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HOME PARK FLOWER SHOW AREA, HAMPTON COURT

Geophysical Survey Report. Home Park Flower Show Area, Hampton Court

Gater, J Thornton : GSB Propection, 2006, 11pp, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: GSB Propection

The magnetic survey appeared to have successfully pinpointed the course of Coombe Conduit, though it was uncertain if the anomaly detected (on the projected line of the feature) related to a brick built conduit or perhaps a replacement iron pipe, or even a combination of the two. Other features of potential interest highlighted in the desk-based assessment (Oxford Archaeology 2006) were also identified though the interpretation of some of the magnetic anomalies remained unclear. Many of the sample areas showed indications of extensive ground disturbance either associated with the construction of the golf course or in connection with past flower shows. Numerous anomalies were shown to coincide with areas that had been re-seeded or where modern debris (such as stray tent pegs) was visible in the topsoil. The presence of existing services also affected the results. Of the six sample blocks, apart from Area 1 where Coombe Conduit lay, Area 3 was seen to have the greatest archaeological potential. A number of anomalies possessed a shape and form that was indicative of buried ditches or similar features, though the lack of any clear pattern made an archaeological interpretation difficult. It was possible that the responses were associated with World War II activity or indeed landscaping associated with the golf course. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: UD, MO

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OPENVIEW SPORTS GROUND, EARLSFIELD

Geophysical Survey Report. Openview Sports Ground, Earlsfield

Stowe, SUpton Upon Severn : Stratascan, 2006, 16pp, colour pls, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Stratascan

A geophysical survey was undertaken over approximately 3.5ha of land used as a sports field located a number of anomalies of possible archaeological origin. Two positive curvilinear anomalies may have represented the ditches of prehistoric round barrows in the northern and central areas of the site. Discrete positive anomalies indicated the presence of possible pits. A number of positive linear anomalies of uncertain origin were located in the eastern limits of the survey area. Modern services were evidence running across the survey area. [Au(abr)]

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Geophysical Survey Report. Buckingham Palace

Wood, EThornton : GSB Propection, 2006, 12pp, figs, tabs, refs

Work undertaken by: GSB Propection

Gradiometer results produced anomalies that may have potentially been associated with the Civil War defences and the Goring Great Garden Wall, within Areas 1 and 2 respectively. However, the majority of all the areas were magnetically disturbed due to service, drains and landscaping. These responses would have masked many features of archaeological interest, if present. The resistance results were slightly more informative, especially in Area 3, where a block of high resistance proved to be the base of steps associated with the ornamental canal. However, landscaping of the gardens and the services had a detrimental effect on the survey results. GPR survey within the Quadrangle (Area 5) showed a complex of both modern and historic services. Within the deeper time-slices high amplitude responses corresponded to excavations in 1744 and included walls of Arlington House and a central fountain. Survey within Area 3 correlated to the magnetic and resistance surveys as it showed features associated with the canal. Natural responses were also located which may have suggested geological or landscaping features. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: UD, PM, MO