York-Scarborough railway line (RCHMY1, 72-73).</p> <p>An area 3.10m x 3.60m x 0.60m deep was excavated for a concrete foundation raft, made necessary by extensive C19th drainage works. These included a 2.20m wide circular brick-built feature, capped with concrete, and probably forming part of the original sewerage system. This lay in the south corner of the trench, extending beyond the SE limit of excavation. A ceramic drain ran NW from this structure to join another drain running NE-SW through the centre of the trench from a modern brick-built manhole at the SW limit of excavation. A rainwater drain ran into this from the western corner. Most of the area exposed was therefore completely truncated by these services, which were cut through a very mixed, soft, dark grey, sandy silt, with frequent CBM, mortar and roof slate fragments, interpreted as a ground make-up or levelling deposit associated with various modifications to the present building and its yard. The only feature of archaeological interest was 7 courses of the stepped, brick-built footing for the C19th extension, visible below the extant wall in the northern corner of the trench, for which no construction cut was discernable due to subsequent disturbances.</p> <p>Bibliography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brinklow, Hall et al, The Archaeology of York 6/1, Coney Street, Aldwark and Clementhorpe, Minor Sites, and Roman Roads, (1986, York Archaeological Trust/Council for British Archaeology, London)- RCHMY1 = The Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, England, An Inventory of the Historical Monuments in the City of York, Volume I, Eboracum, Roman York, (1981, HMSO, London)							
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