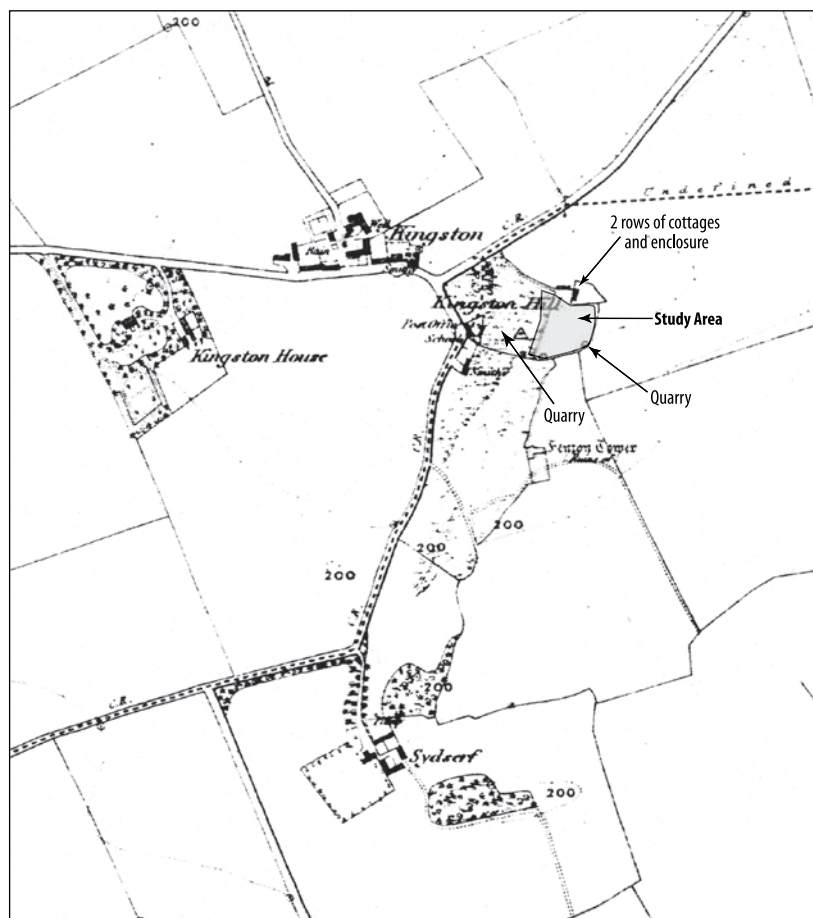

2 INTRODUCTION

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 2700m² and five trenches (illus 3) with a total area of 70m² 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