

Section 3 ~ Other Fieldwork

AVON

Bath

3/2 (E.08.0708)

ST74006400

86 WALCOT STREET, BATH

Archaeological Excavations in Advance of Engineering Works at 86 Walcot Street, Bath

Beaton, M Bath: Bath Archaeological Trust, 1996, 5pp, figs

Work undertaken by: Bath Archaeological Trust

Refurbishment of a small mid 18th century house which lay close to the discovery of the remains of a colonaded Roman building provided an opportunity for an exploratory excavation in advance of minor underpinning work. There were no deposits under the cellar floors except for a thin spread of mortar with Roman pottery in it and an entirely robbed wall footing. The wall was undateable but its style suggested a medieval date. [AIP]

Archaeological periods represented: RO, UD

3/3 (E.08.0706)

ST74006400

NO. 6 LOWER BOROUGH WALLS, BATH

Excavations in the Cellars of No.6 Lower Borough Walls, Bath

Lewcun, M Bath: Bath Archaeological Trust, 1996, 5pp, figs

Work undertaken by: Bath Archaeological Trust

Two trenches provided a useful insight into the city wall and ditch in this area. The site was brought to attention by the presence of blackish soil from the city ditch in a skip outside premises undergoing renovation. The line of the wall and its associated ditch were revealed as well as some Roman tesserae. [AIP]

Archaeological periods represented: RO, MD, PM

3/4 (E.08.0711)

ST73806180

THE WANSDYKE, ODD DOWN, BATH

Archaeological Observations during the Excavation of a Sewer Trench Below the Wansdyke at Odd Down, Bath

Broomhead, R A Chicklade: 2pp

Work undertaken by: AC archaeology

Monitoring of excavations adjacent to and below the Wansdyke in compliance with Scheduled Monument Consent produced no evidence of archaeological activity or of disturbance to any archaeological stratigraphy by means of the excavations. [AIP]

Bristol

3/5 (E.08.0006)

ST57537490

26 GROVE ROAD, REDLAND, BRISTOL

Archaeological Watching Brief at 26 Grove Road, Redland, Bristol

Finn, G Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1996, 6pp, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

A watching brief during demolition and groundworks associated with the construction of a house found no evidence for the Roman road projected as crossing the site, although evidence for much modern disturbance was located. By process of elimination, it was concluded that the Roman road across Durdham Down may have by-passed the site and ran down Elm Lane, a few metres to the west. [Au(adp)]

3/6 (E.08.0005)

ST57156920

312 BISHOPSWORTH ROAD, BISHOPSWORTH

Archaeological Watching Brief at 312 Bishopworth Road, Bishopworth, Bristol

Finn, G Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1996, 11pp, figs, colour pls, refs

Work undertaken by: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

A watching brief was maintained during groundworks for the construction of fifteen homes revealed that although modern disturbance on the site was negligible, mechanical excavation revealed no significant archaeological features or finds. [AIP]

3/7 (E.08.0720)

ST57737291

44-50 JACOBS WELLS ROAD, CLIFTON, BRISTOL

Archaeological Watching Brief at 44-50 Jacobs Wells Road, Clifton, Bristol

Burchill, R Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1996, 11pp, colour pls, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken within an area associated with early Jewish activity. Within the site no archaeological features were found earlier than the late 18th or early 19th century. A well was located on the boundary between two properties which could not be dated although the method of construction in unmortared, dressed Brandon Hill Grit suggested a medieval date. [AIP]

Archaeological periods represented: UD

3/8 (E.08.0001)

ST53397755

KINGS WESTON ROMAN VILLA, LAWRENCE WESTON, BRISTOL

Survey and Archaeological Excavation of Kings Weston Roman Villa, Lawrence Weston, Bristol

Burchill, R Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1995, 16pp, figs, tabs, colour pls, refs

Work undertaken by: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

As part of a programme of consolidation work at Kings Weston Roman Villa detailed recording of the hypocaust system in Room XI, part of the villa's east wing was undertaken. An opportunity to expose a tessellated pavement originally uncovered in 1948 was also taken, in order to assess its condition and devise a strategy for its future protection. The fieldwork revealed that there had been considerable deterioration to the preservation of elements of the tessellated pavement in Room XI. Recording of the construction of the new tessellated floor, which was laid as a result of the remodelling of the villa and the insertion of the hypocaust in Room XI, revealed a simple sequence of redeposited subsoil, sand and mortar. The floor was of clearly inferior quality when compared to the complex make-up of the primary tessellated floors found in the west wing. A vessel found during the investigation clearly did not fit into the known Iron Age and Romano-British ceramic traditions and thus was tentatively suggested as being of Dark Age date, supporting the amended date for male skeleton recovered from the Room XI flue. Examination of the flue walls showed them to be in poor condition. A test pit was also excavated against the west range in association with the programme of investigation and this showed that the earth bank to the south was made ground and thus archaeologically sterile. [AIP]

Archaeological periods represented: RO

3/9 (E.08.0009)

ST53407715

PORTWAY UPPER SCHOOL, PENPOLE LANE, SHIREHAMPTON, BRISTOL

Archaeological Watching Brief at Portway Upper School, Penpole Lane, Shirehampton, Bristol

Burchill, R Bristol: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services, 1996, 12pp, figs, colour pls, refs

Work undertaken by: Bristol and Region Archaeological Services

A watching brief was undertaken during the construction of a new teaching block. No surviving archaeology other than the length of wall probably representing a boundary between fields shown on the 1840 Tithe Map was recorded. Elsewhere the construction of an army camp during the Second World War and the modern school during the 1960s had probably destroyed any earlier deposits. [Au(adp)]

Archaeological periods represented: PM

3/10 (E.08.0503)

ST57397693

RED MAIDS' SCHOOL, WESTBURY ON TRYM, BRISTOL

The Red Maids' School, Westbury On Trym, Bristol. Archaeological Watching Brief

Parry, A Bristol: Avon Archaeological Unit, 1996, 15pp, colour pls, figs

Work undertaken by: Avon Archaeological Unit

A watching brief was carried out during groundworks for the construction of a sports hall at a school, at a site which lay in the hinterland of an Iron Age hillfort. Romano-British coins and a burial had been found close to the site, and the route of a Roman road passed to the south. During the watching brief, a small number of soil features of indeterminate date and character were recorded, and residual pottery sherds of post-medieval and possible Romano-British date were recovered. [AIP] *SMR Primary Record Number:* 20004

Archaeological periods represented: RO, PM, UD

3/11 (E.08.0500)

ST58377134

SHEENE ROAD, BEDMINSTER, BRISTOL

Sheene Road, Bedminster, Bristol: Archaeological Watching Brief. Project No. 38366.2

Wessex Archaeology Salisbury: Wessex Archaeology, 1996, 8pp, figs, refs

Work undertaken by: Wessex Archaeology

A watching brief was carried out during groundworks at a development site, where trial trenches excavated in 1988 had revealed a beam slot and several pits dating from the 11th and early 12th centuries. A church which may have had medieval origins lay 100m to the north-east. During the watching brief, Victorian cellars and a soakaway with two culverts were recorded. The infilled remains of the inspection pits of a tram depot which had been destroyed by bombing during WWII were also observed. [AIP]