

Site name: Greyfriars Road / St Peter's Street

Site ref: IAS 5202 HER ref: IPS 754 CIMS Accession No: IPSMG:R.2009.55

NGR: TM16314410 Extent: 51 sq m

Circumstances of excavation

Changes to the road layout in 1982, as part of the 'Stoke Bridge and approaches' road scheme, involved the demolition of property fronting the west side of St Peter's Street at its junction with Greyfriars Road, and opposite St Peter's Church. Suffolk County Council's Highways Department gave the Suffolk Archaeological Unit permission to excavate the frontage prior to highway works.

Site constraints

Deposits were sufficiently shallow (1.2-1.4m below ground surface) to allow excavation close to the road edge and the only constraints were the substantial concrete foundations and brick walls of the demolished building (Barclays Bank) which were left *in situ*.

Funding bodies

Suffolk County Council.

Stratigraphic sequence (by period)

Middle Saxon: c.700-850 (MS)

3 pits belonged to this period (0005, 0007, 0008). Pits 0005 and 0008 had been largely removed by the later (ELS) pit 0004 and might be the same pit. A column soil sample for environmental analysis was taken from pit 0007.

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

5 pits belonged to this period (0002, 0004, 0006, 0011, 0012).

Undated

One post hole (0003) was undated.

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