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An Archaeological Watching Brief

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3.0 Results

Summary:

A nineteenth century brick burial vault was found in soakaway 1. A possible grave cut was found in soakaway 2. No further archaeological features were present in any of the other excavations. The soakaways were very disturbed. A quantity of disarticulated human bone was recovered from each of the soakaways and from one drain, that running north from soakaway 3.

3.1 Soakaway 1

Location: North side of church

Dimensions: 1.5 x 1.75m

Max depth: 1.2m

Features: Brick burial vault. The west end of the vault was uncovered at the westernmost end of the soakaway trench. The north side was also exposed. The base of the vault was at a greater depth than the base of the soakaway trench. The vault was a structure of 3" machine made bricks of an irregular bond, mortared together. It had a barrel vaulted roof over which was a layer of levelled mortar containing pieces of limestone, c.0.20 in diameter. This layer was covered by a thin layer of light coloured gravel, c.0.10m thick, which was in turn overlaid by a layer of black asphalt. The topsoil which covered the asphalt was c.0.10m deep. There was no associated gravestone, or any related features visible on the present ground surface. To the east of the soakaway was a fill of local stone part of which overlay the north east corner of the vault (photo 2). In the western section was a void towards at a depth of 0.80m. This was interpreted as the end of a grave cut.

Finds: Human bone (disarticulated), 1 cows tooth, 1 beer bottle top, 2 shards blue and white transfer printed earthenware, 1 shard post medieval lead glazed earthenware, 1 shard medieval green glazed pot.

Drain 1

Location: Running south west from soakaway 1

Features: None

Finds: None

Drain 2

Location: Running south east from soakaway 1

Features: None

Finds: None

