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Front cover Aerial view of excavated double celled souterrain at Ardownie (Crown Copyright: Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland)

Back cover Enamelled pin found to the NE of Strageath Roman Fort (© Marion O'Neil)

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Introduction

It is a great pleasure to welcome readers to a new volume of the Tayside and Fife Archaeological Journal – Volume 12 in the series.

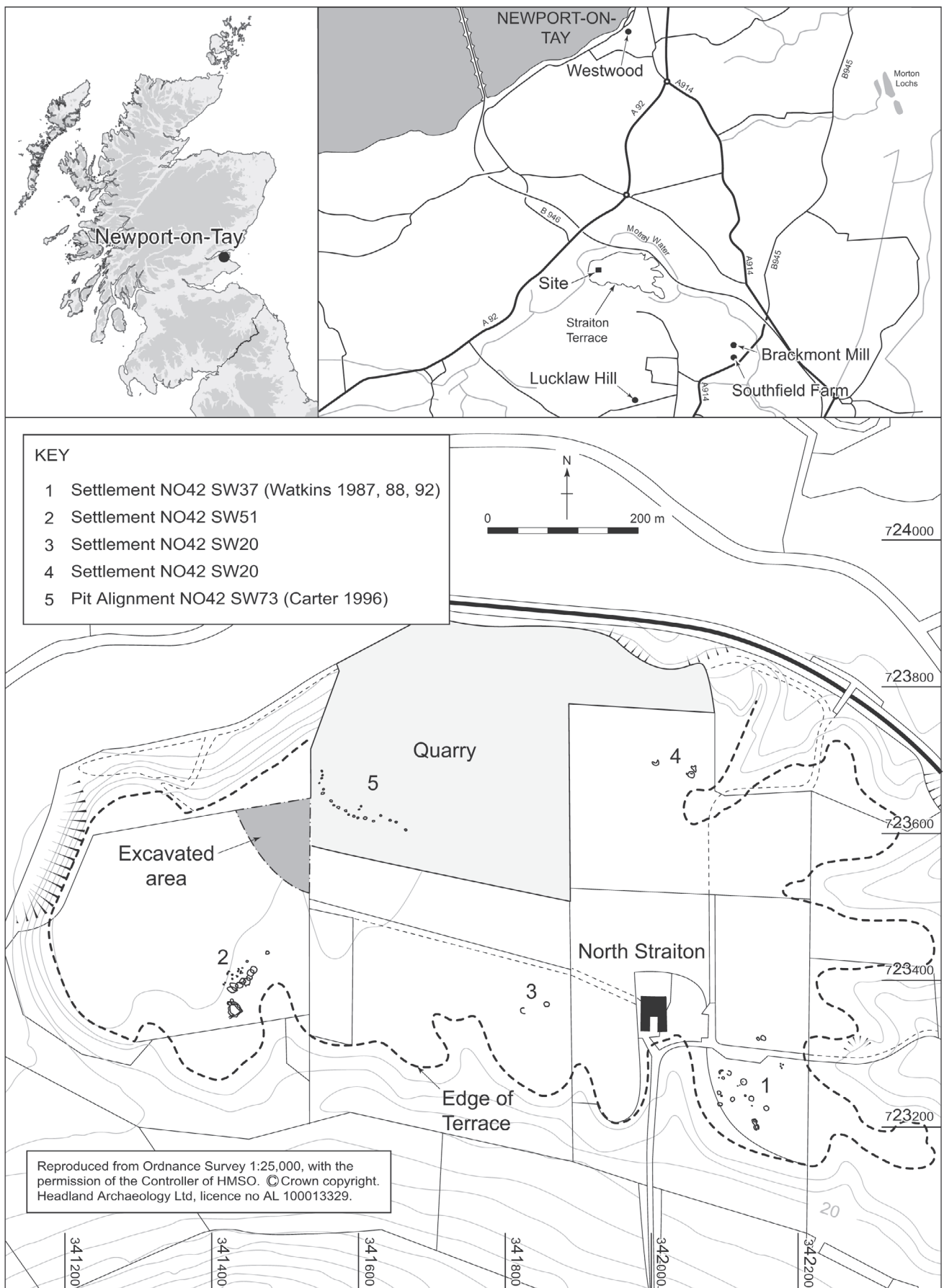
Once again, the papers presented here confirm that an impressive range and variety of archaeological research, both in time and space, has continued in Tayside and Fife, with contrasting approaches to the study of archaeological sites and remains. Thus we have detailed investigations of individual sites and artefacts as in the reports on the Bronze Age cremation cemetery at North Straiton, Fife, the souterrain at Ardownie Farm Cottages, Monifieth, the work at Cottown Old Schoolhouse and Recent finds from Strageath Roman Fort, while wider survey which has been undertaken to provide an overview of the archaeology of the Upper Glendevon reservoir, or a specific type of site as in the Perthshire Crannog Survey 2004. Moreover, this range of contributions, all of which are significant to the archaeological record for Tayside and Fife, covers a long period of time from distant prehistory through to the medieval period. For this latter period two

distinctive studies are presented – a gazetteer and summary of French pottery imported into Scotland (on CD inside the back cover) and a study of the Scottish medieval hospital, both of which give fascinating insights into medieval life and activity.

I commend this volume warmly to our readers, and would like to thank all those who have contributed interesting and important papers. Thanks are also due to the following organisations, for grant aid for the publication of these papers: RMC Russel plc, Angus Council, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, RCAHMS and Historic Scotland.

Production of a volume like this involves a great deal of hard work and dedication, and in conclusion I record thanks and appreciation to all those involved—the TAFAC editorial team of Lisbeth Thoms and Derek Hall, the TAFAC editorial subcommittee, the indexer Peter Gunn, the typesetter Christina Unwin and the printer Farquar and Son Ltd, all of whom have worked together to maintain the high standard of the Journal.

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Illus 1 Site location and surrounding cropmarks.