

# All Saints Church, Hampreston Dorset

Archaeological Watching Brief



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#### **Summary**

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by RLM Architects Ltd on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church ('the client') to carry out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the renovation of the church heating system at All Saints Church, Hampreston, Dorset, centred on NGR 405520 098803.

The groundworks monitored comprised two hand dug test pits, situated on the east and west of the existing concrete plinth upon which the oil tank sits. Both test pits encountered cemetery soils, beneath a thin layer of topsoil in Test Pit 1 and made ground in Test Pit 2, with small quantities of disarticulated human remains being retrieved from the cemetery soil and topsoil. A mid-18th to 19th-century coffin handle was also recovered. The natural gravels were present at 0.85 m below the existing ground level. Features recorded were the exterior of a brick vault and a drainage pipe in Test Pit 1 and the outside wall of the church in Test Pit 2. No evidence for grave cuts was observed.

The disarticulated remains represent a minimum of two individuals and include the remains of one adult and an infant. The remains were reburied within the churchyard after all works were completed.

The archaeological watching brief successfully met the aims and objectives set out in the written scheme of investigation and showed that no *in situ* burials were present within the areas of the proposed development. The disarticulated remains recovered from the test pits are the result of burials being disturbed when the church was underpinned and drainage was installed.

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The fieldwork was directed by Alistair Zochowski, the report was written by Alistair Zochowski and Rachel Williams and edited by Naomi Brennan. The project was managed by Jon Kaines and Bill Moffat on behalf of Wessex Archaeology.



# All Saint's Church, Hampreston Dorset

# **Archaeological Watching Brief**

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project and planning background

- 1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by RLM Architects Ltd on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church ('the client'), to undertake an archaeological watching brief during the ground investigation works associated with the remodelling of the church heating system, which includes the excavation of a new support for the existing external oil tank and a new base for an external boiler. The monitored works covered 0.01 ha, centred on NGR 405520 098803, at All Saints Church, Hampreston, Dorset, BH21 7LX (Fig. 1).
- 1.1.2 The church is a Grade II listed building (National Heritage List for England (NHLE 1303912). A Heritage Statement (RLM Architects 2019) concluded that previous excavation for the existing oil tank base had already caused considerable disturbance. The proposal was to use small screwed piles supporting the new base to minimise the impact of the new work.
- 1.1.3 The watching brief was carried out under a draft interim faculty, issued by the Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), granted 9 July 2019. Due to the archaeological sensitivity of the site the groundworks were subject to an archaeological watching brief.
- 1.1.4 Within the draft interim faculty was the stipulation that:
  - In the unlikely event that articulated human remains are disturbed then works shall cease and advice sought from the DAC as to future conduct of the works.
- 1.1.5 The installation works are also the subject of a planning application submitted to East Dorset District Council (3/19/0937/FUL).
- 1.1.6 As part of the consultation comments were received from Historic England and the Senior Archaeologist at Dorset County Council which highlighted their concerns about possible archaeological impacts, in particular relating to the use of piles. As a result, and based on the results of the ground investigations, the foundation design was amended to use concrete pads and designed to minimise the likelihood of any impacts upon the foundations of a nearby table tomb and the church tower.
- 1.1.7 The watching brief was undertaken in accordance with a written scheme of investigation (WSI) which detailed the aims, methodologies and standards to be employed (Wessex Archaeology 2019). The Senior Archaeologist at Dorset County Council (SADCC), archaeological advisor to the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and the DAC's archaeological advisor approved the WSI, prior to fieldwork commencing. The watching brief was undertaken on the 10th October 2019.
- 1.1.8 Subsequent to the watching brief the planning application was approved on the 15 June 2020. Within this was the following archaeological condition:



The applicant shall ensure that archaeological observation and recording takes place during groundworks. This archaeological work shall be in accordance with Wessex Archaeology's document entitled 'All Saints Church, Hampreston, Dorset – Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Watching Brief' (document ref: 221880.01) that was submitted with the planning application.

Reason: This information is required in the interests of the special architectural, archaeological and historic interest of the Heritage Asset, and in accordance with policy HE1 of the Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy (Part 1) 2014 and Government Guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.

1.1.9 Due to the results of the ground investigation works (see **Discussion, Section 8**), the potential for any archaeological remains being disturbed during the final works was considered to be minimal. As such the watching brief undertaken during the ground investigation works detailed in this report is considered to fulfil this condition and no further works are proposed.

#### 1.2 Scope of the report

1.2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the results of the watching brief, to interpret the results within their local or regional context (or otherwise), and to assess their potential to address the aims outlined in the WSI, thereby making available information about the archaeological resource (a preservation by record).

#### 1.3 Location, topography and geology

- 1.3.1 The watching brief was located within the grounds of the All Saint's Church Hamperston, Dorset. The church is set in the north-western quadrant of a north south aligned elongated cemetery, which appears to have been expanded to the east. The church is located in the south-east corner of the village and surrounded by fields. The village of Hampreston, which comprises a small number of dwellings along Stapehill Road and the B3073, lies approximately 9 km northwest of Bournemouth and 5 km east of Wimborne Minster, along the north bank of the River Stour.
- 1.3.2 Existing ground levels are at approximately 16 m above ordnance datum (aOD) and the site is on level ground.
- 1.3.3 The underlying geology is mapped as London Clay Formation clay, silt and sand; sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 48 to 56 million years in the Palaeogene Period, with superficial river terrace deposits of sand and gravel formed up to 3 million years ago in the Quaternary Period (British Geological Survey online viewer).

#### 2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

#### 2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 A summary of the historic and archaeological background to the church and its immediate environs was prepared for the WSI and is included below. Where relevant, entry numbers from the Dorset Historic Environment Record (DHER) and the National Heritage List for England are included. Additional sources of information are referenced, as appropriate.



#### 2.2 Archaeological and historical context

Prehistoric (470,000BC - AD43)

- 2.2.1 A Palaeolithic hand axe and Bronze Age pottery (DHER 3 009 058B) were found 1 km away to the northwest, while a second Palaeolithic hand axe (DHER 5 000 527) was found at Knighton Farm Golf Course 1.5 km to the southwest. There is also fairly substantial evidence of Mesolithic and Neolithic activity, particularly to the south at Knighton Farm Golf Course. Late Neolithic occupation can be found as close as 80 m to the east of the site (DHER 3 009 056).
- 2.2.2 Bronze Age activity is also common within the general environs of the church. Approximately 500 m to the west, three barrows (DHER MDO 37153, 37152 and 37151) have been recorded from aerial photography, each having been plough-levelled they are now visible as crop marks. The continuity of funerary traditions throughout the Bronze Age is also highlighted by the presence of cremation cemeteries in the area. The closest of these was found approximately 1 km to the southwest at Longham but there are multiple examples present in the wider landscape.
- 2.2.3 Following the Bronze Age there is little evidence for Iron Age activity within the immediate vicinity of the site, although the Scheduled multivallate hillfort known as Dudsbury Camp (NHLE 1003583) is located nearly 2.5 km to the east and a small Iron Age settlement was found at Knighton Farm Golf Course (DHER 5 000 530).

Romano-British (AD43 – 410)

2.2.4 Roman activity is even more sparse for the area surrounding Hampreston but a bronze coin of Maximus II (AD 305-313) was found at Longham around 1.5 km to the southeast of the site.

Medieval (AD410 - 1500)

- 2.2.5 The present parish church is a Grade II listed (NHLE 1303912) building consisting of a nave with a west tower and east chancel as well as an adjoining southern vestry, a northern aisle and an organ chamber. Its external walls are built with ironstone rubble and ashlar dressings, and its roof is tiled.
- 2.2.6 Its early Norman origins are evidenced within the northern doorway and by interior features such as a 12/13th century font. The church's chancel consists of three bays and dates to the early part of the 14th century, while the West Tower is a little later. Work in 1731 added the northern porch and later, in 1823, a south vestry was built. 1896 saw extensive restoration to the church's northern side as its 18th century porch was removed and replaced with a north aisle, organ chamber and a newer north porch (heritagegateway.org.uk).

Post-medieval (AD1500 -1800)

2.2.7 Three designated heritage assets can be found within close proximity to the church. Church Cottages (NHLE 1120045), Rose Cottage (NHLE 1120043) and Manor Farmhouse (NHLE 1120044) are all Grade II listed buildings dated from the 17th and 18th century and together with the church form the older part of Hampreston village.



#### 3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

#### 3.1 Aims

- 3.1.1 The aims of the watching brief, as stated in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2019) and as defined in the ClfA's *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014a), were:
  - To allow, within the resources available, the preservation by record of archaeological deposits, the presence and nature of which could not be established (or established with sufficient accuracy) in advance of the development or other works;
  - To provide an opportunity, if needed, for the watching archaeologist to signal to all
    interested parties, before the destruction of the material in question, that an
    archaeological find has been made for which the resources allocated to the
    watching brief itself are not sufficient to support treatment to a satisfactory and
    proper standard; and
  - To guide, not replace, any requirement for contingent excavation or preservation of possible deposits.

#### 3.2 Objectives

- 3.2.1 In order to achieve the above aims, the objectives of the watching brief, also defined in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2019), were:
  - To determine the presence or absence of archaeological features, deposits, structures, artefacts or ecofacts within the specified works area;
  - To record and establish, within the constraints of the works, the extent, character, date, condition and quality of any surviving archaeological remains (a preservation by record);
  - To place any identified archaeological remains within a wider historical and archaeological context in order to assess their significance; and
  - To make available information about the archaeological resource on the site by preparing a report on the results of the watching brief.

#### 4 METHODS

#### 4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 All works were undertaken in accordance with the detailed methodology set out within the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2019) and in general compliance with the standards outlined in CIfA guidance (CIfA 2014a). The methods employed are summarised below.

#### 4.2 Fieldwork methods

General

4.2.1 The works monitored as part of the archaeological watching brief comprised the hand excavation of two test pits / trenches either side of the existing concrete plinth upon which sits the oil tank.



- 4.2.2 The watching archaeologist monitored all hand excavation within the specified areas. Where necessary, the surface of uncovered archaeological deposits were cleaned by hand. Any archaeological features and deposits, including any *in situ* burials identified were hand-excavated, sufficient to address the aims of the watching brief.
- 4.2.3 Spoil derived from the test pits and the hand-excavated archaeological deposits was visually scanned for the purposes of finds retrieval. Where found, artefacts were collected and bagged by context. Any disarticulated human bone recovered during the hand excavation was bagged by context, assessed on site and then reinterred as close to the location that they were found as possible once the development works were completed.

#### Recording

- 4.2.4 All exposed archaeological deposits and features were recorded using Wessex Archaeology's pro forma recording system. A complete drawn record of excavated features and deposits was made including both plans and sections drawn to appropriate scales (generally 1:20 or 1:50 for plans and 1:10 for sections), and tied to the Ordnance Survey (OS) National Grid. The Ordnance Datum (OD: Newlyn) heights of all principal features were calculated, and levels added to plans and section drawings.
- 4.2.5 Due to the enclosed nature of the site and the small dimensions of the test pits, the location of the test pits was recorded by triangulation/ offset measuring using the church buildings and then these were tied into the Ordnance Survey (OS) National Grid.
- 4.2.6 A full photographic record was made using digital cameras equipped with an image sensor of not less than 10 megapixels. Digital images have been subject to managed quality control and curation processes, which has embedded appropriate metadata within the image and will ensure long term accessibility of the image set.

#### 4.3 Artefactual and environmental strategies

4.3.1 Appropriate strategies for the recovery, processing and assessment of artefacts and environmental samples were in line with those detailed in the WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2019). The treatment of artefacts and environmental remains was in general accordance with: Guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials (CIfA 2014b) and Environmental Archaeology: A Guide to the Theory and Practice of Methods, from Sampling and Recovery to Post-excavation (English Heritage 2011).

#### 4.4 Human remains strategy

- 4.4.1 The disturbance/removal of human remains from churchyards is subject to faculty approval (Church of England) or a Ministry of Justice license (Non-Conformist churches). The appropriate Faculty permission in this instance was obtained in advance of works (on the presumption that in most instances human bone is likely to be encountered in these locations).
- 4.4.2 It was anticipated that human remains would be uncovered during the course of the archaeological work. It was proposed that all human remains affected by the development would be archaeologically excavated based on the *Guidance for best practice for treatment of human remains excavated from Christian burial grounds in England* (APABE 2017) and in-line with the standards set out in *ClfA Technical Paper 13: Excavation and post-excavation treatment of cremated and inhumed remains*. Appropriate specialist guidance/site visits will be undertaken if required.



- 4.4.3 Any *in situ* human remains were hand-excavated, their position planned, and the remains photographed. Photographs included geo-referenced images where possible. The bones were collected and bagged as individuals and reburied within the churchyard as near to their place of discovery as is feasible.
- 4.4.4 Where isolated, disarticulated human remains and associated coffin furniture were discovered, these were collected and reburied within the churchyard as near to their place of discovery as feasible.
- 4.4.5 All excavations of human remains were screened from public view by means of a temporary canopy or screened Heras fencing erected around the excavation area.
- 4.4.6 Any surviving wooden coffins were recorded and excavated *in-situ*. If sealed or ruptured lead coffins were uncovered and their disturbance was unavoidable it was proposed that these be lifted and re-buried intact by a specialist contractor (not the archaeological contractor) due to the potential for soft tissue remains which may fall under the Human Tissue Act 2004. The same procedure applied to wooden coffins if soft tissue remains were identified. Lead coffins and soft tissue remains have been associated with specific health and safety risks where fully addressed in the site-specific Risk Assessment of the specialist contractor who would need to be appointed to undertake their removal, and where appropriate in that of the archaeological contractor. In the event, these procedures were not required.
- 4.4.7 It was proposed that any coffin fragments or coffin furniture be quantified and identified with the relevant typologies, prior to re-burial within the churchyard and that the re-burial location would be decided in consultation with the Client, and the DAC Archaeologist. In the event, coffin furniture was re-buried close to where it was discovered.

#### 4.5 Monitoring

4.5.1 The SA DCC, on behalf of the LPA, monitored the watching brief. Any variations to the WSI, if required to better address the project aims, were agreed in advance with both the client and the DAC and the SADCC.

#### 5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS

#### 5.1 Introduction

5.1.1 The location of the two hand dug test pits excavated during the course of the archaeological watching brief undertaken at All Saints Church, Hampreston, Dorset is shown on **Figure 1**.

#### 5.2 Test pit 1

- 5.2.1 Test pit 1 was situated to the west of the concrete plinth and immediately to the north of a brick vault chest tomb (**Fig. 1**). The test pit measured 1.30 m in length, 0.40 m in width and had a maximum excavated depth 1.15 m (**Section 1**).
- 5.2.2 The 0.30 m thick turf covered mid to dark brown sandy loam topsoil overlay a 0.45 m thick dark brown sandy clay cemetery soil, articulated and disarticulated human remains were noted within both these soils (**Plate 1, Section 1**). These remains are discussed in more detail in **Section 6**. A fragment of human femur was visible in the section of the test pit roughly 0.15 m below ground level (bgl), this bone extended beyond the confines of the test pit and was consequently left *in situ*.



- 5.2.3 The natural geology comprised lenses of sands and gravels (103 and 109), these deposits were initially encountered at a depth of 0.85 m below ground level (bgl).
- 5.2.4 Two cut features were recorded in Test Pit 1. The cut for the brick wall of the chest tomb were recorded to a maximum depth of 0.65 m bgl, eight courses were noted surviving bgl, with the six lower courses stepped out from the vault (**Plate 2**). Within the confines of the exposed elevation it was not possible to discern the bond pattern. The bricks appear to be machine made, set in whitish grey mortar.
- 5.2.5 Adjacent to the tomb a modern ceramic drainpipe was recorded. This pipe was laid on the same alignment as the tomb in a cut 0.38 m wide, with the top of the pipe recorded at 0.63 m bgl.

#### 5.3 Test pit 2

- 5.3.1 Test pit 2 was situated to the east of the concrete plinth and immediately to the south of the church buildings. The test pit measured 1 m in length, 0.70 m in width and had a maximum excavated depth of 1.30 m (**Section 2**).
- 5.3.2 The overburden in Test pit 2 comprised a thin layer of made ground comprising a mixed mid to dark brown silty loam that had numerous inclusions comprising of 20th century rubbish. Oyster shells were observed within this made ground but were not retained. Beneath the made ground was the dark brown sandy clay cemetery soil, up to 0.40 m thick. Recovered from the cemetery soil was a quantity of disarticulated human remains (see **Section 6** for further details). The natural geology, as in Test pit 1, comprised sandy gravels. Within Test pit 2 this geology was observed at a depth of 0.83 m bgl.
- 5.3.3 Cutting through all the deposits on the northern edge of the test pit was a concrete foundation (204), which formed part of the modern underpinning foundation for the church buildings (**Plate 3**).

#### 6 FINDS

6.1.1 The archaeological watching brief produced 39 fragments of disarticulated human remains and a single coffin grip plate (**Plate 4**) which was recovered from the topsoil within Test pit 1 (101). The coffin grip plate was re-buried together with the disarticulated human remains when the groundworks were completed.

#### 6.2 Introduction

6.2.1 The assessed human remains comprising a small assemblage of disarticulated human bone from both the topsoil and cemetery soil were uncovered during excavations of two test pits within the churchyard of All Saints church. The assemblage is considered to be of post-medieval date.

#### 6.3 Methodology

6.3.1 The bone was rapidly scanned on site and via digital images in order to assess its condition (McKinley 2004), to estimate the age and sex of the individual (Beek 1983; Bass 1987; Scheuer and Black 2000, Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994), to determine the minimum number of individuals represented (MNI), and not any gross pathology and morphological variation.

#### 6.4 Results

6.4.1 A summary of the results is displayed in **Appendix 2** 



- 6.4.2 Disarticulated remains were encountered between (0 0.30 m) below ground level) in Test pit one and (0.54 0.83 m) in Test pit 2. The bone was in good to fair condition (grades 2-3) with most of the bones being crushed or fragmentary.
- 6.4.3 The disarticulated remains from contexts (101) and (202) represented a minimum of 2 individuals (MNI) comprising an infant (approximately 6months 2years) and 1 adult.
- 6.4.4 The coffin grip is made of iron, in a plain form which is completely characteristic of the 18th and 19th centuries. The form was adapted from household furniture handles, and has been recorded on a number of cemetery sites of this period, such as Poole Baptist cemetery, which was in use from 1735 1780s (Mepham & Every 2008, fig.28, no.4).
- 6.4.5 A single piece of oyster shell was noted but not retained from context 201.

#### 7 ENVIRONMENTAL EVIDENCE

7.1.1 Although the deposits encountered during the course of the watching brief contained human remains, the mixed nature of the cemetery soils will not give any meaningful environmental evidence. Therefore, the deposits encountered were not sampled.

#### 8 CONCLUSIONS

#### 8.1 Summary

- 8.1.1 The archaeological watching brief carried out during the groundworks associated with the renovation of the heating system of All Saints Church successfully met the aims and objectives set out in the WSI.
- 8.1.2 The test pits excavated showed that the natural geology lay at roughly 0.85 m bgl beneath the general cemetery soil and that there were no *in situ* burials within the area proposed for the new foundation plinth. A made ground deposit located within Test pit 2 may relate to the construction of the previous oil tank base.
- 8.1.3 The disarticulated human remains recovered from the topsoil within Test pit 1 are likely to have be the result of burials being disturbed when drain 107 was cut into the cemetary soil.
- 8.1.4 Similarly, the remains encountered within Test pit 2 represent burials that were disturbed when the concrete underpinning foundations were installed underneath the wall of the church.
- 8.1.5 The disarticulated remains represent the remains of both adults and infants. Of interest were the remains of an infant, aged between 6 months and 2 years.

#### 8.2 Discussion

8.2.1 The results indicate that there the potential for encountering any archaeological remains during the installation of the tank and boiler bases is minimal. As such no further works are proposed.

#### 9 ARCHIVE STORAGE AND CURATION

9.1.1 The archive consists of a single document case of records, along with digital data (report, photographs). The coffin handle and disarticulated bone recovered during the watching brief have been reburied on site. Due to the very limited and largely negative nature of the fieldwork, museum deposition (with the Dorset County Museum) is not considered to be



warranted, and instead the conditions of archive deposition will be fulfilled by digital deposition only, comprising the uploading of the report (which will include copies of all context information and photographs of the site) to the Archaeological Data Service (ADS) via OASIS.

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# **APPENDICES**

# Appendix 1 Context Information.

Test Pit No 1 Ler		gth 1.30m	Wid	Width 0.40 m Depth 1		.15 m	
Context Number	Interpretati Category	ve	Fill Of/Filled With	Description		Depth BGL	
101 Layer				Topsoil. Mid to dark brown black sandy loam. Numerous flint nodules as inclusions		0-0.30m	
102	Layer			Cemetery soil. Dark brown sandy clay. Numerous flints.		0.30-0.85m	
103	Layer			Natural. Mid brown sandy clay. Numerous and frequent gravel and flint as inclusions.		0.85m+	
104	Cut		Filled with105, 106	Construction cut for Brick vault / tomb 105			
105	Structure		Fill of 104	Brick vault / tomb			
106	Backfill		Fill of 104	Backfill of construction cut.			
107	Cut		Filled with 108	Drain cut			
108	Backfill		Fill of 107	Backfill of drain cut			
109	Layer			Natural. Gravel band below 103 1.05m+		1.05m+	

Test Pit No 2 Le		Length 1 m		Width 0.70 m	Depth 1	.30 m
Context Number	Interpretative Category	ve Fill Of/Filled With	D	Description		Depth BGL
201	Layer		Made Ground. Mid brown to black silty loam with numerous 20 <sup>th</sup> century rubbish as inclusions.		0-0.45m	
202	Layer			emetery soil. Dark brown : ay. Numerous flints.	sandy	0.45-0.83m
203	Layer		N	atural. Mid brown sandy c umerous and frequent gra nt as inclusions.	-	0.83m+
204	Structure		C	oncrete underpinning four	dation	



# **Appendix 2** Disarticulated Human Remains Summary.

Bone	Quantification	Observed Pathology	Age	Minimum Number of Individuals
Skull	8 fragments		Adult >18yrs	
Clavicle	1 complete bone		Infant 6 – 18 months	
Humeri	1 distal left 1 shaft fragment		Adult >18yrs	
Ulna	1 shaft fragment right		Adult >18yrs	
Ribs	3 shafts		Adult >18yrs	
Vertebrae	1 thoracic body 2 Lumbar bodies no.2&4 1 spinous process	Slight lipping on body	Adult >18yrs	2 Individuals (1 Adult and 1 Infant)
Pelvis	2 frags of acetabulum right 1 acetabulum left	Slight pitting Possible eburnation	Adult >18yr	
Femur	2 shaft fragments		Adult >18yrs	
Tibia	1 shaft right		Adult >18yrs	
Fibula	2 shaft fragments		Adult >18yrs	
Metatarsals	4 complete bones right 2 shafts		Adult >18yrs	
Unidentifiable fragments	6 fragments			

Table 1: summary of assessment of disarticulated human bone from 101 and 202



#### Appendix 3 OASIS form

OASIS ID: wessexar1-392682

**Project details** 

Project name All Saint'S Church, Hampreston, Dorset

Short description of

the project

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by RLM Architects Ltd on behalf of the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church ('the client') to carry out an archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with the renovation of the church heating system at All Saints Church, Hampreston, Dorset, centred on NGR 405520 098803. The groundworks monitored comprised 2 hand dug test pits, situated on the east and west of the existing concrete plinth upon which the oil tank sits. Both test pits encountered cemetery soils, beneath a thin layer of topsoil in test pit 1 and made ground in test pit 2, with small quantities of disarticulated human remains being retrieved from the cemetery soil and topsoil. A mid 18th -19th century coffin handle was also recovered. The natural gravels were present at 0.85 m below the existing ground level. The cut features recorded were the exterior of a brick vault and a drainage pipe in test pit 1 and the outside wall of the Church in test pit 2. No evidence for grave cuts was noted. The disarticulated remains represent a minimum of 2 individuals and include the remains of 1 adult and an infant. The remains were reburied within the churchyard after all works were completed. The archaeological watching brief carried out at All Saints Church, Hampreston, Dorset successfully met the aims and objectives set out in the WSI and showed that no in situ burials were present within the areas of the proposed development. The disarticulated remains recovered from the test pits are resultant from burials being disturbed when the church was underpinned,

Project dates Start: 10-10-2019 End: 10-10-2019

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference

221880 - Contracting Unit No.

Any associated project reference

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3/19/0937/FUL - Planning Application No.

and the drainage was installed around the church.

Type of project Recording project

Site status None

Current Land use Other 4 - Churchyard

Monument type GRAVE Post Medieval

Significant Finds COFFIN GRIP Post Medieval

Significant Finds HUMAN REMAINS Post Medieval

Investigation type "Watching Brief"

Prompt Faculty jurisdiction

**Project location** 

Country England

Site location DORSET EAST DORSET FERNDOWN TOWN All Saint's Church,

Hampreston, Dorset



Postcode **BH21 7LX** 

0.01 Hectares Study area

Site coordinates SZ 05520 98803 50.788204778496 -1.921681923743 50 47 17 N 001 55 18 W

Point

Lat/Long Datum Unknown

Height OD / Depth Min: 16m Max: 16m

**Project creators** 

Name of Organisation Wessex Archaeology

Project brief originator

**RLM Architects** 

Project design originator

Wessex Archaeology

**Project** director/manager Jon Kaines

Project supervisor

Alistair Zochowski

Type of

Church Council

sponsor/funding

body

The PCC of All Saint's Church

Name of sponsor/funding

body

**Project archives** 

Physical Archive Exists?

No

Digital Archive

recipient

None

Digital Media available

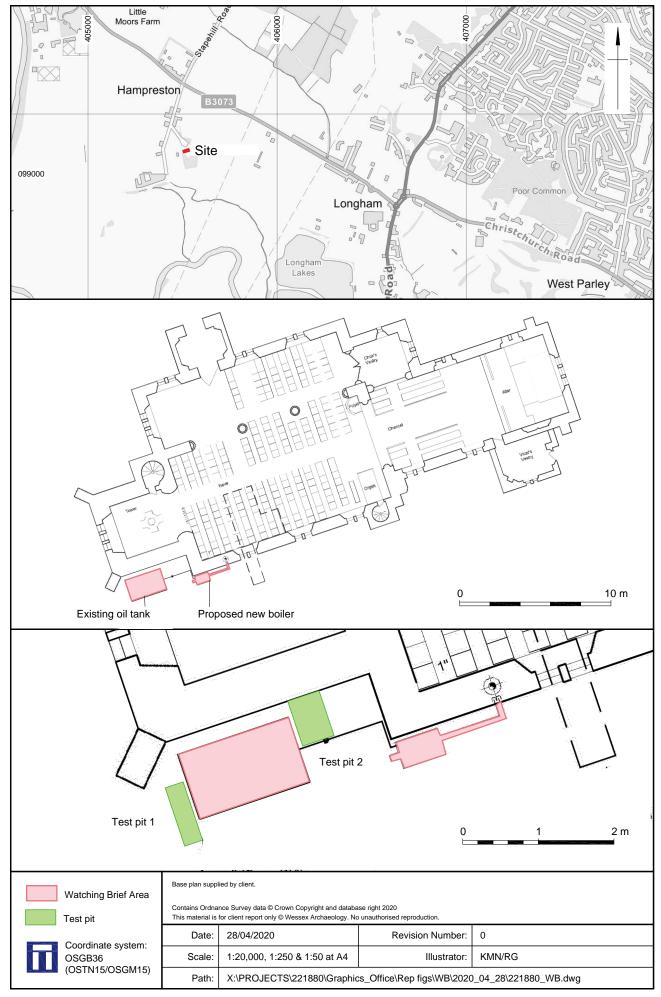
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Site location Figure 1

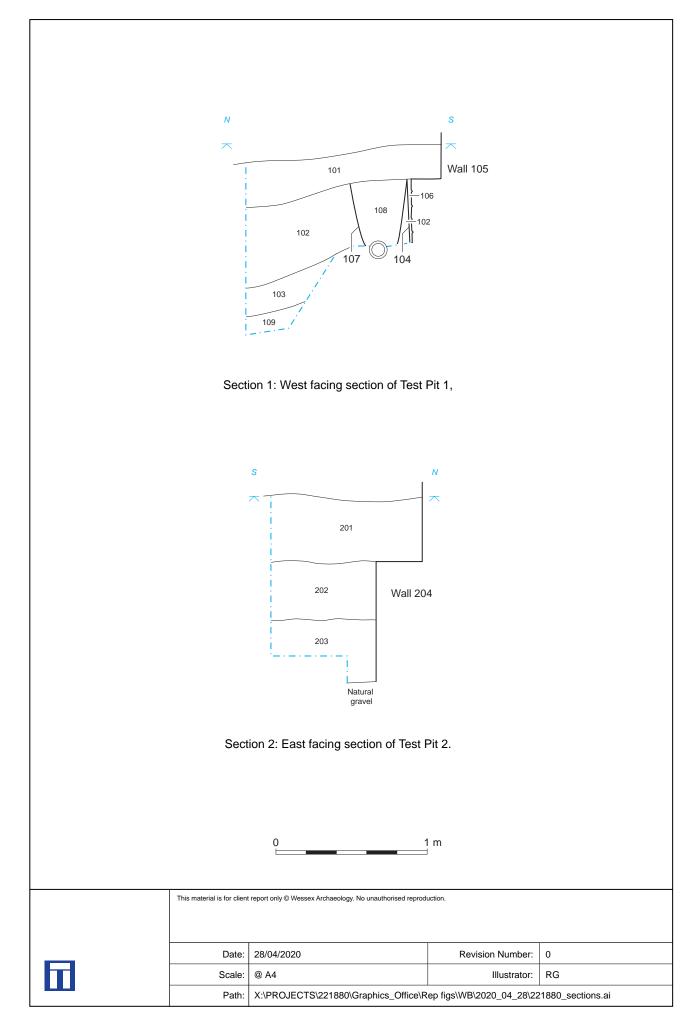




Plate 1: West facing section, Test Pit 1. Scale is 1 m



Plate 2: North facing section of Test Pit 1, detailing brick vault. Scale is 1 m

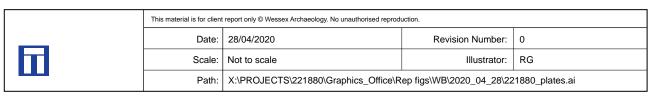




Plate 3: East facing section Test Pit 2. Scale is 1 m



Plate 4: Coffin grip from 101

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