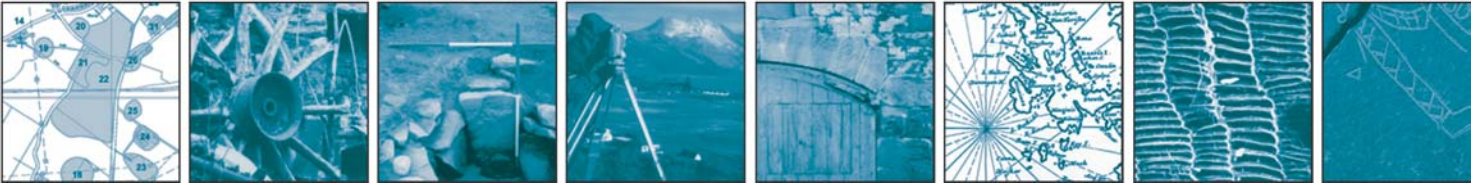


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**Land Adjacent to Wardlaw Church, Kirkhill, Invernesshire  
Archaeological Evaluation Data Structure Report**

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PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET (WCK 06)

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*Summary*

*Headland Archaeology was commissioned by Bracewell Stirling Architects on behalf of Battan Developments to undertake an archaeological evaluation in connection with a planning condition issued by Highland Council.*

*No archaeological features were identified during the evaluation.*

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Bracewell Stirling Architects, on behalf of Battan Developments commissioned Headland Archaeology Ltd to undertake an archaeological evaluation on the land adjacent to Wardlaw Church, Kirkhill, Inverness (Figure 1) to satisfy a planning condition set out by Highland Council.

The site lies on the south west side of the village of Kirkhill. It is bordered by housing and open fields to the north, south and west and by the B9164 to the east. The site is currently part of a large arable field. The proposed development is for housing.

## **2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

The site lies in an area of known archaeological potential. Approximately 500 m to the north west lies the ruins of St Mary's Church dated to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. A number of probable prehistoric sites have been identified within the surrounding landscape including cairns and enclosures. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey maps (1876 and 1905) show the site as open fields.

## **3. METHOD**

Eight trenches were excavated across the site using a 360<sup>0</sup> mechanical excavator equipped with a 2 m wide toothless ditching bucket, under direct archaeological supervision. The combined length of the trenches was 750 m, equating to 1500 m<sup>2</sup> and forming a 5% sample of the site.

Colour transparencies and negative photographs were taken and unique numbers given to all trenches. An overall site plan was created using a Total Station Theodolite linked to a *Penmap* digital mapping system.

## **4. RESULTS**

A full description of all trenches is given in Appendix 1.

No archaeological features were identified within the trenches excavated. The subsoil over the entire site was a mottled orange sandy silt and appeared to be untruncated throughout the entire field. It was overlain by approximately 0.50 to 0.70 m of topsoil.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Trench Register**

<b>Trench No</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>
1	Along north east edge of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.52 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 158 m Depth: 0.52 m (max)
2	Along north west edge of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.63 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 113 m Depth: 0.63 m (max)
3	Centre of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.55 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 100 m Depth: 0.55 m (max)
4	Centre of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.70 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 50 m Depth: 0.70 m (max)
5	In north west side of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.70 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 80 m Depth: 0.70 m (max)
6	In south east side of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.70 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 66 m Depth: 0.70 m (max)
7	Along south east edge of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.62 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 83 m Depth: 0.62 m (max)
8	Along south west edge of field	No archaeological features present. Topsoil 0.54 m in depth overlying natural orange sandy silt subsoil.	Length: 100 m Depth: 0.54 m (max)

## APPENDIX 2

### Photo Register

Shot No	Direction Facing	Description
1	NW	Trench 1
2	NE	Trench 2
3	E	Trench 3
4	SW	Trench 4
5	SW	Trench 5
6	NE	Trench 7
7	SW	Trench 7
8	SW	Trench 6
9	N	Trench 8
10	E	Trench 8

## APPENDIX 3

### Maps (National Library of Scotland)

- 1876 Ordnance Survey Invernessshire Sheet XI (surveyed 1868-72)
- 1905 Ordnance Survey Invernessshire Sheet XI.I (revised 1903)

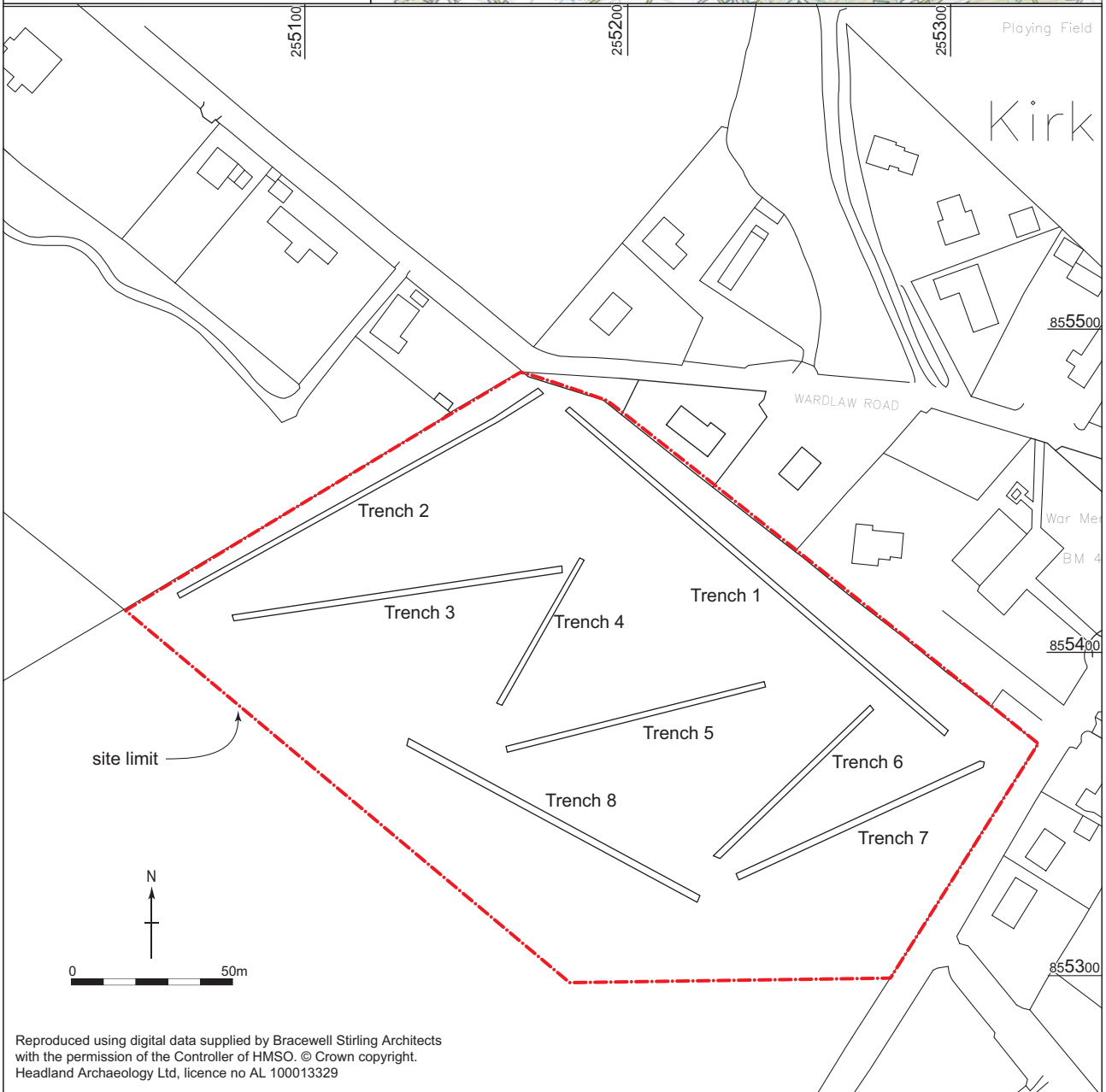
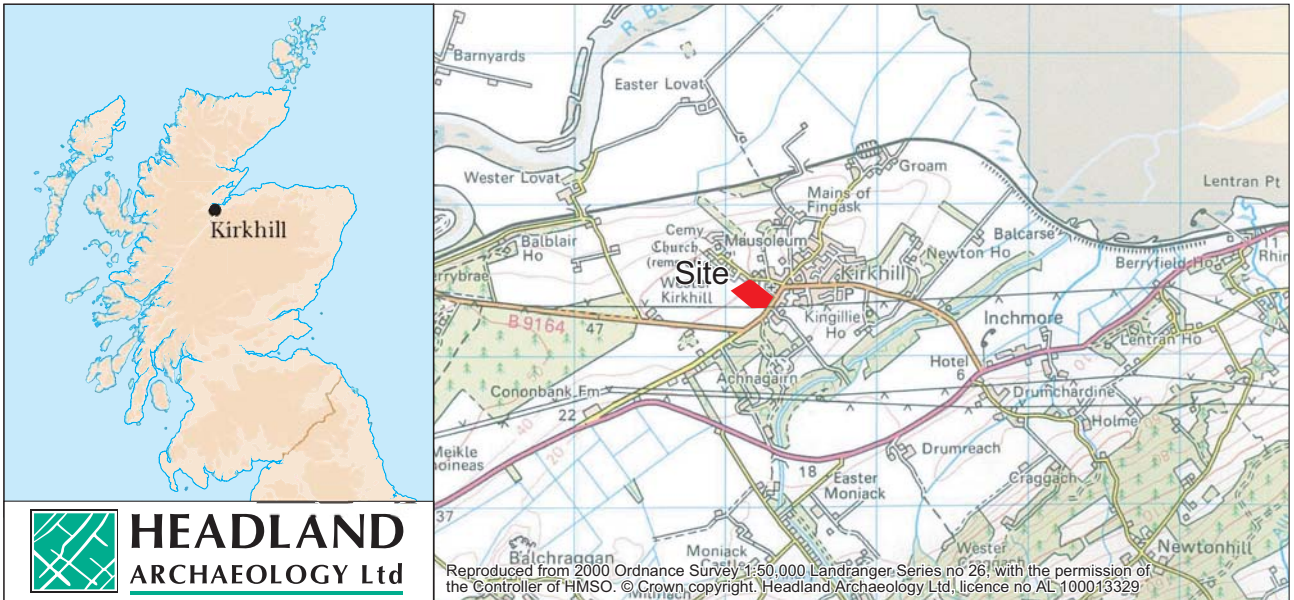


Figure 1 - WCK06, site location plan and trench layout.