

**Undergrounding of Cables, Ickworth Park,
Ickworth, Suffolk**

Planning application: NA

HER Ref: IKW 022

Archaeological Monitoring Report

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Site details for HER

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

Client: The National Trust

Local planning authority: St Edmundsbury BC

Planning application ref: NA

Development: Undergrounding of UKPN cables near Ickworth Lodge & Dairy Cottages

Period of fieldwork: April to May, 2015

Event ref: ESF 23069

HER ref: IKW 022

OASIS ref: johnnewm1-211165

Grid ref: TL 8135 6176 to TL 8126 6214

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Summary: Ickworth, Dairy Cottages/Ickworth Lodge, Ickworth Park (IKW 022, TL 8135 6176 to 8126 6214) Monitoring of ground works for the undergrounding of overhead cables to the south and west of Ickworth Lodge did not reveal any archaeological features with the deposit profile comprising 250mm to 300mm of topsoil over 50mm to 150mm of mid brown clay subsoil. The only finds seen in the upcast spoil were occasional small sherds of 19th-earlier 20th century pottery and small clay tobacco pipe stem fragments and numerous small fragments of later Post medieval brick and tile (John Newman Archaeological Services for The National Trust).

John Newman Archaeological Services

SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: Ickworth Park, Ickworth, Suffolk	
Planning application: NA, undergrounding of overhead cables to the south and west of Ickworth Lodge and to the south of Dairy Cottages	
Parish: Ickworth	District: St Edmundsbury BC
NGR: TL 8135 6176 to TL 8126 6214 plus around TL 8126 6204 (south of Dairy Cottage)	Site Code: IKW 022/ESF 23069 (OASIS johnnewm1-211165)
Type of Work: Watching brief on mechanical excavation of trenches with regular site visits	Site Director/Group: John Newman Archaeological Services
Date of Work: 28 April to 13 May, 2015	Size of Area Investigated: c500m of trench (also c130m directional drilling below woodland to the south-west of Dairy House)
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: National Trust	Funding source: The National Trust
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Archaeological interest: The area of works is located within Ickworth Park to the south and west of Ickworth Lodge which is a grade II listed building with a core of earlier 18 th century date.
Periods Represented: Post medieval (stray finds)	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: (See also Fig. 2 & Appendix I) Monitoring of a 600mm wide and 1000mm deep trench, that was excavated in short lengths, for the undergrounding of overhead cables to the south and west of Ickworth Lodge (with directional drilling being used minimise disturbance to an area of woodland to the south-west of Dairy House) and directly to the south of Dairy Cottages did not reveal any archaeological features. The exposed deposit profile proved to be 250mm to 300mm of topsoil over 50mm to 150mm of mid brown clay subsoil which lay over the locally occurring natural stiff pale brown clay with flints. While no features were revealed occasional small 19 th and earlier 20 th century pottery sherds were seen in the upcast spoil along with small fragments of clay tobacco pipe stem and small fragments of later Post medieval tile and brick with the latter being particularly numerous in the trench directly to the south of Dairy Cottages. In addition traces of white chalk were visible in the trench section to the south of Dairy Cottages and this may be re-deposited material formerly used as cattle shed flooring as chalk surfaces were put down in structures where livestock was kept in the later Post medieval period with periodic replacement with fresh chalk.	
Conclusion: Monitoring of the ground works for a narrow trench for the undergrounding of cables to the south and west of Ickworth Lodge did not reveal any archaeological features but did record a general scatter of later Post medieval domestic and building debris.	
Author of Summary: John Newman	Date of Summary: 19 May, 2015

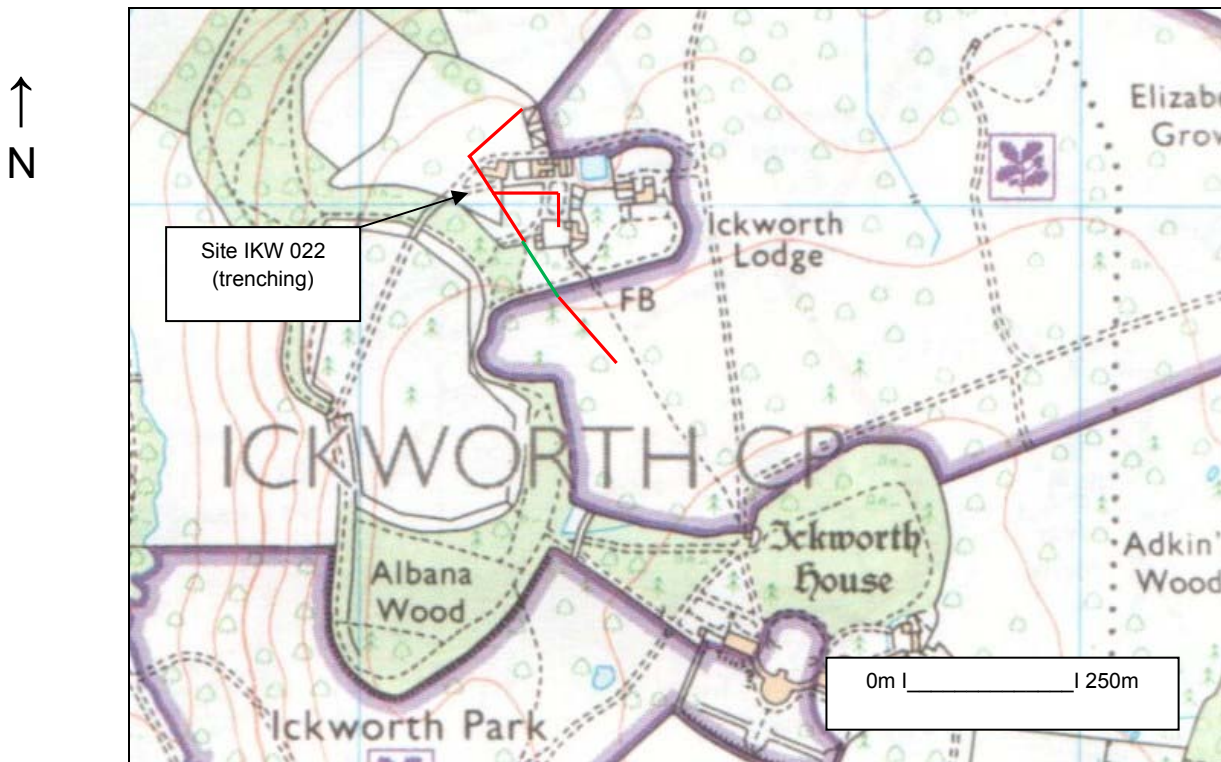


Fig. 1: Location (red- trenching, green- directional drilling)
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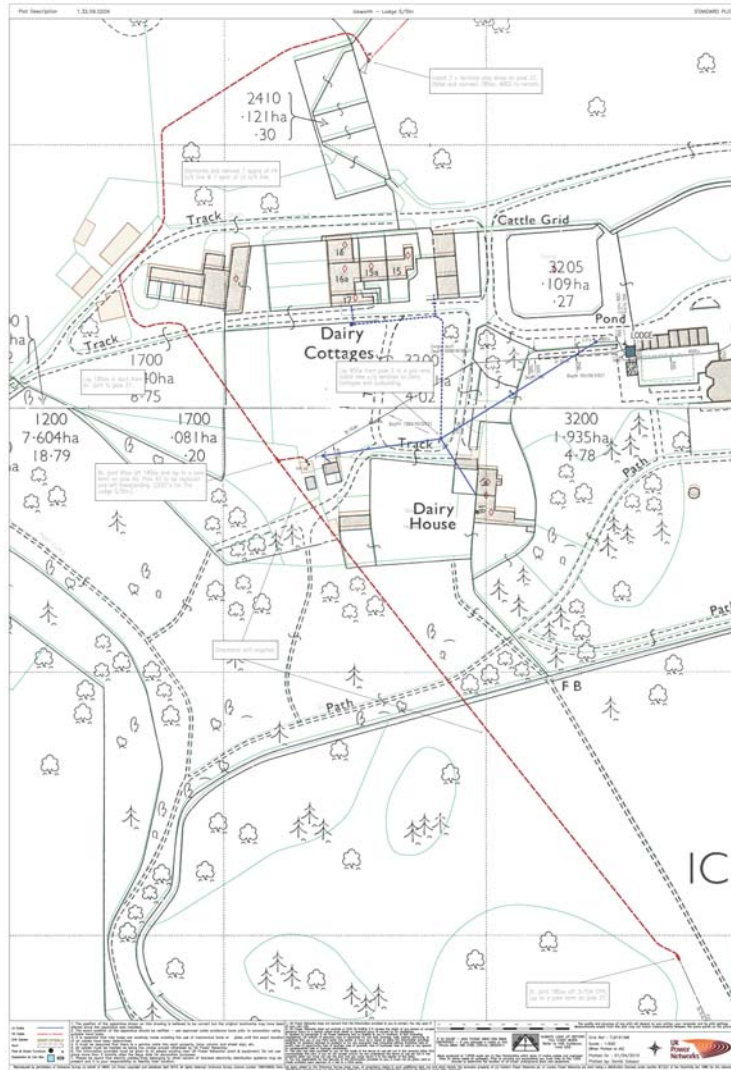


Fig. 2: Detail of trenching

Appendix I- Site images



Trench deposit profile at southern end of scheme



Trench deposit profile in paddock to west of Dairy House



Trenching south of Dairy Cottages



Trench deposit profile south of Dairy Cottages (with layer in section below topsoil)

Appendix II- Images



Deposit profile at southern end



Trenching behind Dairy Cottages



Deposit profile behind Dairy Cottages with chalk deposit

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Project details

Project name	Undergrounding Of Cables, Ickworth Park, Ickworth, Suffolk- Monitoring of Cabling Works
Short description of the project	Ickworth, Dairy Cottages/Ickworth Lodge, Ickworth Park (IKW 022, TL 8135 6176 to 8126 6214) Monitoring of ground works for the undergrounding of overhead cables to the south and west of Ickworth Lodge did not reveal any archaeological features with the deposit profile comprising 250mm to 300mm of topsoil over 50mm to 150mm of mid brown clay subsoil. The only finds seen in the upcast spoil were occasional small sherds of 19th-earlier 20th century pottery and small clay tobacco pipe stem fragments and numerous small fragments of later Post medieval brick and tile.
Project dates	Start: 26-03-2015 End: 13-05-2015
Previous/future work	Yes / Yes
Any associated project reference codes	ESF 23069 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	IKW 022 - Related HER No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Conservation Area
Site status	English Heritage List of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest
Current Land use	Grassland Heathland 3 - Disturbed
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 REAR OF ICKORTH LODGE
Study area	0 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 8120 6204 52.2262472723 0.65334557587 52 13 34 N 000 39 12 E Point

Height OD / Depth Min: 89.00m Max: 90.00m

Project creators

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Project director/manager	John Newman
Project supervisor	John Newman
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