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Geophysical surveys at Glebelands, Yatton

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Colin and David operating the RM 15 on Glebelands

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Abstract

YCCCART has agreed with the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake a project over two years commencing May 2009 to establish the extent of the Congresbury Roman kiln sites and investigate the archaeology of the environs around Cadbury Hill, Congresbury. Resistivity surveys on Glebelands in Yatton revealed a potential building where there is no historical record of a building. In addition, the surveys show the probable remains of cottages which once fronted High Street.

Acknowledgements

A Heritage Lottery Grant enabled the purchase, by YCCCART, of a Geoscan RM 15 Resistance Meter without which this survey could not have been undertaken.

This survey would also not have been carried out without the willing permission of Yatton Parish Council, the landowner.

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Introduction

Yatton, Congresbury, Claverham and Cleeve Archaeological Research Team (YCCCART) is one of a number of Community Archaeology teams across North Somerset, supported by the North Somerset Council Development Management Team.

The objective of the Community Archaeology in North Somerset (CANS) teams is to carry out archaeological fieldwork, for the purpose of recording, and better understanding of, the heritage of North Somerset.

For further information, see <http://cansnetwork.co.uk>

Site Location

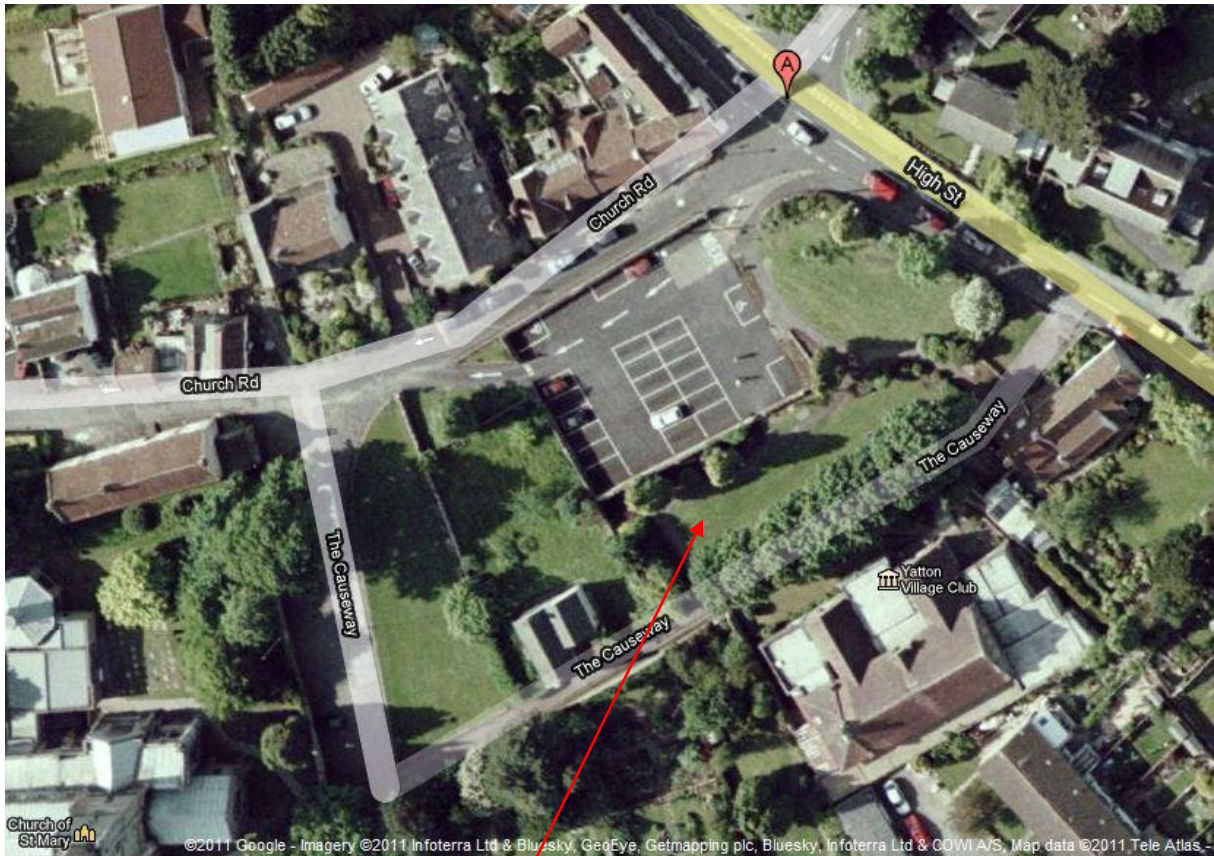


Fig 1: Site location

Glebelands is in the centre of Yatton, some 11 miles south of Bristol. GPS national grid readings are included in the Site Records in the Appendix to this report.

Glebelands is owned by Yatton Parish Council and is open to the public.

Land use and geology

The site lies on a tongue of Keuper Marl with the alluvium and peats of the Northmarsh to either side. This slightly higher land is probably the historic reason for the siting of the village of Yatton.

The surveyed area is mainly grass (lawn) open to the public.

Historical & archaeological context

Yatton Local History Society has kindly provided the following history and photographs.

Glebelands is part of the Glebe in Yatton, which used to provide revenue to the Vicar. A row of ten small cottages and tenements, with gardens behind, faced the High Street, of which eight were thatched. Three more cottages faced the gated Causeway leading to the Church. By 1841 three more cottages were built in the gardens.

All these cottages were demolished by the early C20 and the area grassed over. The gardens were later converted into a playground for the school. The present public car park now covers this area. The only house remaining in Glebelands is Church View



The 1799 map of Yatton (left) clearly shows a line of cottages facing High Street and a building in the Causeway. It also shows a building beside the church wall.

Building in Causeway

Cottages facing High St

Building beside church wall

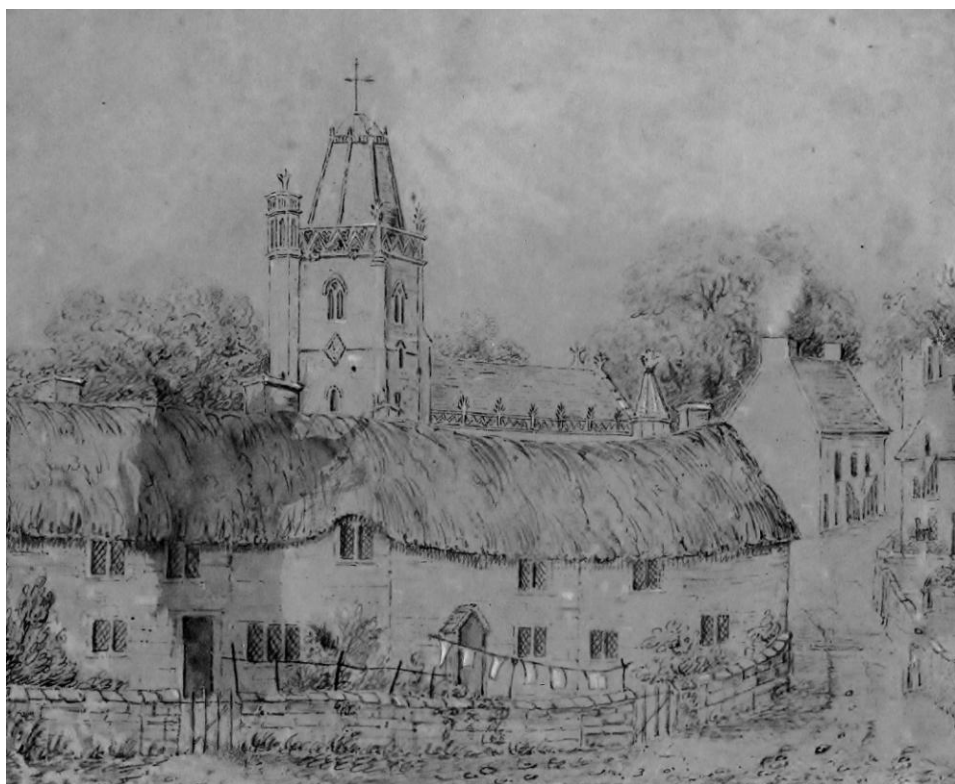
Fig 2: 1799 Yatton Map. Courtesy of Yatton Local History Society

The 1799 map of Yatton shows one building against the churchyard wall, on the site of the present car park, which was used partly as a school house, a parish room and a stable housing the bier. In 1885 the Rector asked for this building to be demolished as it "was ruinous, unsightly and dangerous." The former existence of this building probably explains the slope up to the churchyard wall in the car park.

In c1828 a three-roomed lock-up with an octagonal chimney had been constructed on the south side of the schoolroom but this was demolished by c.1840. It was decided to demolish the building and to build a stable only, to be placed nearer Church House. By October 1886 the work was completed. The bier continued to be housed in the stable.



Building beside church wall (Demolished by 1886). Courtesy of Yatton Local History Society



Glebelands drawn in the 1850s by the Reverend Henry Barnard's aunt from the former vicarage window. This sketch shows the line of cottages facing High Street. Courtesy of Yatton Local History Society.



Left are the cottages in the Causeway leading to the church.

Below is Church View Cottage in the early 20th c. It was constructed some time during the period 1799 to 1821.

Courtesy of Yatton Local History Society



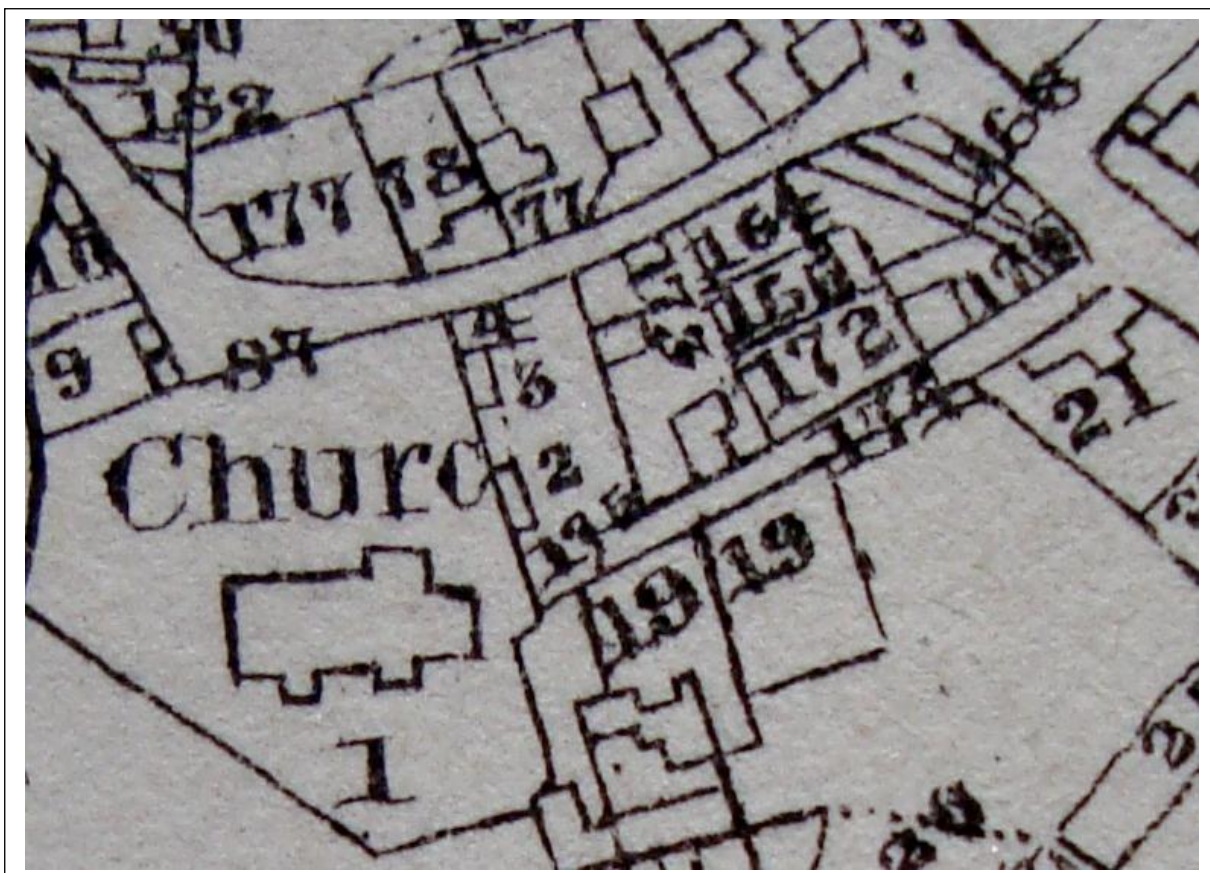


Fig 3: Extract from Yatton 1841 Tithe Map. Courtesy of Yatton Local History Society

Schedule for 1841 Tithe Map

Tithe number	Description	Owner	Occupier	1799 & 1821 map number
1	Church & churchyard	Tucker and 7 others, appropriators of the Glebe.	Copyhold. Yatton Rectory. William Tucker.	243
2	Church stables & schoolroom	Parish Officers	Copyhold. Yatton Rectory. William Tucker.	242
3	Lock up house	Parish Officers	Copyhold. Yatton Rectory. William Tucker.	242
4	House (Church House)	Parish Officers lease hold under JHS Pigott Esq	John Beacham	242

5	House (Church House)	Parish Officers lease hold under JHS Pigott Esq	Void	242
164	House & front Court (Row of cottages fronting High Street)	William & Thomas Say Executers of late William Say. Copyhold under Yatton Rectory.	James Quire	255-6
165	House & front Court (Row of cottages fronting High Street)	William & Thomas Say Executers of late William Say. Copyhold under Yatton Rectory.	Richard Drissell	255-6
171	House & garden (Facing Causeway House?)	Mrs Beakes. Copyhold under Yatton Rectory.	John Tilly	255-6
172	House & garden (Facing Causeway House?)	Mrs Beakes. Copyhold under Yatton Rectory.	John Knowles	255-6
173	House, outhouse & garden (Church View?)	John Cox Copyhold under Yatton Rectory.	John Avery	255-6
174	Church path (Causeway)			

Survey objectives

The survey had the following objectives.

- 1) To identify any archaeological features.
- 2) To use the survey to further train YCCCART members and members of Community Archaeology in North Somerset (CANS) in the use of the RM 15 Resistance Meter.

Methodology

Resistivity

The survey was undertaken during the period January and February 2011 by teams from YCCCART using a Geoscan RM 15 Resistance Meter, with settings as per the site record in Appendix 1.

The completed survey was downloaded to an ArcheoSurveyor and Snuffler programmes

ArcheoSurveyor composites were adjusted using the following filters

Band weight equaliser
Grad shade
Despiked
Clip SD2

The report was written in Microsoft Word 2003.

Site photographs were taken by members of YCCCART, and remain the copyright of YCCCART.

Results

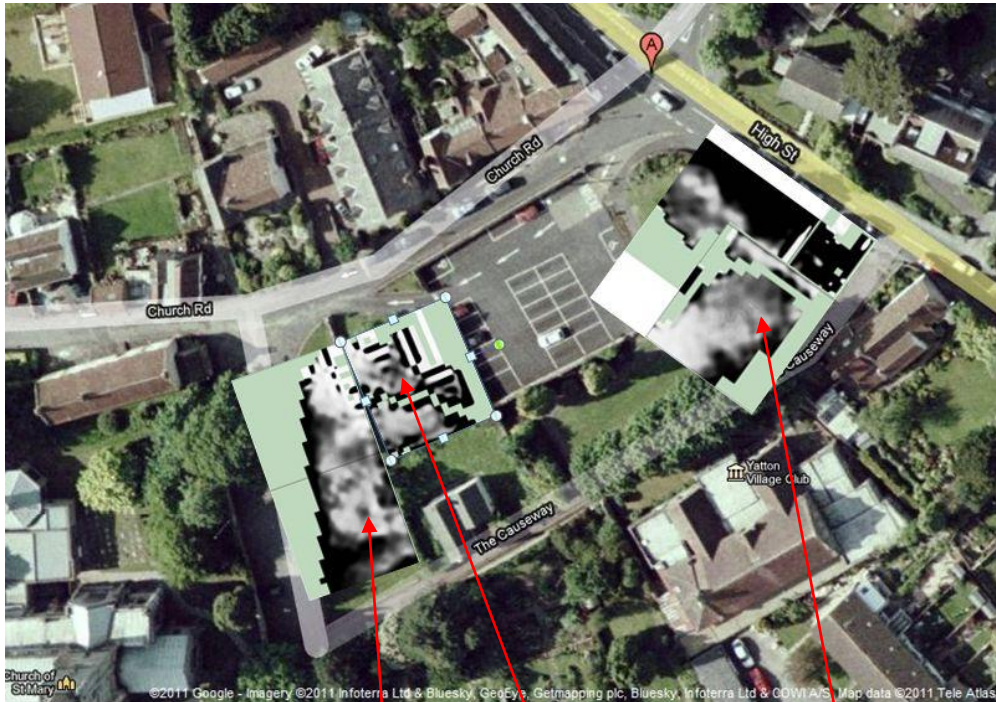


Fig 4: Survey sites on map

Site A

Grids nearest church

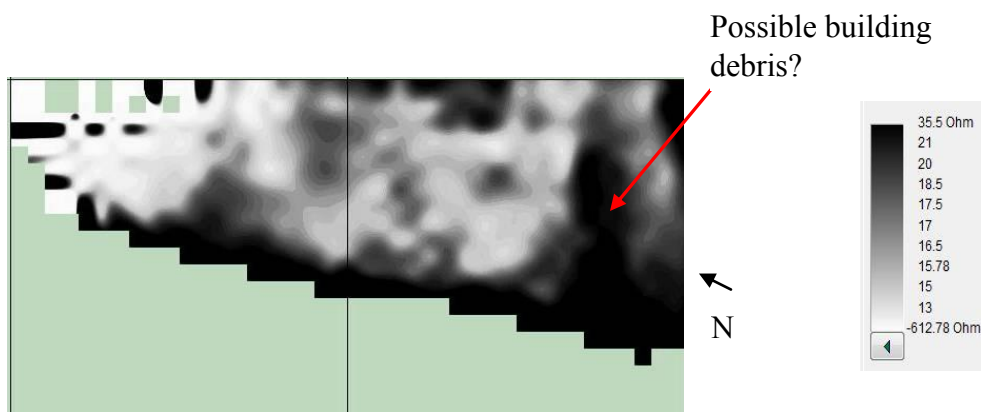


Fig 5: Shade view (ArcheoSurveyor image). High readings are black

The grid on the right shows potential wall debris where no building has previously been recorded. The dark edge on the western side is due to the presence of the concrete kerb and its construction trench.

Site B

Wildlife area

Towards High Street ↑

Path

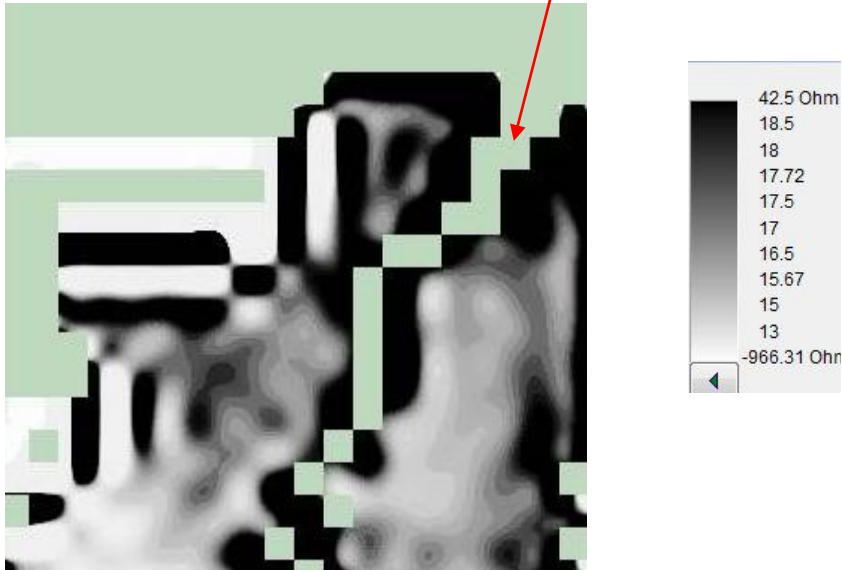


Fig 6: Shade view (ArcheoSurveyor image). High readings are black

The result in figure 5 above appears to contain no archaeological features

Site C

Grids nearest High Street

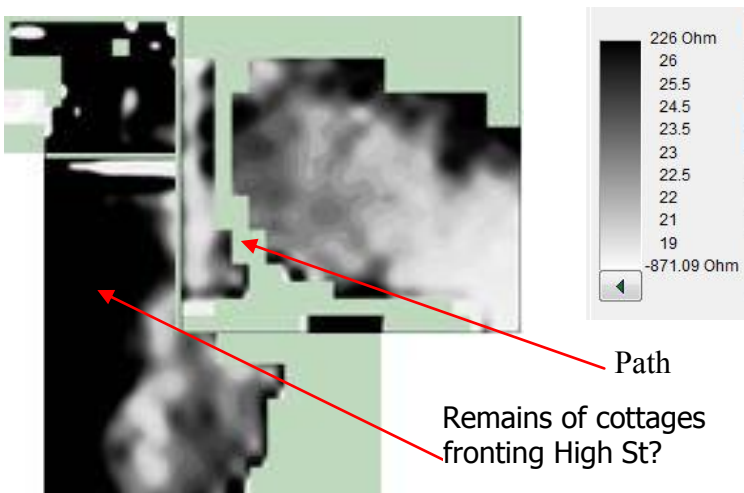


Fig 7: Shade view (ArcheoSurveyor image). High readings are black

The result in figure 7 shows the likely remains of the cottages fronting High Street.

Recommendations

It is recommended that a small excavation is undertaken on site A in order to confirm the existence of a building and obtain dating evidence.

References

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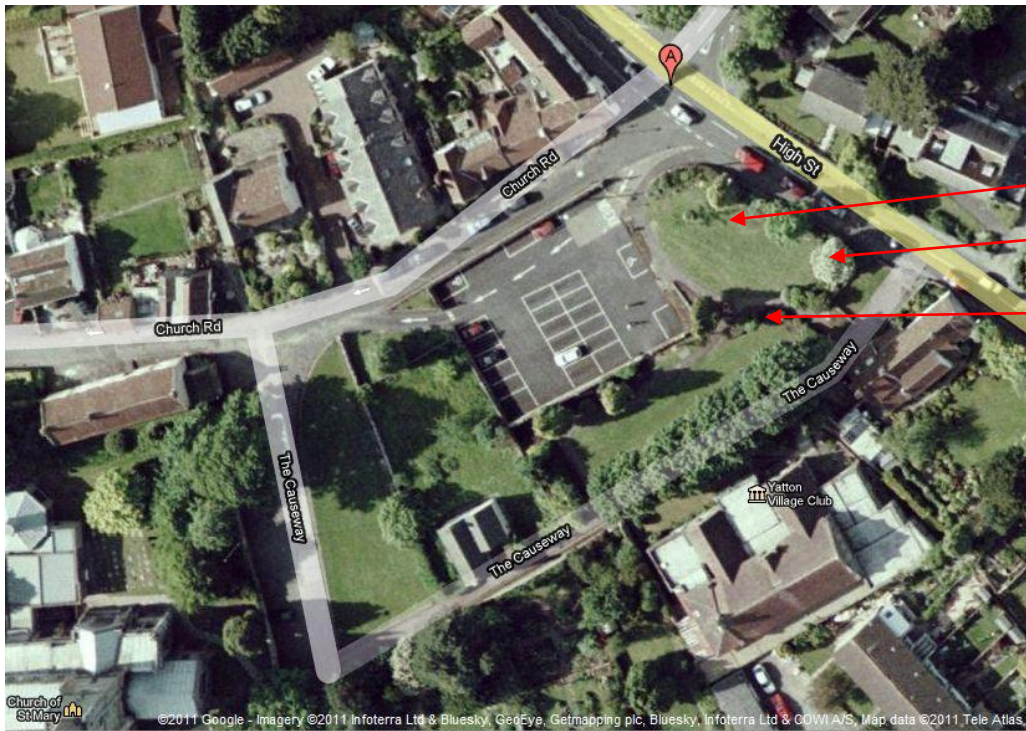
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Date February 2011

Appendix

YCCART Site Survey- RM 15						
Project – Yatton: Glebelands						
Survey date		27 January 2011 to 28 Feb 2011				
Report date		Feb 2011				
Type /Instrument		RM15				
		Gain x1, Current 1mA Frequency 137Hz Probes 'Config 1' (2 probes)	Grid size: 20m x20m Pattern : Zig Zag Sample interval 1m Traverse Interval 1m. Mode Zig-Zag			
Weather		27 Jan: Dry but very cold. Grass a little damp 3 Feb: Dry and sunny. 28 Feb: Dry but overcast and grass damp				
OS Ref or Lat-Longitude		ST				
Site name		Yatton Glebelands				
Landowner		Yatton Parish Council				
Tenant		N/A				
HER ref						
Site type						
Description		Glebelands				
Period		unknown				
Geology		unknown				
Land use		Public amenity				
Survey team		27 Jan: Colin Campbell, Chris Short, David Long, Unsal Hussan, Brian Bradbury and Vince Russett 3 Feb: Colin Campbell, Chris Short, David Long ,Brian Bradbury, Philippa Cormack 28 Feb: Colin Campbell, Chris Short, Richard Baker & Brian Bradbury.				
Survey area		notes		readings		
		size	walk direction			
27 Jan	Grid 1 Grid 2 All grids are part grids only. Line terminated by <i>end of line</i> and <i>image line</i>	1 x 20m 1 x 20m	SW by W SW by W			
3Feb	Grid 1 Grid 2 Grid 3 All grids are part grids only. Line terminated by <i>end of line</i> and <i>image line</i>	1 x 20m 1 x 20m 1 x 20m	SW NE SW			

28 Feb	Grid 1- part grid only	1 x 20m	NW by N			
Summary		Downloaded as: Snuffler: Yatton 1 to 6 Archeosurveyor: Glebelands 27 Jan: 27 Jan 1& 2 3 Feb : 3 Feb 1 to 3 28 Feb: 28 Feb 1				

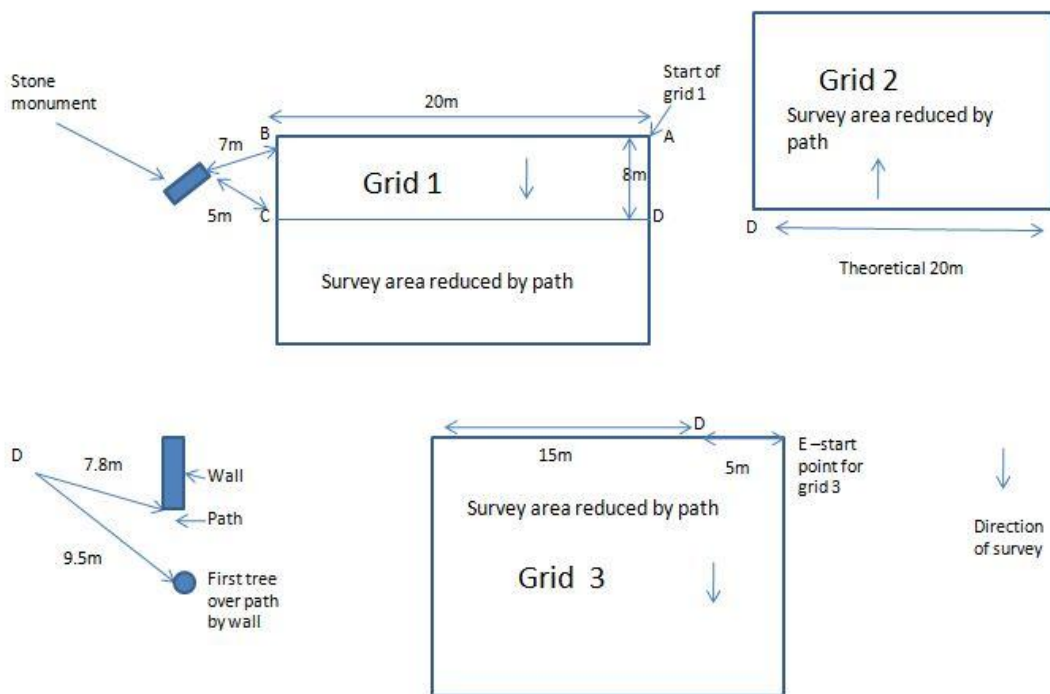


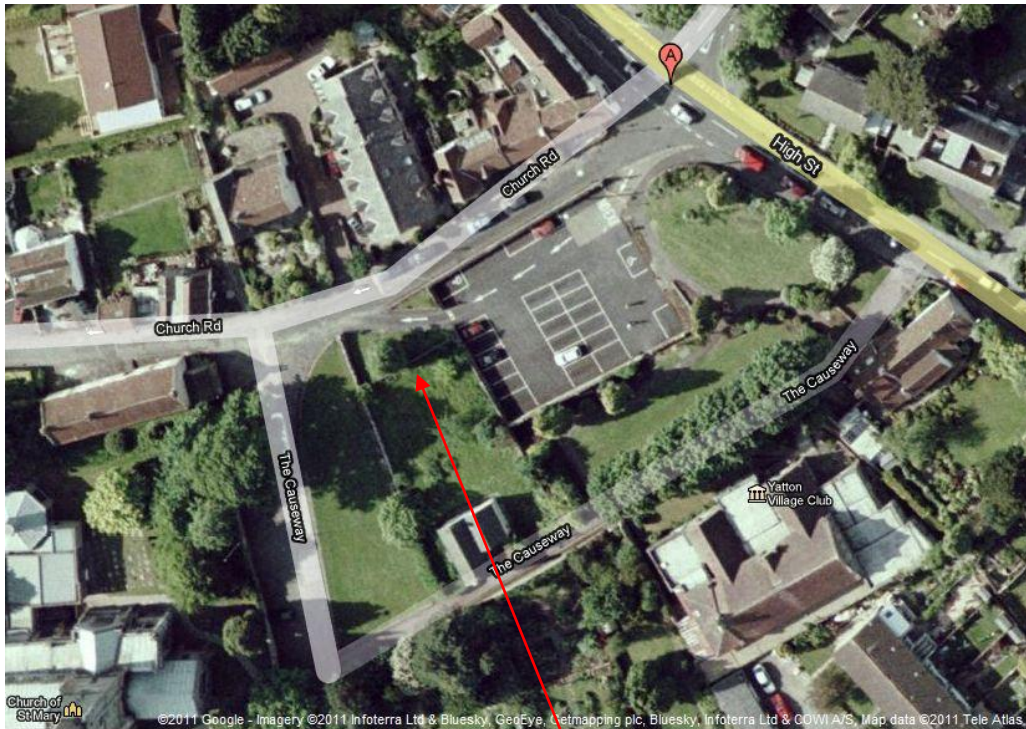
Grid 1

Grid 2

Grid 3

3rd Feb 2011. Site plan. Not to scale





28 Feb. Site plan. Not to scale

Grid 1

