

Site Glasgow Cathedral

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Project Description Watching Brief

Report

A watching brief was maintained on 9.10.97 in advance of the digging of new foundations for kerbing. The area concerned lay 8.0m to the N of the cathedral, and formed a part of the Victorian graveyard.

Initially, grass was cleared from the E side of the access road to Historic Scotland workshops located nearby. The resultant trench was up to 120mm deep on its E side, but only c.20mm deep where it abutted the roadway. The final trench dimensions were 4m NE-SW by 550mm NW-SE, with all material having been removed being later 20th-century in date.

Further monitoring was carried out during the excavation of a setting for a covered drain on the S side of the new kerbing, and the installation of a pipe to serve the drain. The area excavated measured 800mm N-S and E-W, and reached a depth of 380mm, with the track for the drain pipe being a further 2.2m in length. The material removed was again modern in character, and no finds were revealed.