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Introduction

Archaeology South-East (ASE) a division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology (UCLCAA) were commissioned by Dawn Postlethwaite, English Heritage, Head of Visitor Operations at Battle Abbey, to undertake a watching brief during the installation of a Tourist Information Centre sign outside the entrance to the Courthouse at Battle Abbey (NGR 574800 115500, Fig. 1). The work took place on the 13th of May 2010 and was monitored by Dylan Hopkinson (Archaeologist, ASE).

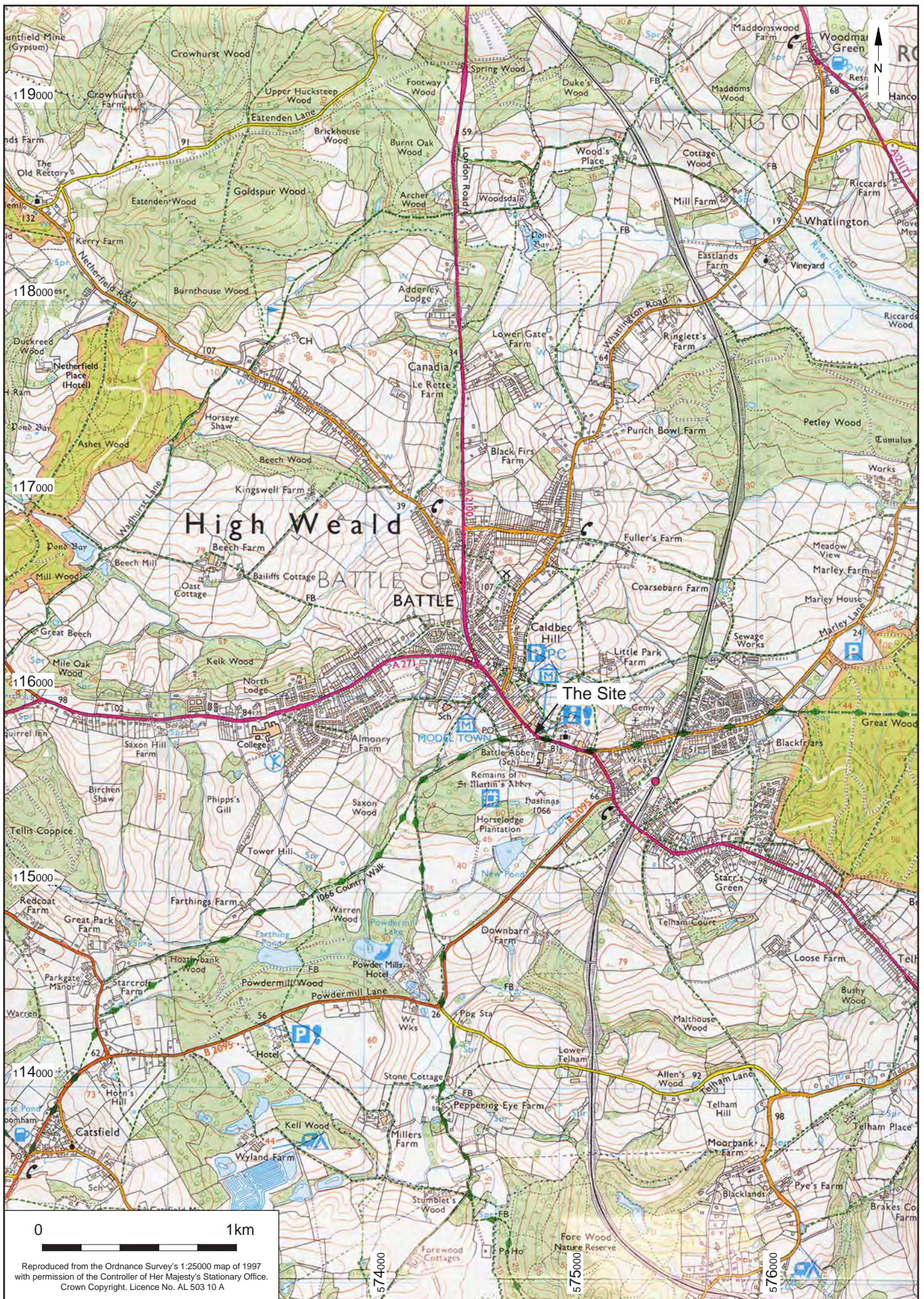
Methodology

All excavations were monitored at all times by a suitably qualified archaeologist and soil removed from the excavations was inspected for artefacts of archaeological interest. Deposits were recorded on standard pro forma record sheets. Two post holes of 0.20m diameter and 0.50m depth were excavated outside of the courthouse (Fig.2).

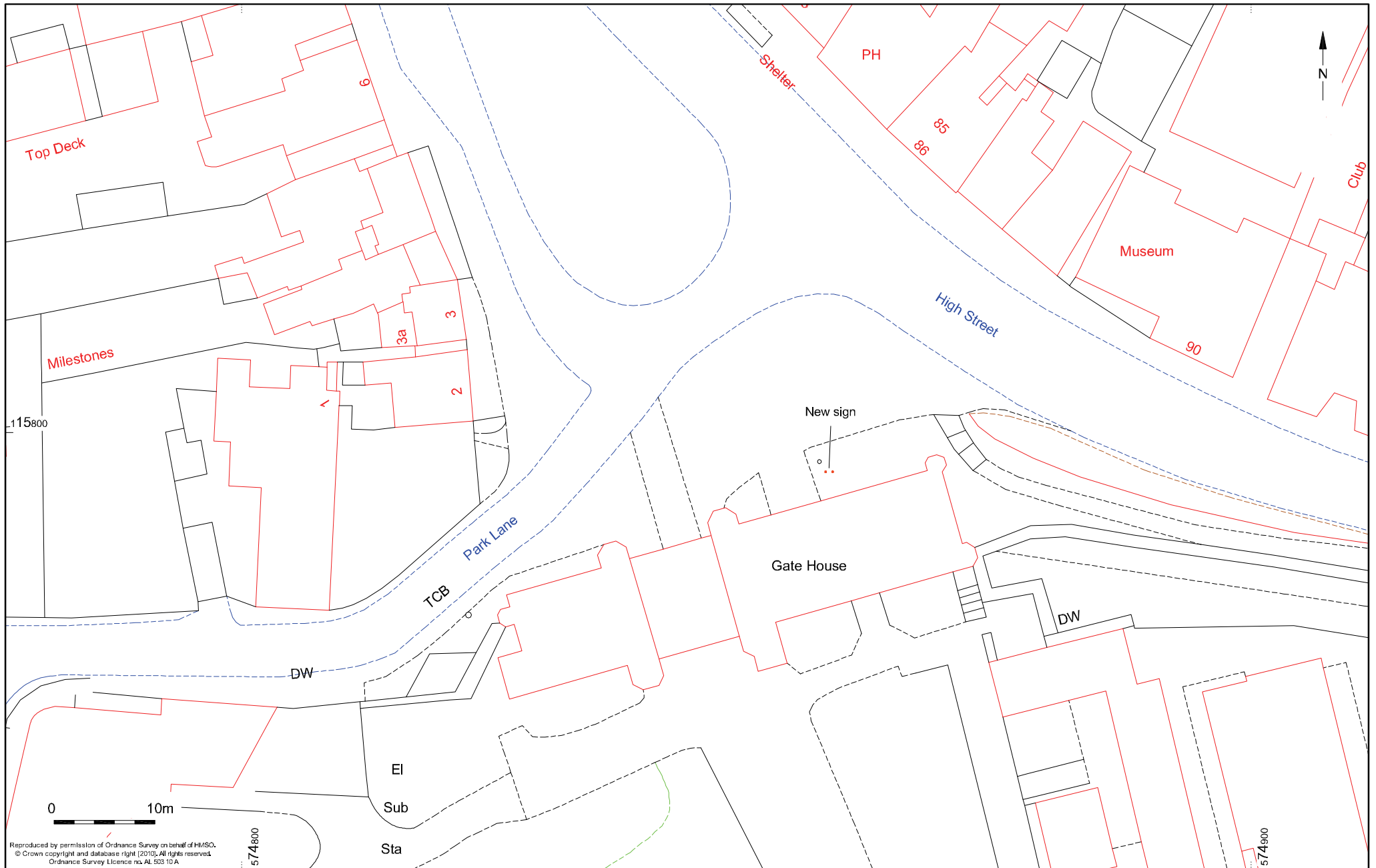
Results

The stratigraphic sequence of deposits for each post hole was the same. Natural Tonbridge Wells sand geology [003] was encountered 0.50m below surface level. This was overlain by a firm mid brown sandy silt subsoil with common gravel inclusions, [002] of 0.10m thickness. The subsoil was overlain by a 0.40m thick firm mid brown sandy silt topsoil with occasional gravels [001].

There were no archaeological deposits present and no archaeological artefacts were recovered.



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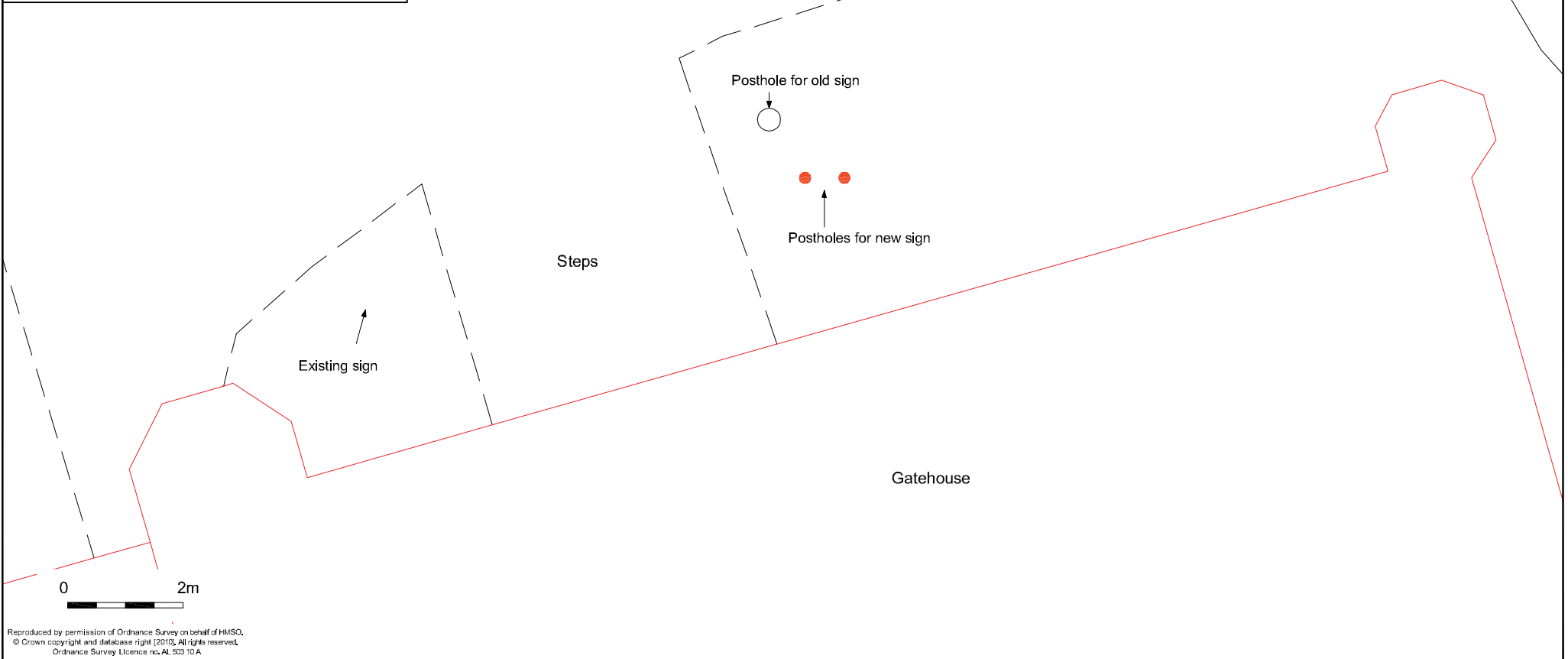
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Location of new sign postholes

Fig. 2



Fig. 3.1: New sign, looking south-west



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