

WATCHING BRIEF: Groundworks being undertaken at The Old Croft, Green Street, Holt, Wrexham. LL13 9JF

Application No. HOL P/2023/0076

In compliance with condition 11 of the above planning notice, Chapel Archaeology have been commissioned by Mr Peter Catherall (Project Architecture), on behalf of Mrs Due Robson-Catling, to undertake a watching brief at The Old Croft, Green Street, Holt.

The primary objectives are:

To carry out a watching brief over all those parts of the development incorporating groundworks;

Recording of all archaeological features and deposits, and to recover any finds, if present;

Completion of the archive and the delivery of a report on any relevant findings.

1. METHODOLOGY

Archaeological deposits and any structural remains will be recorded employing a continuous context recording system.

Any archaeological features present, and their distribution, will be drawn up to a scale of 1:100.

All other plans will be drawn at 1:20.

Any significant profiles will be drawn at 1:10.

Deposits and structural remains will be levelled and related to a known datum point.

A photographic record of all significant features will be maintained throughout the course of the groundworks.

Any artefacts and ecofacts present will be collected and kept for identification and ANALYSIS. These will include all un-stratified artefacts recovered from the topsoil and upper levels of the subsoil, as well as material recovered from any re-used utility trenches for external footings.

After cleaning, the finds will be sorted, catalogued and stored by period and material type, following approved guidelines laid down by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard and Guidance for archaeological watching briefs.

Pottery and any building materials will be recorded by fabric type and form, where possible.

A sherd count will be made to enable comparisons between groups of materials.

Individual sherds and objects will be discussed, where they are important, to determine the date or functional context of a deposit.

Faunal remains, if of sufficient quantity, will be analysed by a local specialist.

A data management plan be created in accordance with 'Work Digital/Think Archive; Appendix 5

(<https://digventures.com/projects/digital-archives/>).

2. REPORT

A final report, in English, of any significant findings will be lodged with the LPA within 4 weeks of groundworks completion. Where required by the relevant LPA and/or HER, an executive (non-technical) summary will be provided in another LPA or HER specified UK language.

Following approval by the LPA, a further copy of the report will be sent for inclusion in the relevant HER.

3. ARCHIVE

Where required by the LPA and/or HER, the full digital archive will be deposited with an LPA and/or HER designated agency. The selection of items for such a digital archive will be agreed with designated agency.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- a) As requested by CPAT and as clarification to Section 2 above, Chapel Archaeology will provide an executive (non-technical) summary in Welsh.
- b) As requested by CPAT and as clarification to Section 2 above, Chapel Archaeology will provide a copy of the final report to CPAT in addition to the LPA.
- c) As requested by CPAT and as clarification to Section 3 above, on completion of the work Chapel Archaeology will contact NMR RCAHMW and agree with them what materials shall be provided by Chapel Archaeology as part of the archiving process.

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