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**CHESHIRE****Chester**

3/679 (E.13.M012)

SJ 41205450  
CH3 6PW**3 CHURCH COURT, FARNDON*****Archaeological Watching Brief of Land at 3 Church Court, Fardon, Cheshire***

Pack, K Chester : L-P: Archaeology, 2003, 20pp, pls, figs

*Work undertaken by:* L-P: Archaeology

Modern made ground and rubble was seen overlying the natural sandstone rock. A well was discovered cut in to the rock, with an adjoining shaft and standpipe. The well has been finally backfilled with 19th/20th century rubble and presence of two wooden planks across it suggested it had been reused as a toilet. A pipe drain cut into the sandstone that fed in the well further clarified this. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

3/680 (E.13.M007)

SJ 41757090  
CH2 4BW**ACRESFIELD SCHOOL, CHESTER*****Acresfield School, Chester, Cheshire. Report on An Archaeological Watching Brief***

Towle, A Chester : Gifford &amp; Partners, 2003, 32pp, pls, figs

*Work undertaken by:* Gifford and Partners

A single archaeological feature was identified during the works, which has been interpreted as a small prehistoric pit of indeterminate use. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50379*Archaeological periods represented:* PR

3/681 (E.13.M005)

SJ 41506650  
CH2 3DP**AQUA HOUSE, BOUGHTON*****Archaeological Watching Brief of Land at Aqua House Boughton, Chester***

Nicholls, M Chester : L-P: Archaeology, 2003, 13pp, figs, tabs

*Work undertaken by:* L-P: Archaeology

All structures and deposits found were modern. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50369

3/682 (E.13.M009)

SJ 39906620  
CH4 8AR**BUDGET HOTEL, CHESTER RACECOURSE*****Budget Hotel, Chester Racecourse. Report on an Archaeological Watching Brief***

Owen, P Chester : Gifford &amp; Partners, 2003, 49pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Gifford and Partners

The watching brief identified the remains of buildings and surfaces representing the former buildings and roads that existed in the area prior to their demolition in the 1960's. Deposits were also identified that may represent attempts to reclaim this area during the latter half of the 17th century when additional land was required for development in this area of Chester. An onion bottle dated to around 1700 was recovered from these deposits. However, these early attempts at reclamation may have only been partially successful as layers of silts, deposited during flooding, were identified above the possible reclamation layers. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

3/683 (E.13.M014)

SJ 41305440  
CH3 6QD**CHURCH LANE, FARNDON*****Watching Brief at Church Lane, Farndon, Cheshire***

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

*Work undertaken by:* Earthworks Archaeological Services

Over the majority of the site no features or deposits of archaeological merit were identified. Deposits of a probable post-medieval finds from the post hole, overall it was concluded that the feature was suggestive of earlier activity at the very southern end of the site. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

3/684 (E.13.M016)

SJ 41505450  
CH3 6PW**CLIVE COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, FARNDON*****Clive Cottage, High Street, Farndon, Cheshire***

Dodd, L Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 12pp, colour pls, figs

*Work undertaken by:* Earthworks Archaeological Services

The watching brief demonstrated that the features datable to the late post-medieval period, associated with the recently demolished structures, lay immediately above the natural glacial deposits. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

3/685 (E.13.M008)

SJ 40996682  
CH1 3DZ**EGERTON STREET, CHESTER*****Residential Development at the Site of the Former Hydraulic Engineering Company, Egerton Street, Chester. A Programme of Building Recording & Archaeological Watching Brief***

Frost, P, Dodd, L &amp; Walker, W Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2004, 40pp, colour pls, figs, tabs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Earthworks Archaeological Services

The watching brief during the excavation of lift pits and the main north-south drain trench gave the opportunity to examine the sub-surface stratigraphy. Although no features or deposits of obvious archaeological potential were noted, the identification of widespread ploughsoil layers over the western half of the site indicated that a lack of modern disturbance and augered well for the survival of any archaeological features that lay within the general area. The deposits encountered within the main north-south foul water drain trench clearly demonstrated widespread disturbance to down to subsoil level within the eastern half of the site. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50373*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

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3/686 (E.13.M010)

SJ 36806160  
CH4 9LF**GREENWALLS PADDOCK, DODLESTON*****Archaeological Watching Brief of Land at Greenwalls Paddock, Dodleston, Cheshire***

Williams, M      Chester : L-P: Archaeology, 2003, 16pp, colour pls, figs

*Work undertaken by:* L-P: Archaeology

The site consisted of a triangular paddock; two ponds were excavated on the site. The only archaeological remains encountered during the works were two modern field drains and one early 20th century brick drain. The majority of the finds were late 20th century with very occasional sherds of mid to late 19th century pottery. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* MO, PM

3/687 (E.13.M013)

SJ 40506450  
CH4 7EA**HERONBRIDGE*****The Heronbridge Research Project. Second Interim Report on Archaeological Investigations at Heronbridge, Chester, Cheshire. Excavation and Survey 2003***

Mason, D      Caergwrle : Chester Archaeological Society, 2003, 36pp, pls, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Chester Archaeological Society

Two new trenches were excavated - V and VI. Investigations revealed this spot to have been disturbed by a complex of 17th century excavations and constructions most probably belonging to the extensive siege works erected around Chester during the civil war. These had destroyed much of the post-Roman rampart. In trench VI, the only feature encountered was a narrow and shallow drainage gully of Roman date. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM, RO

3/688 (E.13.M011)

SJ 48996709  
CH3 8DZ**HINGSLEY HOUSE, TARVIN*****Hingsley House, Tarvin, Chester***University of Manchester Archaeological Unit      Manchester : University of Manchester  
Archaeological Unit, , 19pp, figs, refs*Work undertaken by:* University of Manchester Archaeological Unit

The below ground work undertaken at Hingsley House revealed no remains of archaeological significance. A number of 19th/20th century cuts containing ceramic service/drainage pipes and two sherds of unstratified pottery were found. [Au(abr)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* MO, PM

3/689 (E.13.M015)

SJ 37906520  
CH4 8RQ**'NOWHERE', RIVER LANE, HANDBRIDGE*****Watching Brief at 'Nowhere', River Lane, Handbridge, Chester***

Dodd, L Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 16pp, colour pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Earthworks Archaeological Services

The maximum depth of the Roman quarry was not encountered during the watching brief and further deposits may exist beneath the contexts encountered. [Au(adp)]

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM, RO

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3/690 (E.13.M004)

SJ 41106630  
CH1 1QL**REAR OF 13 BATH STREET, CHESTER*****Construction of a New Garage to the Rear of 13 Bath Street, Chester. An Archaeological Watching Brief***

Dodd, L & Walker, W Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 16pp, colour pls, figs  
*Work undertaken by:* Earthworks Archaeological Services

Although only four foundation pits were excavated, the results have confirmed that archaeology of quality and importance survives in this location. A seventeenth century pit/ditch feature was partially exposed and the finds recovered from its fills indicate that the survival of organic material is excellent. The recovery of leather and cattle horn-cores suggests that tanning/leatherworking was taking place in the seventeenth century. Roman soil layers were also identified and it is reasonable to suggest from the findings that any deeply cut Roman features in the general vicinity will similarly contain important well preserved organic material. The archaeological potential of the general location was very high. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50372

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM, RO

3/691 (E.13.M001)

SJ 48604710  
SY14 8PA**THE OLD POST OFFICE, MALPAS*****Improvements and Alterations to the Old Post Office, Beech House, High Street, Malpas, Cheshire. An Archaeological Watching Brief***

Dodd, L & Walker, W Flintshire : Earthworks Archaeological Services, 2003, 5pp, colour pls, figs, tabs

*Work undertaken by:* Earthworks Archaeological Services

Monitoring of a foundation trench excavation failed to reveal any features or deposits of archaeological interest. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50351

**Congleton**

3/692 (E.13.M003)

SJ 85906330  
CW12 1GD**OLD MILL CONGLETON*****Old Mill, Congleton, Cheshire. Archaeological Excavation***

Matrix Archaeology Ltd. Manchester : Matrix Archaeology, 2003, 41pp, pls, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* Matrix Archaeology

The core of this building comprised a large mid-18th century silk mill, which had been disused since 1997. Also, it was determined that evidence would probably survive for the 1830's beam engine, beneath the concrete floor of the engine house. It was therefore recommended that following demolition, both of these areas should be excavated in order to complete the record of the building. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50256

*Archaeological periods represented:* PM

**Macclesfield**

3/693 (E.13.M002)

SJ 91807340  
SK11 6JD**LAND BETWEEN MILL ST, PICKFORD ST. AND LOWER EXCHANGE ST,  
MACCLESFIELD*****Land Between Mill St., Pickford St, and Lower Exchange St., Macclesfield, Cheshire: Report of an  
Archaeological Watching Brief***

Crowe, C Macclesfield : AAA Archaeological Advisors, 2003, 25pp, figs, tabs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* AAA Archaeological Advisors

Despite the archaeological potential of the site, being on the southern edge of the known medieval and post-medieval settlement of Macclesfield, the watching brief demonstrated that later development and disturbance in the area had largely removed all evidence for earlier use of the site. A few isolated pockets of earlier plough or garden soil were preserved on the slope down to Bollin, however, and these produced a small quantity of pottery dating from the medieval and early post-medieval periods. This limited evidence would support the theory that this area lay on the edge of the settlement and was most likely occupied by fields or small gardens during the medieval period. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50209*Archaeological periods represented:* MD, PM

3/694 (E.13.M006)

SJ 84748150  
SK9 4AA**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, WILMSLOW*****St. Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow. Report of an Archaeological Watching Brief***

Crowe, C Macclesfield : AAA Archaeological Advisors, 2003, 19pp, figs, refs

*Work undertaken by:* AAA Archaeological Advisors

A number of previously unrecorded gravestones were revealed during the course of the work including fragments of a memorial to a young man who died in the First World War. In addition, a large fragment of decorated building stone from an earlier church on the site was identified in the revetment wall located on the edge of the original course of the River Bollin. This was removed and was to be displayed in the graveyard near the church. [Au(abr)]

*SMR primary record number:*50365*Archaeological periods represented:* PM, UD