Summary

Site name: Hazel Lane Quarry, Hampole, South Yorkshire

Grid reference: SE 4987 1135

Site activity: Strip and Excavation

Date and duration of project: 16th–17th December 2002

Project manager: Jo Pine

Site supervisor: Jo Pine

Site code: HLH 02/04

Area of site: 3.2ha

Summary of results: Postholes, pits, possible gully terminus and a possible hearth all of Roman date

Monuments identified: Postholes, pits, possible gully terminus and a possible hearth all of Roman date

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held by Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd, 47-49 De Beauvoir Road, Reading, RG1 5NR and will be deposited with Doncaster Museum in due course, with accession code DONMG:2002.3.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of the archaeological monitoring of a soil strip and excavation carried out at Hazel Lane Quarry, Hampole, South Yorkshire (SE 4987 1135) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Peter Reeves, Senior Archaeologist of Wardell Armstrong Consulting Group, 1 Church Place, Piccadilly, London, SW1Y 6HU, on behalf of Catplant Limited.

Planning permission has been sought from Doncaster Borough Council for the extension of the limestone quarry, which lies to the south of the application area. Since the identification of various archaeological features including the reburied remains of a Roman building, further stripping would require archaeological supervision and mapping of any archaeological features uncovered.

This is in accordance with the Department of the Environment’s Planning Policy Guidance, Archaeology and Planning (PPG16 1990), and the Borough’s policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Mr Roy Sykes, Assistant Archaeologist, South Yorkshire Archaeology Service. The fieldwork was undertaken by Jo Pine between the 16th and 17th December 2002 and the site is HLH 02/04. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Doncaster Museum in due course, with accession code DONMG:2002.3.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located on the north side of an existing quarry just over 1km north-west of the village of Hampole. The site slopes gently from 60m above Ordnance Datum at the west to 55m AOD to the east, whilst the village of Hampole to the south-east lies at 25m AOD. The underlying geology is Permian Lower Magnesium Limestone (BGS 1993). This was encountered throughout the site but was capped intermittently by an orange brown silty clay.

Archaeological background

Several phases of archaeological work have already taken place during the quarry development (Pine 2002a and b; Taylor 2002.) In light of the discovery of the remains of a Roman building, it has become necessary to
supervise the stripping of the site at all times, given the possibility of the presence of further building remains or associated significant archaeology.

**Results**

The monitored strip of an area approximately 45m by 35m (Fig. 2) revealed a small number of archaeological features (Fig. 3 and Appendix 1). These were three postholes (121, 123 and 125), a small pit (124), a pit or gully terminus (120) and a possible hearth or fire pit (122). This latter feature was scorched around the outside. Its fill (183) however, did not contain a high proportion of burn matter.

All of these features were half-sectioned as a minimum, with the postholes being fully excavated. With the exception of postholes 121 and 125, all the other features contained pottery.

**Finds**

A moderate collection of pottery, animal bone and tile was recovered from the excavated features. The pottery, on preliminary examination, all appears to be Roman in date and seems consistent with the pottery recovered from the previous evaluations and excavation. Three environmental samples were taken from the fills of three features (120, 122 and 124).

**Further Work**

No post-exavation processing has taken place at this stage for the material recovered during this phase, with the exception of cross-referencing of the written and drawn records.

**References**

Pine J, 2002a, ‘Hazel Lane Quarry, Phase D, Hampole, South Yorkshire; an archaeological evaluation’, Thames Valley Archaeology Services report 02/04, Reading
Pine J, 2002b, ‘Hazel Lane Quarry, Phase, Hampole, South Yorkshire; an interim report, Thames Valley Archaeology Services report 02/04b, Reading
Taylor A, 2002, ‘Hazel Lane Quarry, Phase, Hampole, South Yorkshire; an archaeological evaluation’, Thames Valley Archaeology Services report 02/04c, Reading
APPENDIX 1: Catalogue of excavated features

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Figure 1. Location of site within Hampole and South Yorkshire

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Figure 2. Showing second phase trench locations in relation to previous trenches, excavated features and previous geophysical anomalies.
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Figure 3. Excavated features

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