



Monitoring Report No. 26

**ARMAGH FRIARY
PARKMORE
COUNTY ARMAGH**

AE/05/109

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Site Specific Information

Site Name: Armagh Friary

Townland: Parkmore

SMR No: ARM 012:016

State Care Scheduled Other

Grid Ref: H87644477

County: Armagh

Excavation Licence No: AE/05/109

Dates of Monitoring: 24/08/05

Archaeologist Present: Nicholas Beer

Brief Summary: Monitoring carried out in advance of the erection of an information board, on behalf of Regeneration of South Armagh (ROSA). Nothing of archaeological significance encountered, a small amount of pottery recovered.

Type of monitoring: Single trench excavated by hand.

Size of area opened: 0.3 m x 0.35 m.

Current Land Use: Monument in State Care.

Intended Land Use: N/A

Plan of site showing extent of area monitored:



Fig. 1. Location of excavation at Armagh Friary, County Armagh.

Account of monitoring results.

A small trench (0.3 m x 0.35 m) was excavated to a depth of 0.6 m for the installation of an information board at Armagh Friary, County Armagh. The Information board was located 8m to the northwest of the standing remains of the Friary (Fig. 1.). During the excavation three deposits were discovered (Fig. 2.).

The first deposit (Context No. 101) was a brown sandy loam topsoil, which extended to a depth of 0.05 m. Underlying the topsoil, (Context No. 101) was a mixed sandy loam deposit (Context No. 102) containing stones and some fragmented pottery sherds, this deposit extended to a depth of 0.4 m. Underlying this sandy loam deposit, (Context No. 102) was another sandy loam deposit (Context N. 103) which extended to a depth of 0.6m, where excavation terminated. Although the two soils (Context Nos. 102 and 103) had a similar matrix, as archaeological deposits they were distinguishable by the large number of inclusions (principally of stones) present in the upper layer (Context No. 102).

A small quantity of fragmented 17th Century brown ware, (Ruairí Ó Baoill pers comm.) was recovered from the sandy loam deposit (Context No. 102).

Site Stratigraphy

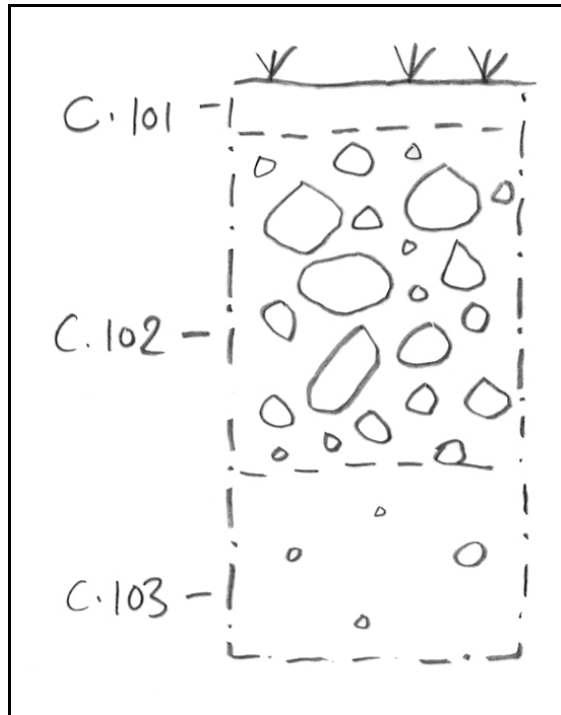


Fig. 2. Sketch section of stratigraphy encountered at Armagh Friary, County Armagh

Archive:

Finds: 1 bag of pottery.

Photographs: 2 digital images held by CAF.

Plans / Drawings: 1 sketch section plan, held by the CAF.

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Date: _____