Archaeological Investigations Project 2003

North West

CHESHIRE

Chester

2/561 (C.13.M016)  
SJ 48382359  
CH4 7EH

CHESTER BUSINESS PARK

Chester Business Park. Archaeological Evaluation: Area C
Network Archaeology Ltd.  
Buckingham : Network Archaeology, 2003, 18pp, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Network Archaeology

None of the trenches revealed any archaeological remains. [Au(abr)]

2/562 (C.13.M010)  
SJ 49206630  
CH3 8HB

LAND OFF BROOMEHEATH LANE, TARVIN

Proposed Residential Development on Land off Broomheath Lane, Tarvin, Cheshire. An Archaeological Evaluation
Dodd, L & Walker, W  
Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 20pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Earthworks Archaeological Services

The fieldwork consisted of the excavation of twelve linear evaluation trenches. No complex archaeological features or stratigraphy were encountered over the majority of the site. However, the findings in trench five in the north-west corner indicated the presence of one corner of a possible rectangular ditched enclosure. Although no dateable finds were recovered to date this feature, its overall character suggested archaeological significance. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50370

Archaeological periods represented: UD

2/563 (C.13.M014)  
SJ 40706620  
CH1 1DE

MILTON STREET, CHESTER

Archaeological Evaluation Report of Land at Milton Street, Chester
Constable, C & Pack, K  
Chester : L-P: Archaeology, 2004, 60pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: L-P: Archaeology

The evaluation trenches revealed two phases of Victorian structures that corresponded with the 19th century cartographic records of the site. Early 19th century cultivation deposits were recorded in the western area of the site that predated the Victorian buildings. No archaeological deposits were found that predated the 18th or 19th centuries. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50380

Archaeological periods represented: PM
OLD PORT RIVER WALL, CRANE WHARF, CHESTER

Proposed Repair and Improvements to the Old Port River Wall, Crane Wharf, Chester. An Archaeological Evaluation

Dodd, L Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 21pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Earthworks Archaeological Services

The findings from trench one and two have resulted in the identifications of the remains of one base, and perhaps the disturbed remains of another. In trench three, although the crane base was not located, archaeological features and deposits were positively identified. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50371

Archaeological periods represented: MO, PM

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DODLESTON

St. Mary's Church, Dodleston

Walker, W Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 6pp, colour pls, figs

Work undertaken by: Earthworks Archaeological Services

The excavation in trench one has shown that in situ burials lay below current ground level within the proposed location of pier four. The locations of these burials, seemingly evenly spaced and in-line with the existing grave slabs to the north, suggested a continuation of 18th and 19th century inhumations within this area. It was considered that the below ground masonry was earlier in date than the nineteenth century masonry which separated by the levelling brick course, rested upon it. [Au(adp)]

SMR primary record number: 50355

Archaeological periods represented: PM

STEAM MILL STREET, CHESTER

Archaeological Evaluation Report of Steam Mill Street, Chester

Constable, C & Williams, M Chester : L-P: Archaeology, 2003, 66pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: L-P: Archaeology

Three trenches were opened. Trenches two and three identified the remains of workers housing known to exist in this area of the city dating from before 1831 in the case of trench two but 1875 in the case of trench three. Trench three also revealed the remains of the two phases of building known from the documentary evidence to have existed in this area, the first phase being the Primitive Methodist Chapel. A thin Roman occupation layer was noted overlying the natural in trench two, and a possible ditch identified in trench one. Samples were taken from the ditch in trench three. In all three trenches thick layers of clean silt were present above the Roman layers, but predating the workers housing. Pottery and finds from within these layers suggested a post-medieval date. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50356

Archaeological periods represented: PM, RO
THE OLD PORT, CHESTER

*The Old Port (North Site), Chester: Gas Pressure Reduction Unit Works. Report on an Archaeological Evaluation*

Owen, P Chester : Gifford & Partners, 2003, 50pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Gifford and Partners

The evaluation identified the truncated remains of the workhouse wall, in the form of a substantial brick wall in trench one. Three sandstone structures pre-dating the workhouse were identified. Whilst these structures were on the line of an early flood defence shown on a map of 1745, their form suggested that they were no part of the flood defence. It was possible that they related to the former quay or wharf side structures predating the Chester Workhouse, although nothing was shown on the cartographic record. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50360

Archaeological periods represented: PM

Congleton

2/568 (C.13.M015)  

BULL RING, HIGHTOWN, MIDDLEWICH

*The Bull Ring, Hightown, Middlewich. Report on an Archaeological Evaluation*

Garner, D Chester : Gifford & Partners, 2003, 55pp, pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Gifford and Partners

The evaluation comprised three evaluation trenches. The exercise demonstrated that extensive cellars largely voided archaeological remains within the evaluation area. Furthermore, these cellars were only backfilled during the demolition of the Town Hall c.1971. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50315

Archaeological periods represented: PM

Maidenhills, Lewin Street, Middlewich

*Report on an Archaeological Evaluation at Maidenhills, Lewin Street, Middlewich*

Garner, D Chester : Gifford & Partners, 2003, 35pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Gifford and Partners

The evaluation comprised five evaluation trenches. The evaluation provided invaluable insight into the archaeological resource of the site, demonstrating that remains of the Roman road between Chesterton and Middlewich survived to a varying degree of quality and quantity towards the centre of the site, in the vicinity of trenches two, three and four. Much of the site had been subject to comprehensive ground disturbance in the last 200 years. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50132

Archaeological periods represented: RO
MIDDLEWICH EASTERN BYPASS
Middlewich Eastern Bypass, Cheshire
Ferguson, A & Clark, P Lancaster : Oxford Archaeology North, 2003, 51pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs
Work undertaken by: Oxford Archaeology North

The archaeological evaluation along the route of the proposed Middlewich Eastern Bypass located possible evidence of a ditch relating to Roman field systems to the north-west of the study area. The rectilinear enclosure with associated pits in Area Nine produced no dating material from secure contexts but it is possible that the enclosure may well have been prehistoric or Roman in origin. A large quantity of post-medieval pottery was recovered from the surface of the natural subsoil and the upper layers of the ditch fill in the trial trenches which may have related to an earlier farmstead. The linear feature in Area One will be directly impacted upon by the development. It was recommended that the site be avoided and the bypass rerouted. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 3354

Archaeological periods represented: PR, RO

THE WORKS, WHEELLOCK STREET, MIDDLEWICH
Report on an Archaeological Evaluation at the Works, Wheelock Street, Middlewich
Garner, D Chester : Gifford & Partners, 2003, 52pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs
Work undertaken by: Gifford and Partners

The evaluation comprised four evaluation trenches. Remains of the medieval and post-medieval period survived to a varying degree of quality and quantity across the site. Pits, ditches, and midden deposits formed the bulk of the archaeological evidence, with artefactual evidence dominated by a large assemblage of medieval pottery, several items of metalwork and post-medieval ceramics. All four trenches clearly demonstrated that much of the site had been subject to comprehensive cultivation during the part 1,000 years and that archaeological potential is unlikely to have been diminished by the extensive areas of hard standing presently covering the site. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50348

Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM

Crewe and Nantwich

CLAYHANGER HALL, CREWE
Clayhanger Hall, Crewe, Cheshire. Report on an Archaeological Evaluation
Couling, G Chester : Gifford & Partners, 2003, 25pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs
Work undertaken by: Gifford and Partners

A total of twenty trenches were excavated in the area of the proposed land fill site. The evaluation investigated a number of landscape features including field boundaries, ridge and furrow marks and clay pits. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50345

Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM
LAMB HOTEL, NANTWICH

The Lamb Hotel, Nantwich. An Archaeological Evaluation

Couling, G & Malim, T  Chester : Gifford & Partners, 2003, 39pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: Gifford and Partners

The evaluation revealed archaeologically sensitive deposits in all trenches. The most significant finds were sixty-eight pottery sherds of 13th and 14th century date, preserved structural timbers from trees felled between 1286-1322 AD, and a stave from a large tub of late 12th or early 13th century date. A quantity of animal bone was also found, and by association dated to the same period. these remains were found in a thick accumulation of organic-rich soft clay silts. Later features were found to have been cut into the deposits with pottery and animal bone of 15th-18th century and later date present. A significant boundary was represented by a sequence of at least three phases with upright timbers, large stone blocks and bricks. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM

LAND OFF MILL STREET, NANTWICH

Proposed Residential Development on Land off Mill Street, Nantwich, Cheshire. An Archaeological Evaluation

Dodd, L, Bognar, L & Walker, W  Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 36pp, colour pls, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Earthworks Archaeological Services

The evaluation consisted of a rapid desk-top study followed by the excavation of three trial trenches. Close to the southern boundary of the site part of a large ditch was observed and recorded. This feature, as exposed, was over 3m wide and 1.5m deep, although perhaps only half of its full width was revealed. Pottery dating to the 13th century and 14th centuries was recovered from its upper fills and it has been concluded that the ditch may have once formed part of the outer bailey defences of Nantwich castle. The potential for truncated archaeological features of both Roman and Medieval date, surviving at the level of the natural subsoil, remained a distinct possibility, particularly in areas away from the deep disturbance noted along the western boundary of the site. [Au(abr)]

Archaeological periods represented: MD, PM

Macclesfield

CHORELY OLD HALL, ALDERLEY EDGE

Chorley Old Hall, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. Archaeological evaluation Report

Crowe, C & Foundation Archaeology  Macclesfield : AAA Archaeological Advisors, 2003, 21pp, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: AAA Archaeological Advisors, Foundations Archaeology

The evaluation established that in this area at least, there were little or no traces of earlier archaeological remains. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: 50359
The archaeological evaluation undertaken on site revealed a build up of waterborne alluvial deposits that were possibly related to a mere occupying the area to the west of the site in the prehistoric period. Samples from this material were subject to environmental assessment. [Au(abr)]

SMR primary record number: L-P: Archaeo