

**GR Warehousing Site, Old Station Yard, Old  
Station Road, Mendlesham, Suffolk**

**Archaeological Desk-based Assessment**

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## **Site details**

Name: GR Warehousing Site, Old Station Yard, Old Station Road, Mendlesham, Suffolk, IP14 5RS

Client: New Hall Properties (Eastern) Ltd

Local planning authority: Mid Suffolk DC

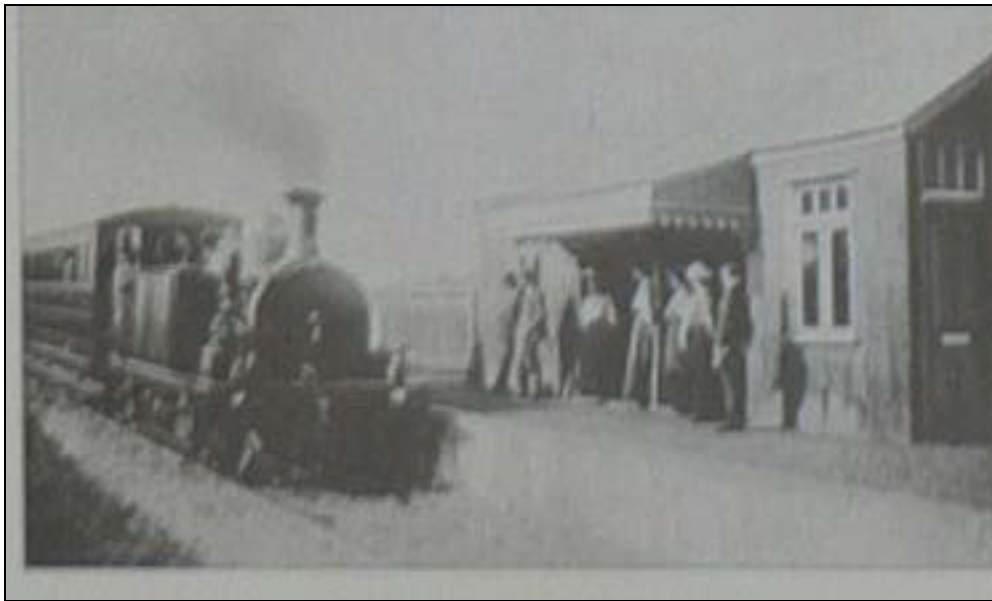
Planning status: Pre-application

Proposed development: Residential

Date of site visit: 27 November, 2012

Grid ref: TM 1020 6545

Area: c1.60 ha



Frontispiece- the station building at Mendlesham

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Summary: Old Station Yard, Old Station Road, Mendlesham ( MDS 163, TM 1020 6545) The desk-based assessment for this site has found no evidence for archaeological finds or deposits having been recorded within its limits. A search covering the area within 500m of the site suggests that the highest archaeological potential it has is for evidence of medieval activity along the road frontage area which is assessed as being medium with the remainder of the southern half of the site having a low to medium potential to contain archaeological deposits. The northern half of the site is assessed as having a low to very low potential to contain archaeological deposits as the construction of the light railway and associated yard has caused truncation of the pre-1900 land surface. In a walk over little evidence was seen for the Mid Suffolk Light Railway which was built with a low budget and a station that had superficial foundations. The conclusion of the study is that the southern half of the site would merit archaeological evaluation by trial trenching under a condition requiring an archaeological programme of works. Whether the northern half of the site is too damaged to merit evaluation is impossible to gauge under the present evidence but remains a possibility. Finally very few features survive from the c50 year period of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway between 1904 and 1952 (John Newman Archaeological Services for New Hall Properties (Eastern) Ltd).

## 1. Introduction & background

1.1 New Hall Properties (Eastern) Ltd have commissioned John Newman Archaeological Services (JNAS) to undertake the archaeological desk-based assessment (DBA) for a proposed residential development at Mendlesham in Suffolk. The proposed development site (PDS) is located to the south-west of the village and is known as the GR Warehousing site, Old Station Yard, Old Station Road (see Fig. 1) and it covers an area of c1.60 ha including a paddock and an area of rough ground on its southern half. Before commencing the DBA the official archaeological advisors, the Suffolk CC Archaeological Service (SCCAS), to the Local Planning Authority, Mid Suffolk DC, were consulted regarding their requirements for the study. The advice given by Dr J Tipper of SCCAS during this consultation was that the DBA should include a search of the County Historic Environment Record covering the area within 500m of the PDS and the examination and copying of all the publicly available historic map sources for the local area. In addition a site visit was made for a walk over to record current land use.

1.2 Mendlesham is a large village in the Till dominated clay lands of central Suffolk to the north of Stowmarket and 1500m west of the A 140, a main road that links Suffolk with Norfolk and which is on the same line as a major Roman road known as the 'Pye Road.' The village flourished through the medieval period as a local centre with some urban traits such as a market granted in 1280 and the historic core of the settlement is focused on the area to west of the parish church and the two main historic street lines of Front Street and Old Market Street may demark a former market area, now in-filled. Historically subsidiary settlements grew at Mendlesham Green and Tan Office Green and an idea of the population size in the parish over time can be gained from looking at various sources. For example the Domesday Book records 46 individuals in 1086 that were heads of families so a multiplier of between 4 or 5 should be used, in 1327 there were 67 taxpayers, in 1524 there were 52 taxpayers while in 1676 347 adults are recorded. In the later Post medieval period the population was 1,051 in 1801 before peaking in 1851 at 1,442 (Goult, 1990).

1.3 The PDS is 250m south-west of the southern edge of this historic core to the village on the western side of Old Station Road at a height of c55m OD though this road name must be of post 1900 date as this is a historic route way linking the main village with Mendlesham Green to the south as shown on Hodkinson's map of Suffolk of 1783. While the local topography is flat there is a gentle slope down on the eastern side of Old Station Road to a small, north flowing, stream which is c250m from the PDS.

1.4 The Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment ([www.suffolklandscape.org.uk](http://www.suffolklandscape.org.uk)) describes the Mendlesham area of the county as being '*Plateaux claylands*' detailing this type of landscape with the following characteristics:

- Plateaux of heavy clay soil (largely with soils of the Beccles Association), very gently undulating or flat dissected by streams
- With dispersed settlement, villages with multiple nuclei in a landscape scattered with farmsteads and hamlets (along winding roads and around greens)
- Recurrent theme of pairing of church and main manorial centre on locally best land near a water source
- Rich stock of medieval and later vernacular buildings
- Almost no woodland (small copses around villages & farmsteads)

### 2. Site description & recent history

2.1 A site visit was made to the PDS in order to carry out a walk over and a small number of digital images were taken (see Appendix I). In summary the northern half of the c1.60ha site is under a concrete yard with a range of large asbestos clad warehouses built on steel frames running along the western half of the northern edge and into the north-western corner (see Fig. 2). In comparison the southern half is soft ground with a grass paddock in the south-eastern quarter of the site while the south-western quarter is rough ground with some vegetation and debris but no apparent evidence for any hardened areas.

2.2 The already developed nature of the northern half of the site relates directly to the history of the PDS since the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century when it became part of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway. In 1896 the Light Railway Act was passed and this aimed to promote the local economy and alleviate the effects of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century agricultural depression by the building of inexpensive railways to carry produce in particular (see Fig. 3 for outline of proposed light railways in Suffolk). The line was opened in 1904 for goods and in 1908 for passengers but was never very profitable closing in 1952 with the track being taken up in 1953 (Goult, *ibid.*). As the current name for the PDS indicates the northern half formed the station yard with the small station building (see frontispiece) to serve the village being located towards the northern edge and just to the east of the structures now standing (pers. comm. Mr M Ryan). No trace of the station building could be seen at the PDS and in all likelihood it was a largely timber built structure with shallow foundations. Directly to the south of the site for the station building some evidence possibly survives for the edge of the associated platform though if present it has been largely incorporated into more the recent concrete surface as the yard was developed for the road borne transfer of goods since the early 1950s (see Appendix I). At the road edge to the PDS at its north-eastern corner two concrete posts still survive and these relate to the level crossing that existed at this point where the rail line crossed the road (pers. comm. Mr M Ryan). Further detail relating to the construction of the light railway and how it appears to have affected the PDS is given in Section 3 below.

2.3 Finally in describing the PDS it should also be noted that a 2m to 3m wide ditch runs parallel to its eastern side in the verge along the western side of Old Station Road. Access points across the ditch are located at the northern end, which is the depot entrance, where it must have been piped to go under the railway line in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and at the southern end opposite Elms Farm.

### 3. Historic map sources

3.1 The earliest available large scale map showing the PDS in any detail is the parish tithe map of 1839 (see Fig. 4) where the bulk of it falls into plot 685, which also contains the small plot 686, and a small section of plot 684 to the west. The relevant details for these and adjoining plots from the tithe apportionment are given in Table 1 below:

Plot	Name	Land use	Size	Occupier	Owner
681	Steel Barn Meadow	pasture	3:3:23	George Fox	Edward Chapman
683	Sand Croft	arable	10:2:11	"	"
684	Further Field	arable	5:2:21	"	"
685	Stack Yard Meadow	pasture	3:3:29	"	"
686	Stack Yard	"	0:0:19	"	"
687	House & yards			"	"
690	Home Field	arable	4:1:25	"	"
708	Vicarage				
722	Moat				

Table 1: Details from tithe map & apportionment (size- acres:rods:perches)  
(Suffolk RO refs: P461/173 & FDA 173/A1/a)

3.2 As indicated in Table 1 above the greater part of the PDS lies within plot 685 which was pasture in 1839 with a small stack yard, 686, on its southern side and arable land adjoining on the southern, western and northern sides. The occupier or tenant farmer, George Fox, lived at what is now Elms Farm directly to the south-east and this tenancy formed one of the larger ones in the parish at 101 acres in total. Two small structures are shown in the south-eastern corner of plot 685 and it is likely that these are agricultural buildings as the tithe map does record all domestic cottages/houses. A small complex of ponds is also shown in the north-eastern corner of plot 685 and running into the adjacent plot 681.

3.3 To add detail for the immediate area close to the PDS details of plot 708 are given as this was recorded in 1839 as the 'Vicarage' as it is on modern maps. In addition plot 722 some 330m to the west of the PDS and fronting onto Hobbies Lane is noted as this is described as 'Moat' on the tithe map and this area lies directly south of Bendall's Farm.

3.4 The next large scale map that could be examined was the 1:25 inch, second edition, Ordnance Survey (OS) one of 1903 (see Fig. 5). This map shows the light railway as being 'under construction' and it is of interest to note the parallel tracks of a passing point within the PDS near what would be the site of the village station while the main line was single track. No structures are shown within the PDS though

there appears to be a small pond close to the south-eastern corner of plot 265 while the pond in the north-eastern corner of tithe map plot 685 has been filled in.

3.5 Unfortunately the third edition OS map of c1930 for this area was not available and the next map that could be examined dates to 1978 (see Fig. 6). As might be expected this map shows the northern half of the PDS as it is at present, and called 'Depot,' save that two small structures close to the road edge have now gone to be replaced by the portable structures now on this area. However while the southern half of the PDS is shown as a single plot in 1978 it is shown on modern maps as being divided (see also Fig. 2). As outlined in Section 2.1 above the south-eastern quarter of the PDS is grass covered paddock while the south-western quarter is rough ground and the map of 1978 appears to reflect this difference. It seems likely, therefore, that the south-western quarter of the PDS has seen use connected to the 'Depot,' perhaps for stacking goods using a hardcore type surface.

3.6 The final historic map source of interest is the survey and construction detail for the Mid Suffolk Light Railway which depicts the planned line and required gradients. For the latter between Hobbies Lane and what is now Old Station Road, and therefore across the PDS, the planned gradient of 1 in 270 appears to indicate a need to lower the ground level by a decreasing amount from west to east and then build up a short length at the eastern end by the planned level crossing (see Fig. 7). The extent of any lowering of the pre-railway ground level is uncertain but it appears likely that some truncation has taken place across the northern half of the PDS.



## 4. Historic Environment Record Search

4.1 The results from the search of the County HER, including information recorded on the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) database, are summarised in Table 2 below (see also Fig. 8 & Appendix II):

HER	Site name	Brief description	Grid ref.	Period	Fig. 8 ref.
MDS 016	Church Farm	Moat	TM 1063 6579	Med	S1
MDS 053	Bendalls	Scatter of pottery on field	TM 0982 6523	Med	S2
MDS 054	Bendalls	Scatter of pottery on field (inc. one possible middle saxon sherd)	TM 0973 6561	Sax(?) & Med	S3
MDS 076	4 Front St	Scatter of pottery under floor	TM 1049 6581	Med	S4
MDS 079	Elm House, Front St	Polished greenstone axe	TM 1046 6576	Prehist (Neo)	S5
MDS 103	Sand Croft	Scatter of pottery on field	TM 1006 6566	Med	S6
MDS 114	Langlands	Scatter of pottery on field	TM 1059 6496	Rom & Med	S7
MDS 126	Playing field	Small amount of pottery	TM 1031 6558	Med	S8
MDS 135		Stone axe in imported ballast	TM 1047 6579	Prehist (Neo)	S9
MDS 142	St Mary's Church	Parish church (recorded in Domesday Book)	TM 1056 6579		S10
MDS 144	Adj 29 Front St	Evaluation trenches- two pits	TM 1040 6580	Pmed	S11
MDS 155	Bendalls Farm	Barn recorded – 19 <sup>th</sup> C (also area adj. Called 'moat' on tithe map)	TM 0978 6547	Med(?) & Pmed	S12
MDS 156		Indicative area of med. settlement	TM 103 657	Med	S13
MDS 158	32 Front St	Site monitoring, ditch & pottery	TM 1039 6580	Med	S14
MDS-PAS1		From PAS- scatter of coins & non-ferrous artefacts (Rom- 3, Med- 4, Pmed- 4)	TM 105 655	Rom/Med/Pmed	S15
MDS-PAS2		From PAS- small scatter of coins & non-ferrous artefacts (Med- 2, Pmed- 2)	TM 102 653	Med/Pmed	S
MDS-PAS3		From PAS- two non-ferrous finds	TM 099 658	Med & Pmed	

Table 2: Summary of HER & PAS searches

## 4.2 Summary of chronological periods:

Period	Date
Prehistoric (Prehist)	Before AD 43 (Neo- Neolithic c4000 to 2000 BC)
Roman (Rom)	AD 43- AD 410

Saxon (Sax)	AD 410- AD 1066
Medieval (Med)	AD 1066- AD 1485
Post medieval (Pmed)	AD 1485- present

4.3 From Table 2 above it can be seen that very little evidence for prehistoric activity has been recorded within the 500m search area around the PDS. As four of the recorded archaeological sites (concentrations of archaeological finds indicative of more intensive past activity) were recorded as pottery scatters on arable land during field walking and from the PAS finds it can be concluded that part, at least, of the area has also been searched with metal detectors this lack of pre-Roman period material appears to be significant as no scatters of prehistoric pottery sherds, worked flints or metal work have been recorded.

4.4 Evidence for Roman period activity in, or very close, to the search area is present but only in two localities (see Fig. 8- MDS 114 & PAS1) 450m-500 to the east of the PDS and close to a small stream. Again that much of the arable land in the search area around the PDS has been searched for pottery scatters and non-ferrous finds would again point to this lack of any other Roman period finds or sites being a true reflection on what is present.

4.5 The lack of evidence for Saxon period activity, save one possible pottery sherd (MDS 054) nearly 500m to the north-west of the PDS, is not unusual in areas of heavy clay soils and what is present close to the PDS is most likely concentrated under the eastern part of the village close to the parish church. However, and as might be anticipated, evidence for medieval and later activity is clear within the search area reflecting the much higher population densities achieved on the claylands of central Suffolk from the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> century AD. In part the recorded medieval sites are concentrated in the historic core of the village at Mendlesham (MDS 156) but they area also found scattered along the roads and lanes that criss-cross the area (MDS 053, MDS 054, MDS 103) with one (MDS 126) being in an area fronting onto Old Station Road c100m north of the PDS.

4.6 Finally the English Heritage register of listed buildings for the search area around the PDS was examined. Again the great majority of the 23 listed buildings within the 500m search are concentrated in the historic core of the village (see Fig. 8- MDS 156) with the nearest one in this group being the King Head PH some c250m north of the PDS. However it is noteworthy that just to the south-east of the PDS, Elms Farm is a listed building (DSF4817) of Grade II\* status and described as being of 'late 15<sup>th</sup> century date with 16<sup>th</sup> century alterations.' Elms Farm also fronts onto a road as does Friary Cottage and Thatched Cottage (DSF4858) c180m north-west of the PDS on Mill Lane, of Grade II status and with a 16<sup>th</sup> century origin. These two late medieval/early Post medieval buildings demonstrate the strong association between historic route ways and the dispersed medieval settlement pattern characteristic of this area of central Suffolk clayland.

## 5. Conclusion

5.1 In assessing the archaeological potential of a plot of land four main factors must be taken into consideration:

1. Are there any archaeological or historical records relating directly to the plot of land being studied which indicate that any heritage assets (e.g. archaeological finds or deposits or historic structures) exist or may have existed within the limits of the area being studied?
2. Do the archaeological and historic records for the immediate area suggest that heritage assets might exist within the area being studied by virtue of its topographic location or location within the local historical landscape?
3. Do any historic map sources suggest the presence of any heritage assets on or close to the area being studied and what can be concluded about use of the area in question during the period covered by the cartographic sources?
4. What is the current and recent land use and how might factors relating to this use have protected or damaged the potential of the area being studied to contain heritage assets?

5.2 In answer to the first point above no heritage assets have been recorded within the PDS and with reference to the third point the historic map sources indicate just agricultural use as pasture up to c1900 before the light railway was constructed across the northern half.

5.3 Examination of the recorded heritage assets in the County HER, the PAS database and the listed building records for the 500m area surrounding the PDS suggests varying degrees of archaeological potential for the site by chronological period. For the prehistoric era the lack of evidence in the area studied suggests that the PDS has a low to very low potential to contain heritage assets of this date while for the Roman period the potential of the PDS can be assessed as being low to medium as two areas of activity have been recorded 450m/500m to the east.

5.4 As with the lack of evidence for prehistoric era activity within the search area around the PDS the similar lack of evidence for the Saxon period also suggests a low to very low potential. The highest potential that the PDS has for containing heritage assets indicative of past activity of any intensity is for the medieval period. With a frontage onto a historic route way the eastern quarter of the PDS is assessed as having a medium potential to contain heritage assets of medieval date as the dispersed character of the historic settlement pattern clearly favoured road frontage areas and a late medieval building is located opposite at Elms Farm. The remainder of the PDS is assessed as having a low to medium potential to contain heritage assets of medieval date.

5.5 Some consideration should also be given to heritage assets of the industrial era as the light railway ran across the northern half of the PDS. However the construction cost of this railway was deliberately kept down and few traces now

survive at the PDS save a possible remnant of platform (see Appendix I), two concrete posts near the road edge and, of course, the name. It is suggested that a full photographic record of any surviving features relating to the railway would be sufficient record.

5.6 With regard to point 4 in section 5.1 above the PDS can be divided into three areas, the northern half which is under a concrete yard and may have been partially graded for the railway, the south-eastern quarter which is under grass and shows little sign of disturbance and the south-western quarter which appears to be all soft ground but has seen depot related use. Under these circumstances across the southern half of the site previous land use is unlikely to have done more than superficial damage to heritage deposits if any are present. However the northern half of the site appears to have suffered moderate to heavy truncation of the pre-1900 land surface. Therefore while it would clearly be prudent to evaluate the southern half of the PDS by trial trenching at the standard 5% by area rate with an emphasis on the road frontage area a decision regarding the northern half would be better taken after intrusive investigation and/or removal of the concrete yard and related make-up. Finally with only a low to medium potential assessed overall for heritage assets within the PDS it is suggested that any intrusive archaeological evaluation work can be undertaken at the post-determination stage in the planning application process.

*(Acknowledgements: JNAS is grateful to Colin Pendleton of Suffolk CC for providing HER information and to Mick Ryan of GR Warehousing for facilitating the walk over and discussing the recent history of the site and to the staff at the Suffolk CC Record Office).*

Goult, W     1990     A Survey of Suffolk Parish History (Suffolk CC)

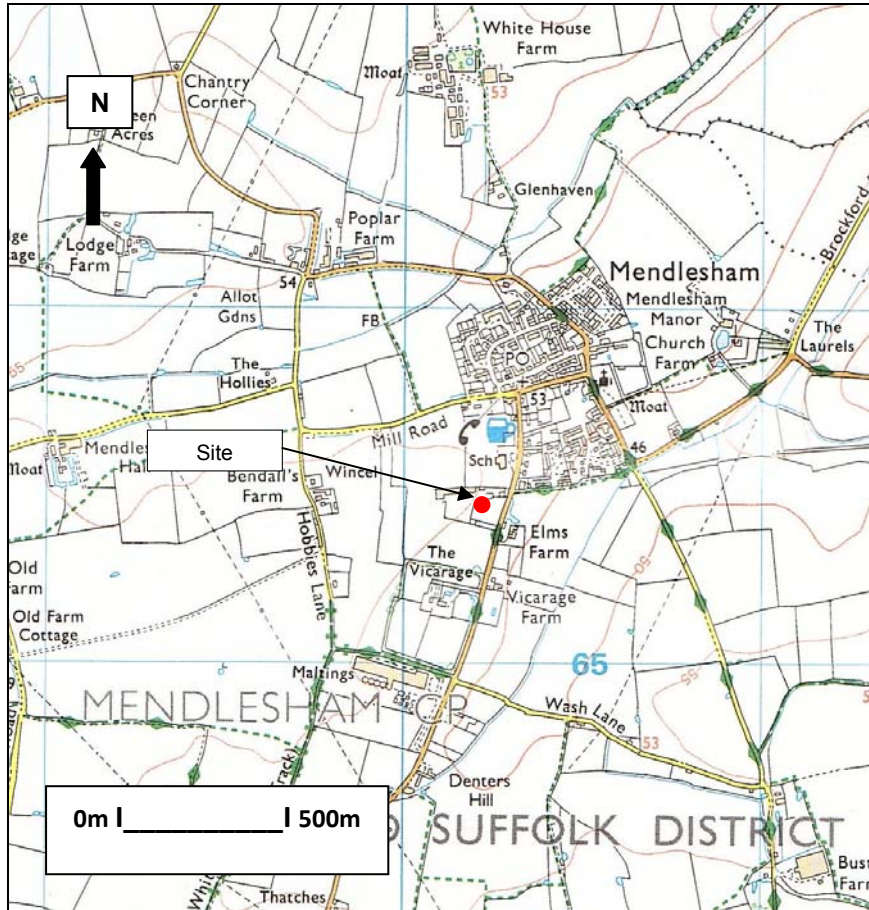


Fig.1: Site location

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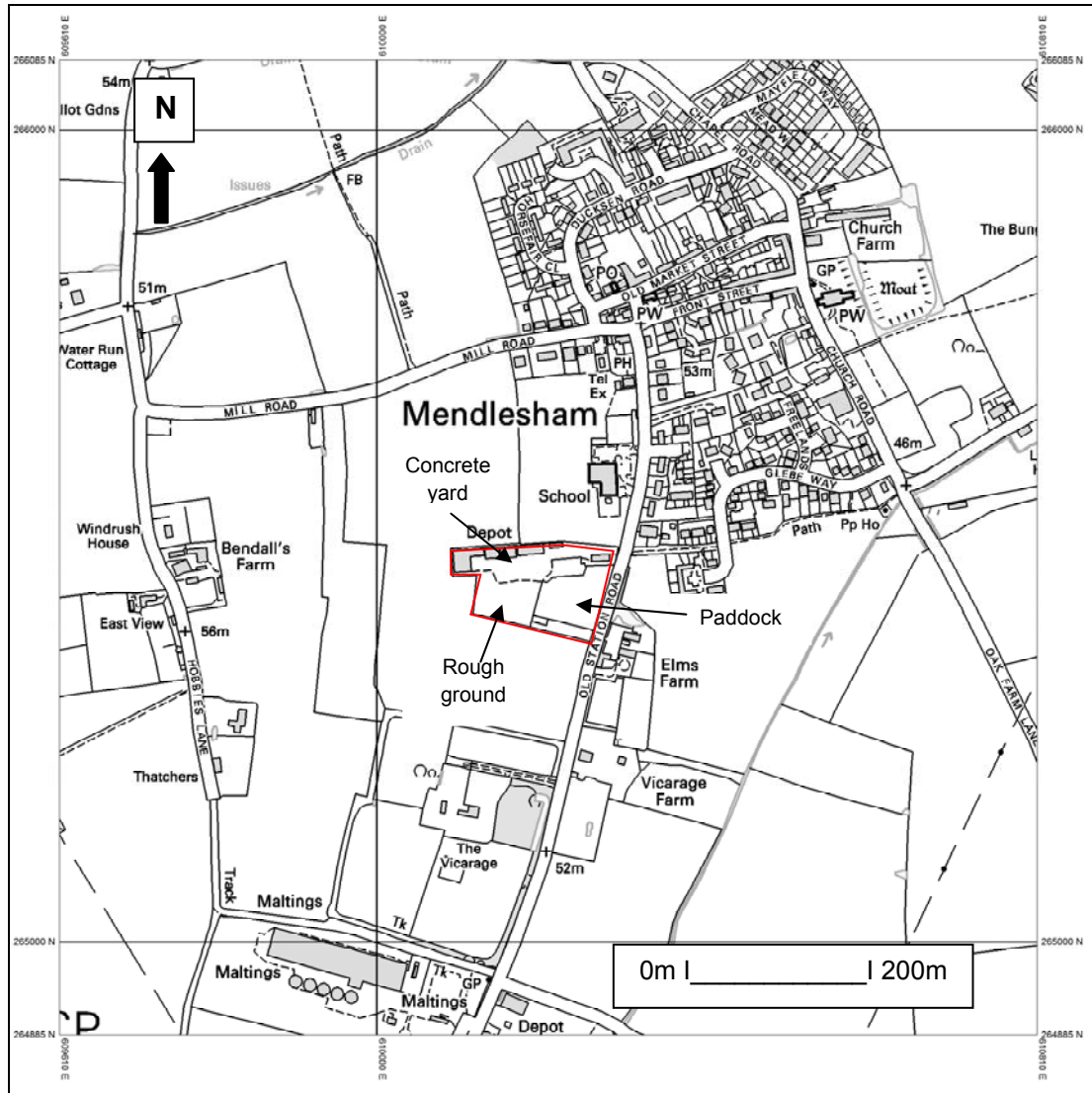


Fig. 2: Site land use (PDS outlined in red)  
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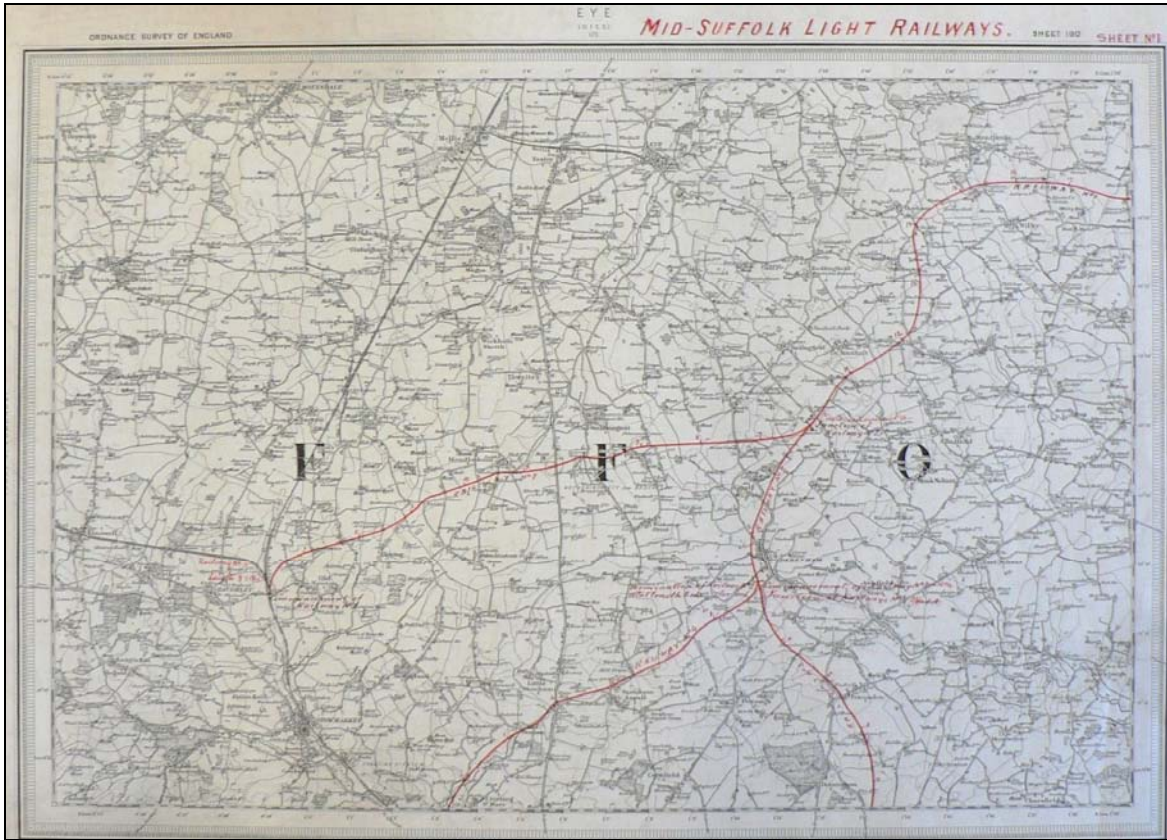


Fig. 3: Proposed Mid Suffolk Light Railway network  
(ref: Suffolk RO 150/2/157, date 1896/7)

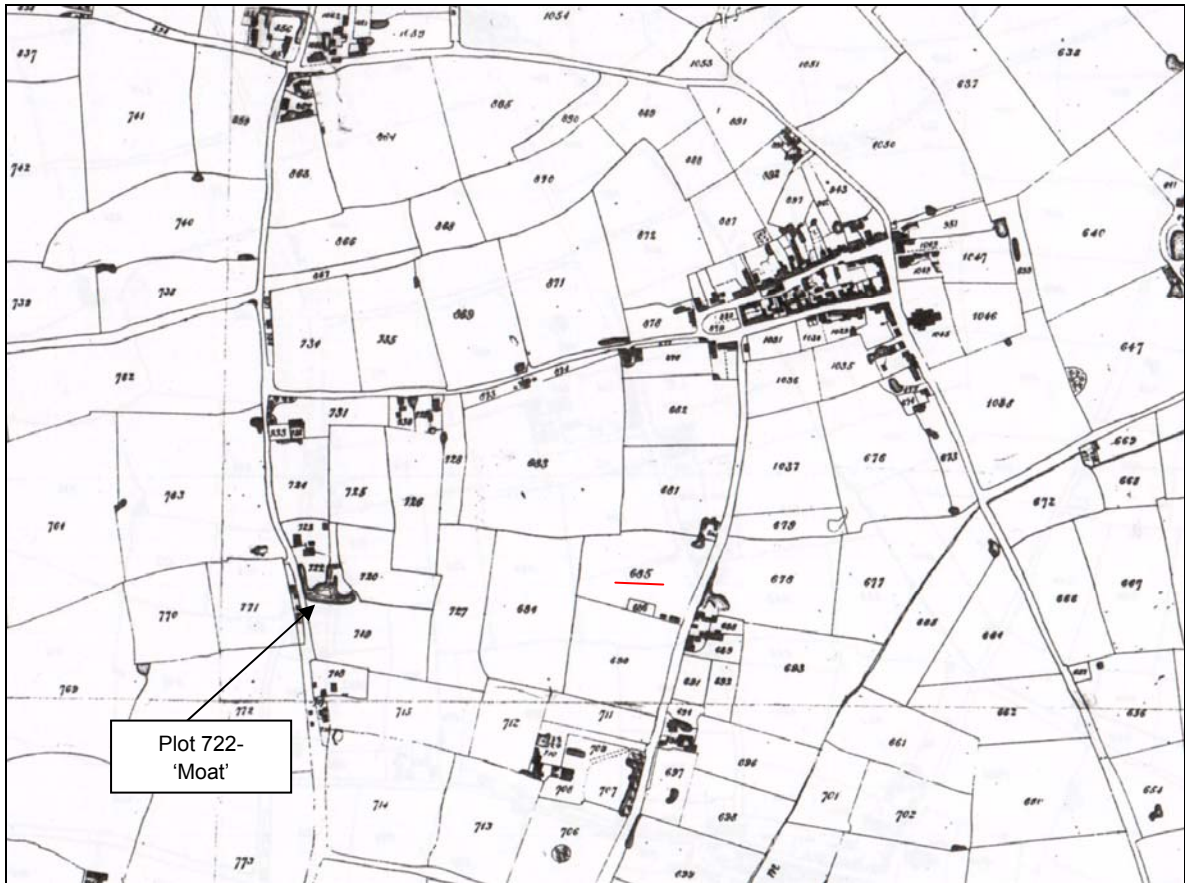


Fig. 4: Extract from Mendlesham tithe map (PDS- plot 685 underlined in red, north to top)  
(Suffolk RO ref. P461/173, date 1839)



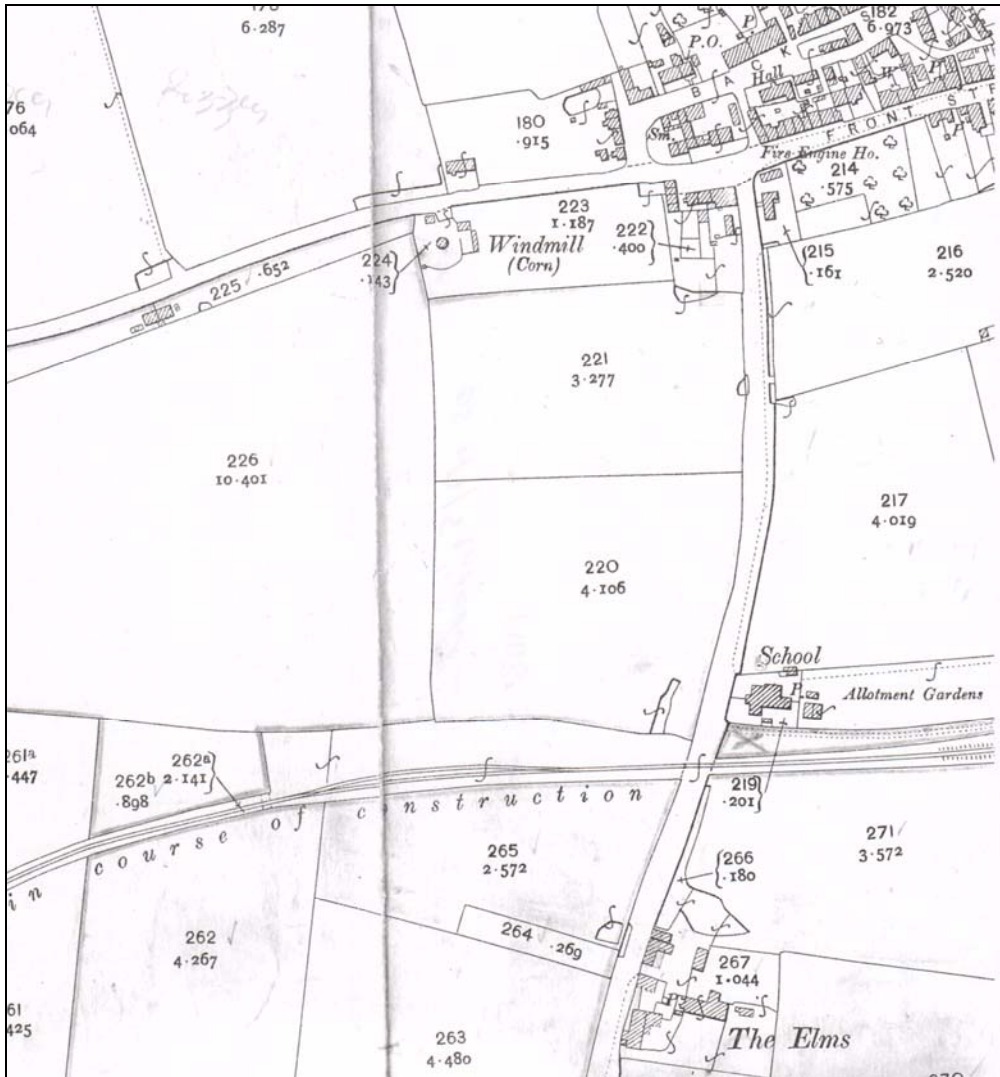


Fig. 5: Extract from second edition Ordnance Survey map (PDS- plot 265)  
 (Suffolk RO ref. XL VII-5, date 1903)



Fig. 6: Extract from Ordnance Survey sheet 1065 (PDS- 'Depot,' & plot 2142, north to top)  
 (Suffolk RO ref. TM1065, date 1978)

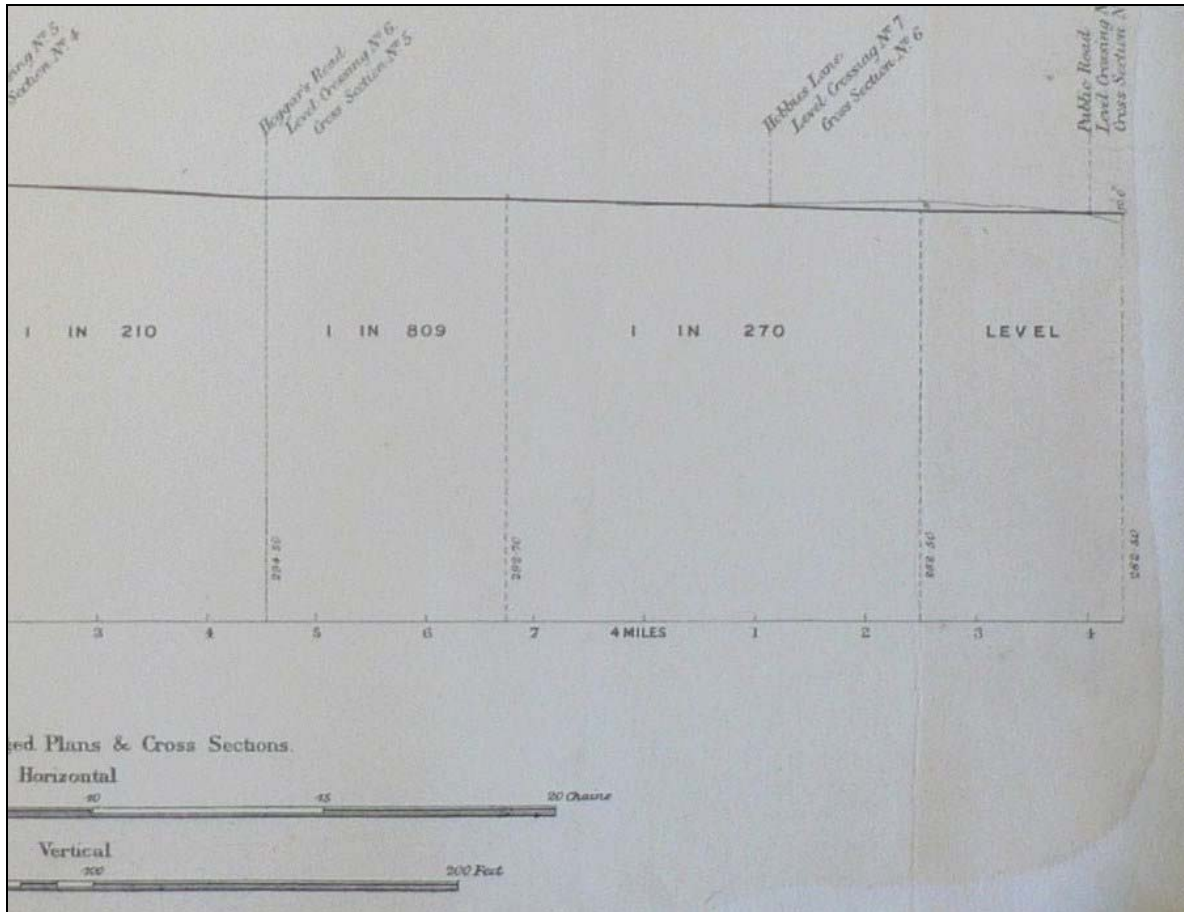


Fig. 7: Extract from railway construction detail (PDS area to right hand side)  
 (Suffolk RO ref. 150/2/157, date 1896/7)

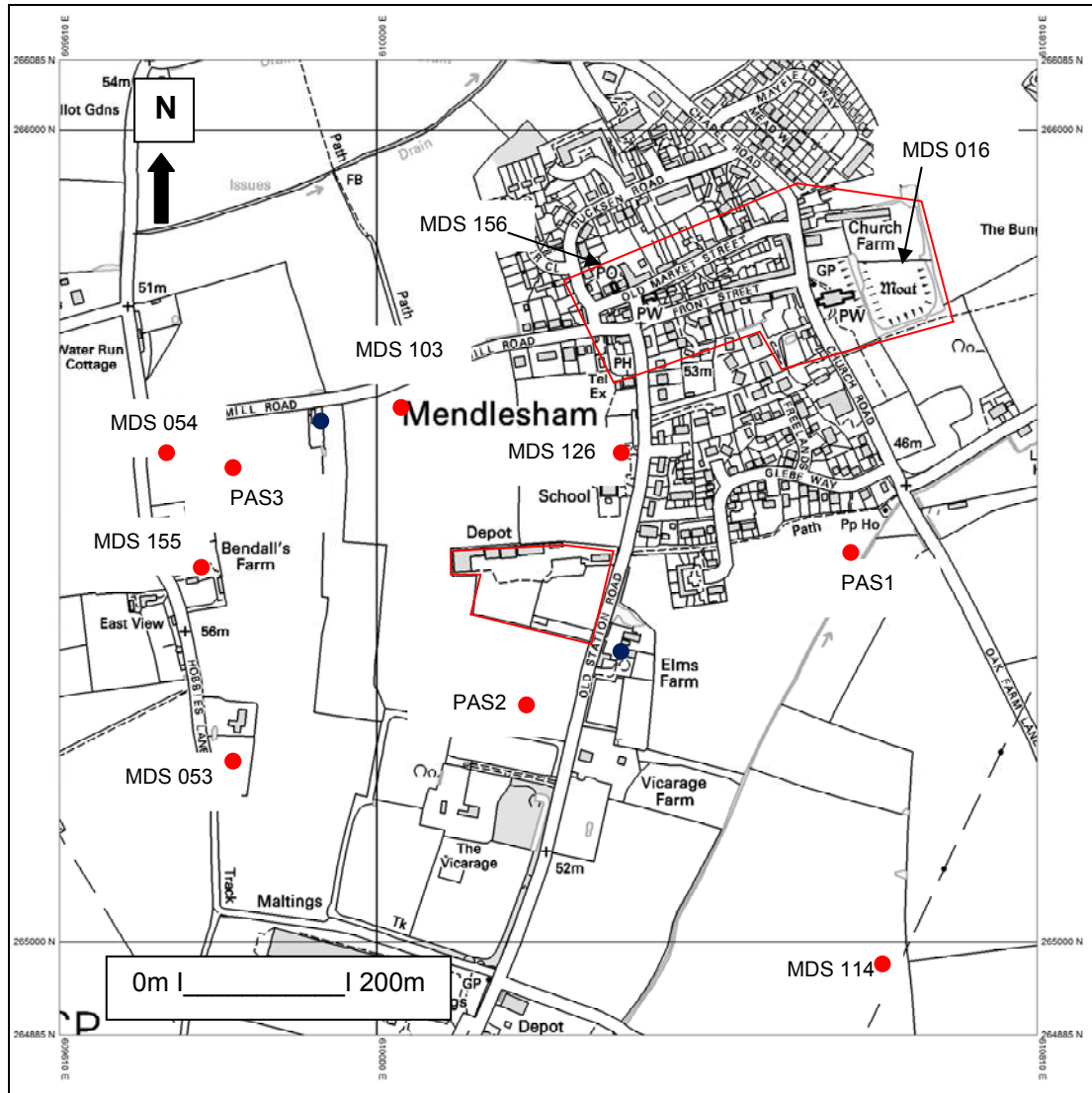


Fig. 8: Historic Environment Record data within 500m search area  
 (HER & PAS sites- red, MDS 156 includes MDS 076, 079, 135, 142, 144 & 158)  
 (Listed buildings outside historic centre of village- blue)  
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## Appendix I- Images



Northern part of site from east



Northern central part of site, possible remnant of station platform centre foreground, ground truncation to right in area of former track



Warehousing along northern edge



View across paddock, Elms Farm in distance





View across south-western quarter of site from north-east

## Appendix II

### Suffolk County Council Monument Full Report

30/11/2012

Number of records: 18

SMR Number	Site Name	Record Type
MDS 016 - MSF8597	Church Farm (Knyvett House)(OS 186/187)	Monument
Moat.		Period Med

#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

Centroid TM 1063 6579 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

##### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

Associated Legal Designations - None recorded

##### Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
National Monuments Record - TM16NW2	Active
Parish Code - MDS 016	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8597	Active

##### Ratings and Scorings

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

##### Monument Types and Dates

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Undated)

Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

Evidence EARTHWORK

MOAT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

##### Associated Finds

FSF2341	POTTERY (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?)	CLAY
FSF2342	POTTERY HOLLESLEY (13th century to 15th century - 1275 AD? to 1400 AD?)	CLAY
FSF2343	ROOF TILE (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?)	LIMESTONE

Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

##### Description and Sources

###### Description

Moat. Large unoccupied trapezoidal moat on E side of churchyard with a possible second moat to the N. Parch marks noted in interior by owner - building (S3). Known as 'Knyvetts' - also on brass in church - possible manor house site. ?Fish pond or hollow way to S at TM 1068 6568. Site of capital manor of Mendlesham. 1970: Scatter of Med pottery found during fieldwalking survey by R Colchester, consisting of 4 rims Hollesley type and 2 late C16 sherds, also a quantity of limestone tiles (S1)(S2).

###### Sources

(M1) : Mendlesham survey archive: copy (S1)(S2)  
(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 16, 1970  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.  
(S3) Unpublished document: OS. OS Card. OS, card TM16NW2, 1976

###### Land Use

Related Monuments - None Recorded



**SMR Number** MDS 016 -                    **Site Name** Church Farm (Knyvett House)(OS 186/187)

***Associated Individuals/Organisations***

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	10/10/70
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	1/5/88
Plouviez, Judith - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 053 - **Site Name** Bendalls (OS 318)

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 053 - MSF8636	Bendalls (OS 318)	Monument
Pottery scatter found by R Colchester during fieldwalking survey, consisting of 6 rims C13, 9 rims C13/C14 and 64 Med sherds (S1)(S2).		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 0982 6523 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM06NE Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 053	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8636	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF2398 POTTERY (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?) CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16674 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester.  
(Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

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(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 53, 1973  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

Landuse Cultivated land, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	01/01/73
Fenning R A, White H, - Fenning R A, White House Farm.	Land Owner	
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	1/5/88
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 053 -

**Site Name** Bendalls (OS 318)

**SMR Number** MDS 054 - **Site Name** Bendalls (OS 233)

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 054 - MSF8638	Bendalls (OS 233)	Monument
Pottery scatter found by R Colchester during fieldwalking survey, consisting of 2 rims C13/C14, 31 Med sherds, 7 glazed and 2 PMed late C17.		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 0973 6561 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM06NE Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 054	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8638	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF2400 POTTERY (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?) CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16674 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester.  
(Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Pottery scatter found by R Colchester during fieldwalking survey, consisting of 2 rims C13/C14, 31 Med sherds, 7 glazed and 2 PMed late C17. Also 1 ? Ipswich ware - see Sax (S1)(S2).

**Sources**

(M1) : Mendlesham survey archive: copy (S1)(S2)  
(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 54, 1973  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

Landuse Cultivated land, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	01/01/73
Fenning R A, White H, - Fenning R A, White House Farm.	Land Owner	
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	1/5/88
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 054 -

**Site Name** Bendalls (OS 233)

**SMR Number** MDS 054 - **Site Name** Bendalls (OS 233)

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 054 - MSF8637	Bendalls (OS 233)	Monument
1 ?Ipswich ware rim, found by R Colchester during fieldwalking survey.		<b>Period</b> Sax

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 0973 6561 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM06NE Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 054	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8637	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Saxon - 410 AD to 1065 AD)  
Evidence FIND

**Associated Finds**

FSF2399 POTTERY IPSWICH (Middle Saxon - 650 AD to 849 AD) CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16674 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester.  
(Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

1 ?Ipswich ware rim, found by R Colchester during fieldwalking survey. Also Med scatter (S1)(S2).

**Sources**

(M1) : Mendlesham survey archive: copy (S1)(S2)  
(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 54, 1973  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

Landuse Cultivated land, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	01/01/73
Fenning R A, White H, - Fenning R A, White House Farm.	Land Owner	
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	1/5/88
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 076 - **Site Name** 4 Front Street, Mendlesham

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 076 - MSF8661	4 Front Street, Mendlesham	Monument
Med scatter found under floor of Number 4 Front Street.		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1049 6581 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 076	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8661	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF8287 POTTERY (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?) CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16673 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester  
(Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Med scatter found under floor of Number 4 Front Street. Finds consisted of ten C13/C14 sherds, six C14 sherds and two rims (S1) (S2).

**Sources**

(M1) : Mendlesham survey archive : copy (S1) (S2)  
(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 76, 1973  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

Landuse Built over

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	01/01/73
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 079 - **Site Name** Elm House, Front Street, Mendlesham

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 079 - MSF8664	Elm House, Front Street, Mendlesham	Monument
Polished greenstone axe, cutting edge piece.		<b>Period</b> Neo

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1046 6576 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
National Monuments Record - TM16NW20	Active
Parish Code - MDS 079	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8664	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Neolithic - 4000 BC to 2351 BC)  
Evidence FIND

**Associated Finds**

FSF2427 POLISHED AXEHEAD (Neolithic - 4000 BC? to 2351 BC?) GREENSTONE

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Polished greenstone axe, cutting edge piece. Surviving fragment 4.5 inches long (maximum) and 3 inches wide. Dug up in garden of Elm House and donated to Ipswich Museum (S1) (S2). Greenstone, petrology number S89 (S3).

**Sources**

- (M1) : Mendlesham survey archive : copy (S1) (S2)
- (S1) Index: Ipswich Museum. IPSMG card. IPSMG, card 970-12, 1970
- (S2) Unpublished document: OS. OS Card. OS, card TM16NW20,
- (S3) : McKClough T H & Green B, The petrological identification of stone implements from E Anglia, PPS, 38,

**Land Use**

Landuse Garden

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Bateman Cdr G A, Elm, - Bateman Cdr G A, Elm House, Front Street, Land Owner  
Mendlesh

Plouviez, Judith - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Compiler



**SMR Number** MDS 103 - **Site Name** Sand Croft (OS 226)

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 103 - MSF8689	Sand Croft (OS 226)	Monument
Med pottery scatter, 8 rims C13/C14, 1 rim C14, 45 Med sherds and C15 glazed ware, found fieldwalking by R Colchester.		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1006 6566 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 103	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8689	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF2480 POTTERY (Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?) CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16670 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester. (Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Med pottery scatter, 8 rims C13/C14, 1 rim C14, 45 Med sherds and C15 glazed ware, found fieldwalking by R Colchester.

**Sources**

- (M1) : Mendlesham survey archive: copy (S1)(S2)
- (S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 103
- (S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

Landuse Cultivated land, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	
Dunnett, I - Suffolk County Council	Land Owner	
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	26/5/88
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 103 - **Site Name** Sand Croft (OS 226)

Also Neo scraper to S in same field (S1)(S2).

**SMR Number** MDS 114 - **Site Name** Langlands; Middle Field

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 114 - MSF8701	Langlands; Middle Field	Monument
Dense Rom pottery scatter including grey wares, Samian, colour coated, and two pieces of tile, found during fieldwalking survey by R Colchester (S1)(S2).		<b>Period</b> Rom

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1059 6496 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16SW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 114	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8701	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF10435 POTTERY (Roman - 101 AD to 300 AD)	CLAY
FSF10436 POTTERY SAMIAN (Roman - 101 AD to 300 AD)	CLAY
FSF10437 POTTERY COLOUR COATED (Roman - 101 AD to 300 AD)	CLAY
FSF10438 TILE (Roman - 101 AD to 300 AD)	CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16674 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester.  
(Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Dense Rom pottery scatter including grey wares, Samian, colour coated, and two pieces of tile, found during fieldwalking survey by R Colchester (S1)(S2).  
1990: 100 grey ware sherds, C2-C3, 4 Samian sherds (forms 27 & 38, C2), 2 Colchester type colour coated sherds (S3).

**Sources**

(M1) : Mendlesham survey archive: copy (S1)(S2); finds report sheet 1990  
(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 114  
(M2) Unpublished document: Suffolk Archaeological Service. Parish file.  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.  
(S3) : Colchester R, 1990

**Land Use**

Landuse Cultivated land, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

<b>SMR Number</b> MDS 114 -	<b>Site Name</b> Langlands; Middle Field		
Colchester R, - Unassigned		Also Med.	Reported by
Juby Bros, Grove Far, - Juby Bros, Grove Farm.		Land Owner	
Martin, Edward - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Reviser	15/11/90
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Reviser	26/5/88
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service		Compiler	

**SMR Number** MDS 114 - **Site Name** Langlands; Middle Field

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 114 - MSF8702	Langlands; Middle Field	Monument
One EMed rim and late Med scatter, found during fieldwalking survey by R Colchester (S1)(S2).		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1059 6496 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16SW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 114	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 8702	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF2493	POTTERY EARLY MEDIEVAL (Late Saxon to 14th century - 1000 AD to 1300 AD)	
FSF2494	POTTERY (Saxon - 410 AD to 1065 AD)	CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF16674 Fieldwalking survey by R Colchester.  
(Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

One EMed rim and late Med scatter, found during fieldwalking survey by R Colchester (S1)(S2).  
Also Rom.

**Sources**

(M1) : Mendlesham survey archive: copy (S1)(S2)  
(S1) : Colchester R, Mendlesham survey record sheet, site 114  
(S2) Unpublished document: Colchester R. c. 1977. A landscape history of the parish of Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

Landuse Cultivated land, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	
Juby Bros, Grove Far, - Juby Bros, Grove Farm.	Land Owner	
Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	26/5/88

**SMR Number** MDS 114 - **Site Name** Langlands; Middle Field  
West, Stanley - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Compiler

**SMR Number** MDS 126 - **Site Name** Playing Field; OS No. 220

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 126 - MSF10914	Playing Field; OS No. 220	Monument
Small amount of C13-C15 pottery from the corner of the Playing Field extension, 'site under entrance to new community centre/school now (1985) in process of erection' (S1).		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1031 6558 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 126	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 10914	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

ARTEFACT SCATTER (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)  
Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

**Associated Finds**

FSF8325 POTTERY (13th century to 16th century - 1201 AD to 1500 AD) CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Small amount of C13-C15 pottery from the corner of the Playing Field extension, 'site under entrance to new community centre/school now (1985) in process of erection' (S1).

**Sources**

(M1) Unpublished document: Suffolk Archaeological Service. Parish file. Parish file: card  
(S1) : Colchester R, 1989

**Land Use**

Landuse Grassland, undetermined

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Colchester R, - Unassigned	Reported by	13/12/89
Martin, Edward - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	13/12/89
Mendlesham Parish Co, - Mendlesham Parish Council	Land Owner	

**SMR Number** MDS 135 - **Site Name**

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 135 - MSF10923		Monument
Stone axe imported in a load of stone used for cobbling a house frontage in Front Street (S1).		<b>Period</b> Neo

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1047 6579 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 135	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 10923	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Neolithic - 4000 BC to 2351 BC)  
Evidence FIND

**Associated Finds**

FSF8327 AXEHEAD (Early Neolithic to Early Bronze Age - 4000 BC? to 2201 BC?) STONE

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Stone axe imported in a load of stone used for cobbling a house frontage in Front Street (S1). A note on an Ipswich Museum map gives the findspot as TM 105 650. Formerly confused with MDS 116. Not seen by R Colchester.

**Sources**

(S1) : Colchester R, 1978

**Land Use**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Martin, Edward - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Reviser	14/12/89
Plouviez, Judith - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	1/1/78



**SMR Number** MDS 142 - **Site Name** Church of St Mary

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 142 - MSF13926	Church of St Mary	Monument
A church is recorded at Mendlesham in the Domesday book.		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1056 6579 (MBR: 10m by 10m) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (No)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 142	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 13926	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

CHURCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

CHURCHYARD (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

**Associated Finds**

FSF13670 ARMOUR (15th century to 16th century - 1401 AD to 1500 AD)

FSF13671 BOW (WEAPON) (15th century to 16th century - 1401 AD to 1500 AD)

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A church is recorded at Mendlesham in the Domesday book.

Church of St Mary. Consists of chancel, nave, aisles, N & S porches, embattled W tower. Fine collection of armour dating from 1470 to 1600 and part Elizabethan (?) long bow. Details in (S1)(S2).

**Sources**

(S1) Bibliographic reference: Pevsner N & Radcliffe E. 1974. The Buildings of England: Suffolk. 360-361

(S2) Bibliographic reference: Cautley H M. 1975. Suffolk Churches. 329

**Land Use**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Pendleton, Colin - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	14/4/93
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**SMR Number** MDS 144 - **Site Name** Land adj 29 Front Street, Mendlesham

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 144 - MSF19892	Land adj 29 Front Street, Mendlesham	Monument
Evaluation trenches revealed 2 post medieval pits.		<b>Period</b> PMed

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 104 658 (MBR: 100m by 100m) TM16NW Line

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS 144	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 19892	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality Not restricted 29/12/2008

**Monument Types and Dates**

PIT (2, Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

**Associated Finds**

FSF27124	POTTERY (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)	CLAY
FSF27125	ANIMAL REMAINS (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)	BONE
FSF27126	ARCHITECTURAL FRAGMENT (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)	CLAY

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF18055 Evaluation (Event - Intervention. Ref: )

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Evaluation revealed no visible archaeological features along street frontage, but 2 late/post medieval pits, one of which may have been a pond.(S1)

**Sources**

(M1) Unpublished document: Suffolk Archaeological Service. Parish file.  
(S1) : Evaluation Report No.99/43, Bales, E. SCCAS

**Land Use**

Landuse Garden

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Bales, Ellen - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Compiler	11/02/02
Bales, Ellen - Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service	Excavator	14/07/99

**SMR Number** MDS 155 - **Site Name** The Barn, Bendalls Farm, Mendlesham

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 155 - MSF24709 Barn c. 1800, roof 20th C.	The Barn, Bendalls Farm, Mendlesham	Building <b>Period</b> 19th C

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**  
TM 0978 6547 (point) TM06NE Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 24709	Active
Parish Code - MDS 155	Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Monument Types and Dates**

BARN (19th century to Unknown - 1800 AD)	
Main Building	TIMBER
Material	
Main Building	WEATHERBOARD
Material	

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF20464 Building recording, The Barn, Bendalls Farm, Mendlesham (Event - Survey)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The timber-framed and weatherboarded barn adjacent to the farmhouse is a four bay structure circa 1800 that originally contained a single-bay stable at its northern end. The roof was replaced in the 20th century and much of its wall fabric has been rebuilt but it remains of considerable historic interest. Its original framing incorporates a substantial quantity of badly scorched and burnt timber from a domestic building of the 16th and 17th centuries that may have occupied the moated medieval site. Similar burnt timber has been re-used in the house, suggesting the two structures are of the same date and that better quality material was difficult to obtain on a small farm. The tie-beams of the entrance bay are linked to the re-used storey posts by traditional arch-braces and bolted knee-braces - both of which appear to be original and represent a rare transitional combination that is unique in my experience. (Arch-braces were often replaced by bolted knees in the 19th century to increase headroom, but they were not used together.) Despite these points of interest the extent of the barn's alteration is too great to meet English Heritage criteria for listing. Conversion work was well underway at the time of inspection and the buildings of a mid-19th century cattle yard against the barn's eastern elevation had been wholly or partly demolished. Their general appearance typified local farmyards of the mid-19th century and was accordingly of some historic and landscape value. Documentary research was also undertaken into the site's history.

**Sources**

- (1) Unpublished document: Alston, L.. 2010. The Barn, Bendalls Farm, Mendlesham, Suffolk; Archaeological Record.
- (2) Unpublished document: Stroud, P. 2009. Barn Report, Bendalls Farm, Hobbies Lane, Mendlesham, Suffolk.
- (3) Unpublished document: Brown and Scarlett. 2009. Historic building record of the fabric and building at Bendalls Barn, Hobbies Lane, Mendlesham.

**Land Use**

**SMR Number** MDS 155 - **Site Name** The Barn, Bendalls Farm, Mendlesham

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***

**SMR Number** MDS 156 - **Site Name** Mendlesham

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 156 - MSF24470	Mendlesham	Monument
Indicative area of Medieval town of Mendlesham		<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1038 6579 (MBR: 465m by 291m) TM16NW Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)

Active

Parish Code - MDS 156

Active

Sites & Monuments Record - 24470

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Monument Types and Dates**

TOWN (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

MARKET (13th century to Unknown - 1238 AD)

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Medieval town of Mendlesham, defined from historic maps and locations of listed buildings.

1238/39, grant of market (Menelshol).

1280/81, grant of market to Hugh Fitz Otho (S1).

After Hodskinson's map of 1783 (S2).

**Sources**

(S1) Bibliographic reference: Goult W. 1990. A Survey of Suffolk Parish History.

(S2) Cartographic materials: Hodskinson. Hodskinson map, 1783.

**Land Use**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MDS 158 - **Site Name** Erection of Rear Extension to 32 Front Street, Mendlesham

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record Type</b>
MDS 158 - MSF25464	Erection of Rear Extension to 32 Front Street, Mendlesham	Monument

Monitoring of ground works for a small rear extension revealed a short length of ditch which contained a single pottery sherd of medieval date. **Period** Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

Centroid TM 1039 6580 (MBR: 1m by 3m) TM16NW Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Parish Code - MDS 158 Active  
Sites & Monuments Record - 25464 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Monument Types and Dates**

DITCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

**Associated Finds**

FSF35429 POTTERY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF21140 Erection of Rear Extension to 32 Front Street, Mendlesham (Event - Intervention. Ref: OASIS-johnnewm1-106132)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Mendlesham, 32 Front Street (MDS 158, TM 1038 6578) monitoring of ground works for a small rear extension in the centre of the village in an area that has been interpreted as an infilled market place revealed a short length of ditch which contained a single pottery sherd of medieval date, all of the other finds recovered were from the subsoil and were sherds of Post medieval date (S1).

**Sources**

(S1) Unpublished document: Newman, J.. 2011. Erection of Rear Extension to 32 Front Street, Mendlesham, Suffolk, MDS 158.

**Land Use**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

<b>SMR Number</b>	MDS Misc -	<b>Site Name</b>		
<b>SMR Number</b>		<b>Site Name</b>		<b>Record Type</b>
MDS Misc - MSF20258		Silver William I penny.		Find Spot
				<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**  
 TM 10414 65410 (point) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**  
 Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)	Active
Parish Code - MDS Misc	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 20258	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality	Restricted 4-fig 29/12/2008
	NGR

**Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Undated)	
Evidence	FIND
FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)	
Evidence	FIND

**Associated Finds**

FSF27814 COIN (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)	SILVER
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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF18463 Metal Detecting (Event - Survey. Ref: )

**Description and Sources**

**Description**  
 Silver William I penny found metal-detecting 1989, details in (S1)

**Sources**

(M1) Unpublished document: Suffolk Archaeological Service. Parish file.  
 (S1) Unpublished document: Suffolk Archaeological Service. Finds Report. Goodall, J. and Seager, M. per Newman, J. SCCAS Finds Report 1989

**Land Use**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Newman, John	Compiler	1989
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<b>SMR Number</b>	MDS Misc -	<b>Site Name</b>		
<b>SMR Number</b>		<b>Site Name</b>		<b>Record Type</b>
MDS Misc - MSF20259		Silver John penny, Irish issue, plus other small hammered med coins		Monument
				<b>Period</b> Med

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**  
 TM 10506 65518 (point) TM16NW Point

**Administrative Areas**  
 Civil Parish MENDLESHAM, MID SUFFOLK, SUFFOLK

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)	Active
Parish Code - MDS Misc	Active
Sites & Monuments Record - 20259	Active

**Ratings and Scorings**

Confidentiality	Restricted 4-fig 29/12/2008
	NGR

**Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Undated)  
 Evidence FIND  
 FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

**Associated Finds**

FSF27815 COIN (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)	SILVER
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**Associated Events/Activities**

ESF18463 Metal Detecting (Event - Survey. Ref: )

**Description and Sources**

**Description**  
 Silver John penny, Irish issue, plus other small hammered medieval coins (S1)

**Sources**  
 Unpublished document: Suffolk Archaeological Service. Finds Report.

**Land Use**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Newman, John	Compiler	1989
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**OASIS ID: johnnewm1-139930**

## Project details

Project name	GR Warehousing Site, Old Station Yard, Old Station Road, Mendlesham, Suffolk- Archaeological DBA Report
Short description of the project	Old Station Yard, Old Station Road, Mendlesham ( MDS 163, TM 4770 7057) The desk-based assessment for this site has found no evidence for archaeological finds or deposits having been recorded within its limits. A search covering the area within 500m of the site suggests that the highest archaeological potential it has is for evidence of medieval activity along the road frontage area which is assessed as being medium with the remainder of the southern half of the site having a low to medium potential to contain archaeological deposits. The northern half of the site is assessed as having a low to very low potential to contain archaeological deposits as the construction of the light railway and associated yard has caused truncation of the pre-1900 land surface. In a walk over little evidence was seen for the Mid Suffolk Light Railway which was built with a low budget and a station that had superficial foundations. The conclusion of the study is that the southern half of the site would merit archaeological evaluation by trial trenching under a condition requiring an archaeological programme of works. Whether the northern half of the site is too damaged to merit evaluation is impossible to gauge under the present evidence but remains a possibility. Finally very few features survive from the c50 year period of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway between 1904 and 1952.
Project dates	Start: 20-11-2012 End: 12-12-2012
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	MDS 163 - HER event no.
Type of project	Desk based assessment
Site status	None
Current Land use	Industry and Commerce 4 - Storage and warehousing
Monument type	FORMER RAILWAY STATION Modern
Significant Finds	NONE None
Methods & techniques	""Documentary Search"", ""Visual Inspection""
Development type	Rural residential

Prompt Voluntary/self-interest  
 Prompt Pre-application search

### Project location

Country England  
 Site location SUFFOLK MID SUFFOLK MENDLESHAM OLD STATION YARD, OLD STATION ROAD  
 Postcode IP14 5RS  
 Study area 1.60 Hectares  
 Site coordinates TM 1020 6545 52 1 52 14 47 N 001 04 46 E Point  
 Height OD / Depth Min: 53.00m Max: 54.00m

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 Paper Contents "none"  
 Paper Media available "Report"

### Project bibliography 1

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