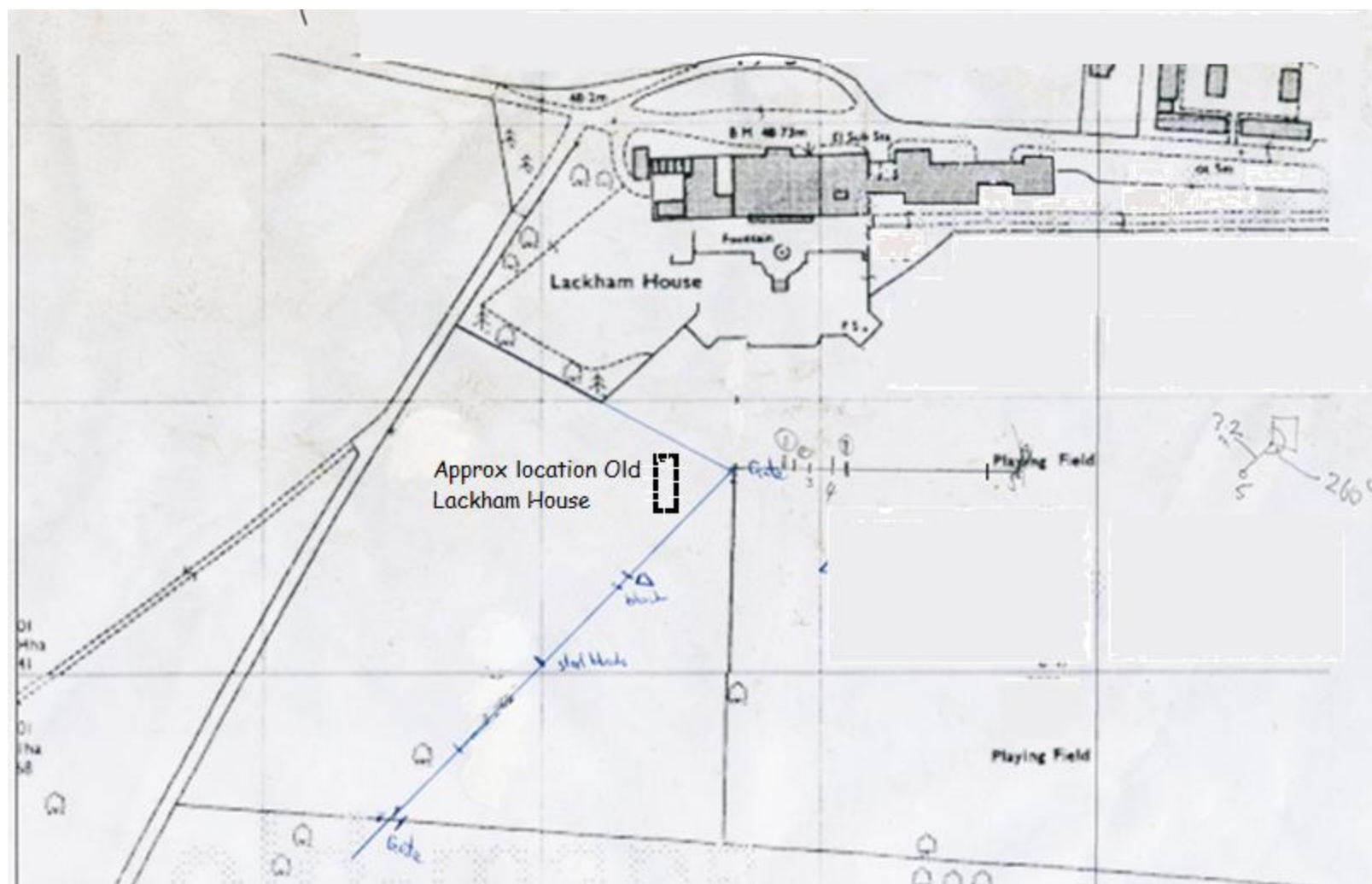


Water Mains trench October 25 - November 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 A new water main was laid across Park 3 at Lackham in late October, early November 2012 The course of this pipe took it just to the east of the old Lackham House and then across the northern part of the Playing Fields.





Approx location old Lackham House (demolished 1793-1795)



Looking south west along the line of the pipeline before operations commenced



Nothing except alluvial deposits of sand, gravel and clay were found along the entire length of the trench from the corner of the field next to the entrance to Home Farm until the base of the slope in the north east corner of the field Park 3.



Measurements for the trench do not, however, run from this location but from the gate at the north east corner of Park3

Three dressed ashlar blocks were dug out "at a depth of about 30cm" at ST 92219 70022,. These were located 89.1 from the northeast end of the trench at the gateway to the Sports Field.



As progress was made up the slope, identified from illustrations and Andrews and Dury's map as the boundary of the western garden, cobbling material was found at ST92226 70036 this was located 10 cm below the soil surface and was approximately 30cm in depth. (Fig 2). This material was around 85m from the northeast end of the trench in the gateway into the Sports Field







Large flags were found at ST 92239 70041



Carved wall capping stones? were found at ST 92235 70052







Large blocks were found at ST92239 70046 these were located 55.4m from the north east end of the trench at the gateway into the Sports Field





and these were found in both side walls of the trench. They were over 15cm in thickness and two were found in situ on top of each other







The trench cut the line of these stones at an angle as they were orientated almost exactly north-south. From excavations of the old house it is known that the walls of that house were orientated on the same alignment.



At ST242240 70046 carved stone work was found. These were located 50.3 m from the northeast end of the trench at the gateway into the Sports field.











At the base of the trench more were seen in the side walls. When this was investigated it was found that they had been pushed together to form a triangular space which went back a full arms length plus that of a shovel (aprox. 2.5m).





Following overnight collapse of part of the trench side adjacent to the stonework amounts of wall plaster was found. Unfortunately these carved blocks were replaced in the trench before filling.



Rubble and stone brash was found at a high level in the top soil between here and the end of the trench, possibly courtyard or path material?

The trench then ran almost exactly due east across the top of the Playing field to pick up the original water main 3.4m away, at an angle of 260 degrees from magnetic north from the access cover close to the dead oak tree ( at ST923689 70084)

The trench was measured from the same gatepost as the first trench run.

This line was thought to run close to the Medieval roadway that ran east from the House to the River Avon. Observations of the playing field under low angle sunlight had suggested the possibility of house platforms? or levelled areas over this north western part of the Playing fields.

Blocks of dressed stone were found at depth (approx. 1.5m) at ST 92285 70084 13.4 from the start





Another dressed block was found at 16.5m along the trench at ST92295 70084



Substantial amounts of dressed stone were found at 21.2 m ST92249 70084







And large blocks were found at 26.3m. Loose plaster debris was found sitting directly on top of these blocks when removed











A layer of small stones and "cobbling" similar to that seen in the north-south section of the trench, was located at a depth of 15cm at 72 m from the start point at ST92341 70084







The east end of the trench, at 84.3m ST92368 70084 uncovered more small blocks of dressed stone











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