

Abstracts of unpublished reports

The following is the first in a series which aims to record essential details of work which has been deposited in archival form because, for whatever reason, it cannot at present be published in full. Contributions to future lists are invited. Work by any museum, group or individual in the county may be included.

MOTORWAY SITES

The following reports of work by the SyAS Motorway Rescue Group, which was carried out in 1972 in advance of the construction of the M25 and M23 motorways, have been deposited in the SyAS Research Collection, accession no 338.

TQ 288 536 Priory Mead (Church Meadow), Merstham

Excavation showed that two long banks were artificial. It is most likely that they were made in the early 19th century, perhaps as part of a landscaping scheme associated with Merstham House.

TQ 265 335 Pease Pottage, near Crawley, Sussex

Excavation recovered a large number of worked flints of the Mesolithic period.

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TQ 2219 6305 'Woodgate', London Road, Ewell

In July and August 1976, a rescue excavation lasting ten days, not worked consecutively, took place in the garden which backs on to the north-west boundary of the extension to the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell parish church, at the point where earlier excavations had taken place. Although a scatter of Roman material (pottery, coins and fragments of metal) was found, and a small number of lithic tools and wasters, no evidence of structures was identified.

The Archive Report, compiled by E M Myatt-Price, and Pottery Archive (2 folders), together with three boxes of finds from the excavation (NAS Code W76), are stored in the museum at Bourne Hall, Ewell.