

**ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX  
ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY**

**SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>Site name/Address:</b> Boars Tye Barn, Boars Tye Road, Silver End, Rivenhall, Essex.	
<b>Parish:</b> Rivenhall	<b>District:</b> Braintree District Council.
<b>NGR:</b> TL 8094 2003	<b>Site Code:</b> <b>SEBT06</b>
<b>Type of Work:</b> Historic Analysis	<b>Site Director/Team:</b> Elphin Watkin
<b>Date of Work:</b> November 2006	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 200sq.M
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> N/A	<b>Funding source:</b> Owner
<b>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</b> No	<b>Related EHER No.s:</b> None
<b>Final Report:</b> December 2006	
<b>Periods Represented:</b> 17th century to 20th century.	
<b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b>	
<p>This seventeenth century threshing barn appears to have been built in about the middle of the century. It has a good timber frame part oak and part elm. The barn of five bays and a midstrey on the middle bay is unusual in its framing system. It has large section main timbers with primary bracing fitted as if the building would have no midrail. The midrail is then tenoned into the brace. This system makes for a strong frame with minimum number of large section timbers. The timbers used are of exceptional length for Essex buildings and only one has a scarf joint in its length. The two tiebeams opposite the midstrey do in fact carry on through the length of the midstrey. The storey posts have serpentine braces of long large section to the tiebeams but are omitted on the two posts at the inner end of the midstrey. The unusual system of framing produced infill wall studs of several different lengths which resulted in a method of fitting some of them after the completion of the main frame. The barn finished its farming life in the 1920's when the Crittall village of Silver End was built. It survived as a store building for many years until Silver End passed to the District Council and was let out for varying purposes including to the local scouts. The present changes will see a conversion to domestic use. The farm was part of the Rivenhall Place estate in the seventeenth century and they almost certainly started the Boars Tye holding as a rental farm with a farmhouse, barn and granary. This barn following a short time later as the arable farm developed.</p>	
<b>Previous Summaries/Reports:</b> Historic Appraisal for Braintree DC in November 2004.	
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