



# **SURVEY OF TORRE AGUILA ROMAN VILLA AND BASILICA COMPLEX, NEAR MERIDA, EXTREMADURA, SPAIN PROJECT CODE: SOU-07/36**

**Date of survey:** 30<sup>th</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007

## **The Research Project**

The site is an extensive Roman villa complex and olive production centre with super-imposed Visigothic settlement and cemetery covering roughly 2.5 hectares. In the 1980s, approximately half of the site was partially excavated revealing structures standing to a height of up to c. 2.5metres, many of which were consolidated. The site has since been enclosed and abandoned.

## **Survey rationale:**

At the time of excavation a very general hand-drawn plan was made of the site. The survey was commissioned by the former excavations director who required an accurate digital plan of all extant structures to facilitate the production of publication phase plans.

## **Technique of digital data acquisition:**

- Leica Total Station TCR 805

## **Digital data handling and presentation:**

Survey data was downloaded from the Total Station using LISCAD and then exported to AutoCAD Map® for editing.

## **Future research and conservation:**

The survey team and former director are presently devising a plan for a comprehensive archaeological training school with an integrated programme of consolidation work, and a future aim of opening the site to the public as an archaeological park.