

Site name: Tacket Street

Site ref: IAS 3410 HER ref. IPS 323 CIMS Accession No. IPSMG:R.2009.49

NGR TM16554443 Extent 67 sq m.

Circumstances of excavation

Following the demolition of Wingfield House in 1980, Ipswich Borough Council granted permission for the Suffolk Archaeological Unit to excavate an area to the rear of the property in 1980-81, prior to the creation of a car park

Site constraints

The area excavated was limited by the need to store spoil on site for the reinstatement. As the area was stripped by machine to a depth of 1.6m, the volume of spoil was considerable and hand excavation was limited in depth by health and safety concerns.

Funding bodies

Suffolk County Council and the Manpower Service Commission's Youth Opportunities Programme.

Stratigraphic Sequence (by period)

A total of 35 contexts, mainly pits, were recorded from this site and flotation columns taken from pits *0032* (ELS); *0031* (MLS) and *0013, 0025, 0033* (EMED).

Middle Saxon, c. 700-850 (MS)

Pit (*0046*) and the remnant of a shallow linear disturbance (*0014*) belonged to this period.

Early Late Saxon, c.850-900 (ELS)

Four pits (*0032, 0034, 0047, 0062*) belonged to this period.

Middle Late Saxon, c. 900-1000 (MLS)

Three pits belonged to this period (*0009, 0031, 0051*). *0031* is likely to be very early MLS on the basis of a coin (*0007/3410N*) of Alfred (deposited c.880-915) and C14 date of 880+/- 60 (IAS3410_radiocarbon_R4.doc).

Early Medieval, c. 1000- 1200 (EMED)

Three pits (*0013, 0025, 0033*) belonged to this period. Pit *0033*, with its base augered to 2.8m OD, may have been a well, but no organic material was recorded.

Late Medieval, c. 1200 -1450 (LMED)

Two pits (*0026, 0048*) belonged to this period.

Late Medieval Transitional, c. 1450-1600 (LMT)

One pit (*0050*) belonged to this period.

Post Medieval, c.1600-1900 (PMED)

Eleven pits belonged to this period (0002, 0003, 0004, 0005, 0010, 0011, 0017, 0020, 0028, 0039, 0056) plus postholes 0004 and 0030 and the infilling of cellar 0006.

Unphased

Five postholes and two pits were not phased. Three postholes could be any phase after MS (0029, 0042, 0045), one (0012) is EMED or earlier and one (0057) is EMED or later. The finds are missing from the two pits. Pit 0043 is cut by LMED pit 0048 and cuts MS pit 0046. Pit 0049 is ELS or earlier as it is cut by ELS pit 0047.

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