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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1038

On 24/10/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In your reply dated 9/10/25 you kindly gave me the carbon dating of the remains as 1217-1334AD and 1351-1393AD.

As you will see from my previous enquiry I am researching the history of Newnham-on-Severn - particularly the location of the early medieval church and graveyard at the site.

Please would you be so kind as to give me any more information you have about the remains.

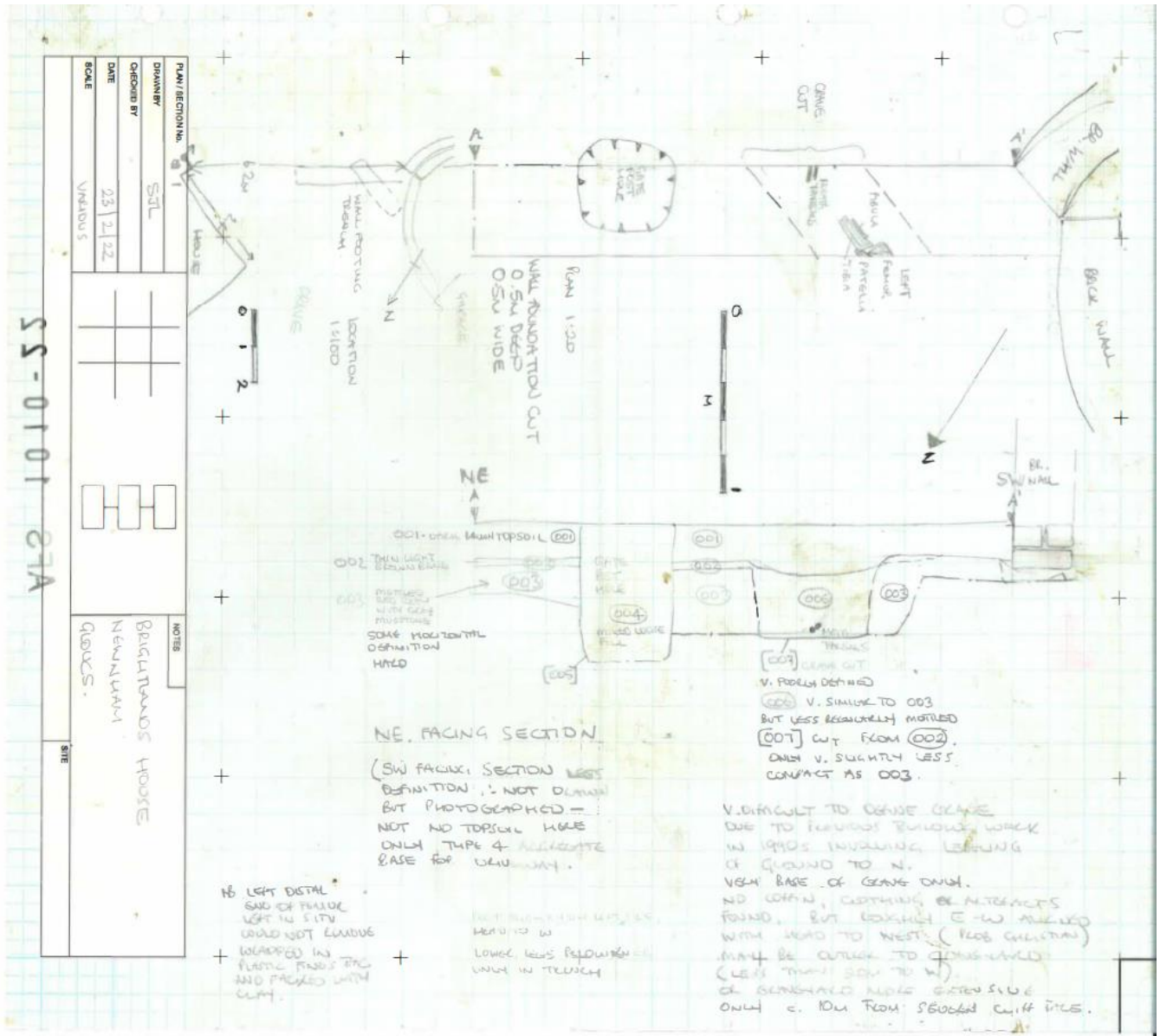
For example, could you please tell me;

1. How was the skeleton aligned?
2. Which bones were examined?
3. Were any artefacts recovered?
4. Were any there any other historically relevant observations about the remains at all?
5. Is there a possibility that I might be able to view the report?
6. I would be very grateful to see any relevant photographs or other material recovered that might indicate that the burial was either within or outside a medieval church graveyard.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

1. Seemed to be aligned E/W, with the head to the west, however, only the left and right patellae, left tibia, fibula and right and left distal (lower) femur were observed.
2. Left distal (lower) femur, proximal (upper) half of left tibia, 3x portions of fibula, left and right (?) patellae, talus, 3x metatarsals photographed and planned
3. No

4. Grave had been disturbed during previous building work in the 1990s, including levelling of the ground to the north.
5. Reports are not owned by Gloucestershire Constabulary, there is a radiocarbon dating report and excavation plan available but this would have to be sort via the forensic provider, no anthropological examination of bones
6. Could have been outlier to the known graveyard, which was less than 20m to the west, it is possible the graveyard was more extensive, only c. 10m from Cliff face.



If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely,

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