

**New Ablutions Block, Ickworth House,  
Ickworth, Suffolk**

**Planning application: SE/13/0062/FUL**

**HER Ref: IKW 019**

**Archaeological Monitoring Report**

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## **Site details for HER**

Name: Ickworth House, Ickworth, Suffolk, IP29 5QE

Client: The National Trust

Local planning authority: St Edmundsbury BC

Planning application ref: SE/13/0062/FUL

Development: Erection of new ablutions block

Date of fieldwork: 20, 21 & 22 January & 19 & 25 February, 2014

HER ref: IKW 019

OASIS ref: johnnewm1-168805

Grid ref: TL 8150 6154

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# John Newman Archaeological Services

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## SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Site name/Address:</b> Ickworth House, Ickworth, Suffolk	
<b>Planning application:</b> SE/13/0062/FUL (erection of new ablutions block in the north-western corner of the car par).	
<b>Parish:</b> Ickworth	<b>District:</b> St Edmundsbury BC
<b>NGR:</b> TL 8150 6154	<b>Site Code:</b> IKW 019 (OASIS johnnewm1-168805)
<b>Type of Work:</b> Watching brief on mechanical excavation of 400mm deep raft foundation with a 1m wide toe round the edge 300mm deeper and a related 1m service trench.	<b>Site Director/Group:</b>  John Newman Archaeological Services
<b>Date of Work:</b> 20, 21 & 22 February & 19 & 25 February, 2014	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 140m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> NA	<b>Funding source:</b> The National Trust
<b>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</b> No	<b>Archaeological interest:</b> The site is located within the park surrounding Ickworth House which is c60m to the south-east and is a grade I listed building of late 18 <sup>th</sup> & early 19 <sup>th</sup> century date with the earlier Ickworth Hall lying further to the south. Previous archaeological investigations in the car park area (HER IKW 014) have indicated that much of this area is covered with varying amounts of re-deposited subsoil containing Post medieval building debris.
<b>Final Report:</b> NA	
<b>Periods Represented:</b> Later Post medieval (re-deposited subsoil containing later Post medieval brick & tile fragments).	
<p><b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b> (See also Fig. 2)</p> <p>Across the footprint of the new ablutions block a general 400mm ground reduction revealed a mixed mid brown clayey deposit containing flints and chalk fragments and which also contained small tile and brick fragments of later Post medieval date. This mixed, re-deposited, material was seen to be at least 700mm deep in this area as the 300mm deeper toes around the edges of the build area remained in the same material. The service trench which crossed the area to the east of the new build area revealed a similar deposit profile with the locally occurring glaciofluvial pale brown undisturbed clay with flints being exposed at a depth of 500mm below the tarmac road surface with sub-base and an earlier rammed chalk surface in the area at the entrance to the car park.</p>	
<b>Conclusion:</b> This monitoring confirmed the results from the previous observations carried out during the construction of the car park (HER IKW 014) which recorded varying depths of re-deposited subsoil mixed	

with later Post medieval building debris across the area. Earlier works at Ickworth House would have created substantial quantities of spoil and it can be concluded that this area c60m north-west of the main house, and beyond a screening created by the intervening tree cover, has been used for the disposal of this spoil.

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**Date of Summary:** 4 March, 2014

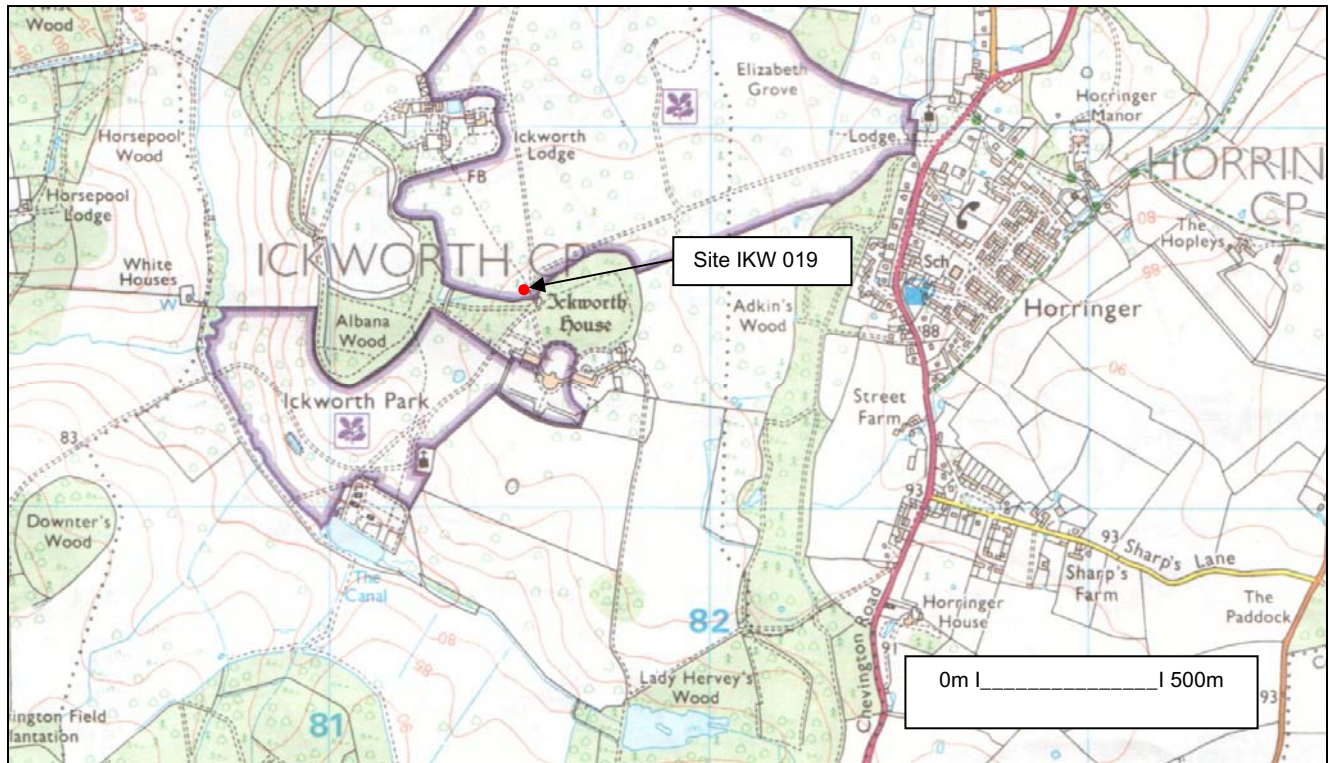
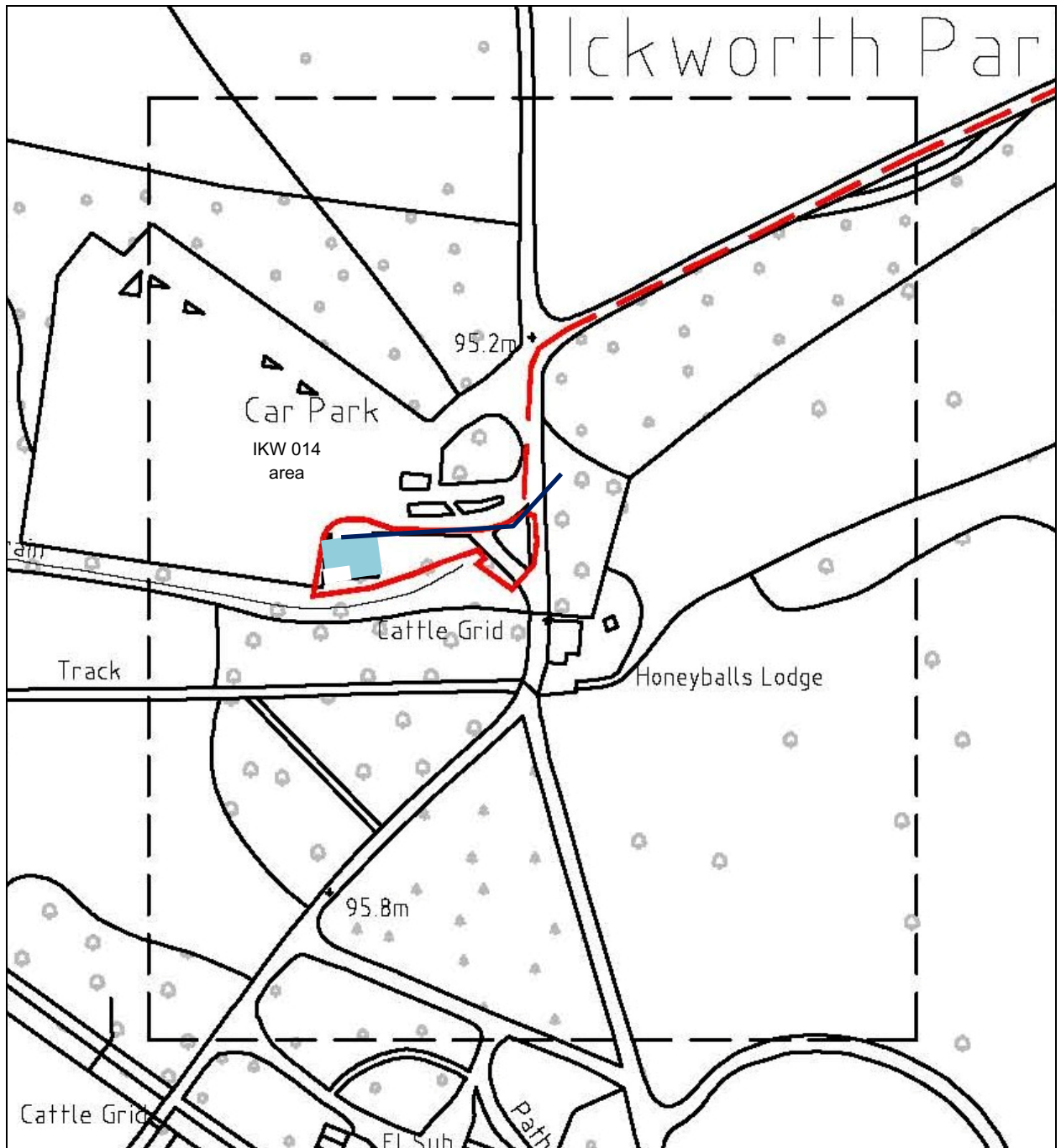


Fig. 1: Site location

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TL 8141  
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Fig.2: Monitored areas (new building footprint-light blue, service trench- dark blue)

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## Appendix I- Images



General view from south-east



Raft foundation with deeper toe on northern side of build area from east



Western side of raft foundation from south



Service trench crossing road to the east of the new build area

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### Project details

Project name	New Ablutions Block, Ickworth House, Ickworth, Suffolk- Archaeological Monitoring Report
Short description of the project	Ickworth, Ickworth House (IKW 019, TL 8150 6154) Monitoring of ground works, comprising a raft foundation and service trench, for a new ablutions block to be located in the north-western corner of the car park at the property did not reveal any archaeological features or finds. At the site, which is c60m north-west of Ickworth House, ground works for a shallow raft foundation exposed a mixed deposit comprising re-deposited subsoil containing occasional fragments of Post medieval brick and tile while a related service trench revealed similar material above undisturbed natural clay with flints.
Project dates	Start: 20-01-2014 End: 25-02-2014
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	IKW 019 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	1205300 - LBS No.
Any associated project reference codes	SE/13/0062/FUL - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Listed Building
Site status	English Heritage List of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest
Site status	Conservation Area
Current Land use	Other 3 - Built over
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Voluntary/self-interest

### Project location



Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK ST EDMUNDSBURY ICKWORTH ICKWORTH HOUSE
Study area	160.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 8150 6154 52.2216572593 0.65746512706 52 13 17 N 000 39 26 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 95.00m Max: 96.00m

### Project creators

Name of Organisation	John Newman Archaeological Services
Project brief originator	National Trust
Project design originator	John Newman
Project director/manager	John Newman
Project supervisor	John Newman
Type of sponsor/funding body	National Trust

### Project archives

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Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk CC Archaeological Service
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Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Text"
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