

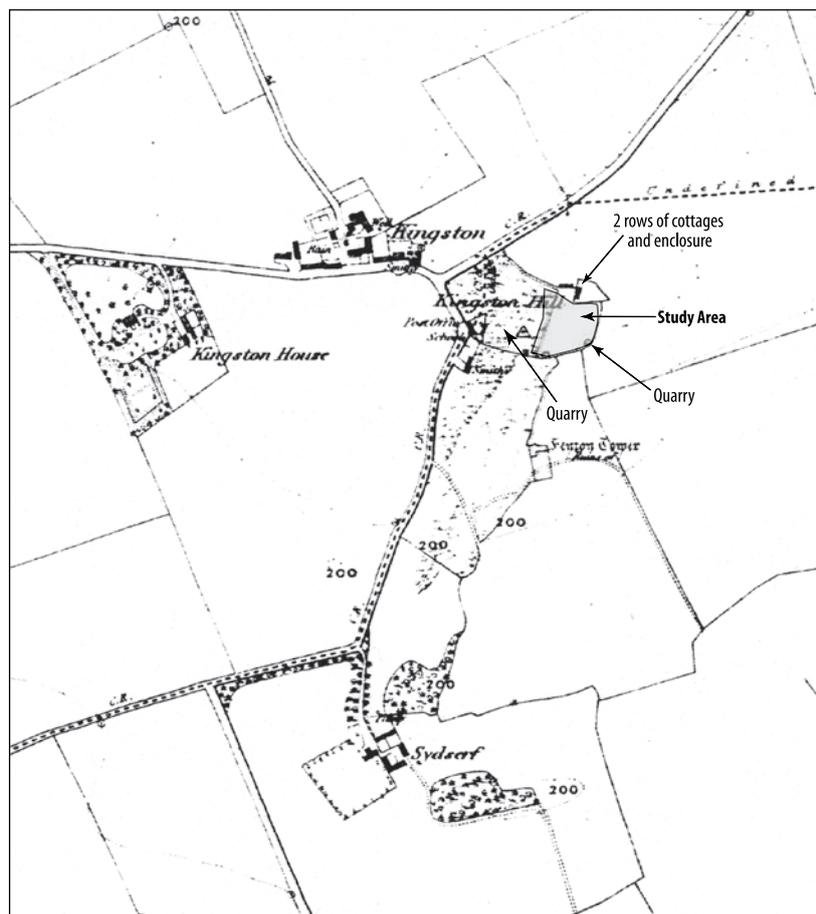
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## 2 INTRODUCTION

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This report details the results of an archaeological evaluation, commissioned by Historic Scotland and carried out by CFA Archaeology Ltd (CFA) between February and March 2001 at Kingston Common (illus 1-2, plates 1-2), near North Berwick in East Lothian (NGR: NT 544 823). The work was commissioned following the unexpected discovery of human remains by workmen excavating a pipe trench.

The Study Area measures around 2700m<sup>2</sup> and five trenches (illus 3) with a total area of 70m<sup>2</sup> were opened by hand. The excavations revealed a range of archaeological features, including two prehistoric short-cists and thirty-eight early medieval long-cist burials (Suddaby 2001). As the site was not threatened by further development, none of the graves was excavated.



*Illus 2 Kingston Hill shown on an extract from the OS 1st Edition map of 1854*



*Plate 1 The view from the parapet of Fenton Tower showing the Common on the horizon, with the water pipe trench adjacent to the field wall and the quarry on the left*



*Plate 2 Kingston Common and Fenton Tower, from near Rockwell Farm*