

**Grange Barn, Grange Hill,  
Coggeshall, Essex**

**Planning application: 15/00198/FUL**

**Site code: CG 21**

**Archaeological Watching Brief Report**

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**Site details for HER**

Name: Grange Barn, Grange Hill, Coggeshall, Essex, CO6 1RE

Client: National Trust

Local planning authority: Braintree D C

Planning application ref: 15/00198/FUL

Development: Creation of new access track and paths

Date of fieldwork: 5 & 6 August, 2015

Site event code: CG 21

HER Ref: 8808

OASIS Ref: johnnewm1-222123

LBS Ref: 1123112 (Grade I)

Grid ref: TL 84938 22200

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Frontispiece: Grange Barn from south in the late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century period showing the now demolished range of farm buildings to the left of the tree

(Source: [www.coggeshallmuseum.org.uk/grangebarn](http://www.coggeshallmuseum.org.uk/grangebarn) accessed 28 August, 2015)

*Summary: Coggeshall, Grange Barn, Grange Hill (CG 21, TL 84938 22200) monitoring of a shallow soil strip for a new access track across the area to the south of Grange Barn did not reveal any archaeological features or in situ evidence for past structures. The base of the stripped track route was 150mm deep and in the area of the former farm yard this revealed a considerable amount of later Post medieval brick and tile debris plus various iron fragments of a similar date and these can be associated with farm yard buildings that were standing until the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. To the south and outside the former farm yard the soil strip did not reveal any features or finds of any date (John Newman Archaeological Services for The National Trust).*

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## ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

### SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Site name/Address:</b> Grange Barn, Grange Hill, Coggeshall, CO6 1RE	
<b>Planning application:</b> 15/00198/FUL (creation of new access track and paths)	
<b>Parish:</b> Coggeshall	<b>District:</b> Braintree DC
<b>NGR:</b> TL 84938 22200	<b>Site Code:</b> CG 21 (HER 8808) <b>LBS ref:</b> 1123112 (Grade I) (OASIS- johnnewm1-222123)
<b>Type of Work:</b> Watching brief of mechanical soil stripping for a new access track and two short lengths of path.	<b>Site Director/Group:</b> John Newman Archaeological Services
<b>Date of Work:</b> 5 & 6 August, 2015	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 240m <sup>2</sup> (60m x 4m wide)
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> NA	<b>Funding source:</b> National Trust
<b>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</b> No	<b>Related HER No's:</b> HER 8808- Grange Barn is a grade I listed timber framed large barn described as being of '12 <sup>th</sup> or early 13 <sup>th</sup> century date (dendrochronology gives a date range of 1238-62), rebuilt in the 14 <sup>th</sup> century, timber framed' and probably associated with Coggeshall Abbey which was originally Savignac and then Cistercian order from 1148.
<b>Final Report:</b> Soil stripping that was taken to a maximum depth of 150mm for a 60m long and 4m wide new access track through the former farm yard to the south of Grange Barn and along the outer side of the yard wall on its south-eastern side was monitored over a two day period (see Fig. 2 & Appendix I). The stripping was carried out using a wide flat bucket on a medium sized 360 machine and site visibility was good with dry and sunny weather conditions. In addition the point at which the new access track will go through the yard wall was monitored as a former brick blocking was removed. This blocking of the later Post medieval farm yard wall proved to comprise only of 19 <sup>th</sup> century red brickwork, no re-used medieval fabric was included in this fabric.  The soil strip to the outside and parallel to the south-east of the former farm yard wall did not reveal any archaeological features or finds of any date with the 150mm depth remaining mainly within the mid brown sandy subsoil with a small area of natural glaciofluvial orange sand with flints being exposed close to the point where the new track will pass through the wall. Within the former farm yard to the north of the barn the soil strip revealed an extensive scatter of later Post medieval red brick and peg tile fragments and a few iron fragments including two short lengths of chain and a number of nails and sheet metal pieces. All of these finds can be associated with the range of later 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> century farm buildings that stood directly to the north	

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of the barn (see frontispiece) and which were demolished in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and no pre 18<sup>th</sup> century finds were revealed. The soil strip did not expose any in situ bonded structural elements to these farm buildings and no other archaeological features were revealed with the soil strip staying within the mixed deposit of mid brown sandy subsoil and later Post medieval building debris below 100mm of topsoil and 50mm of subsoil that was removed.

**Periods Represented:** Later Post medieval with a considerable number of brick and peg tile fragments and a few iron fragments.

**SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:** Monitoring of a shallow soil strip for a new track and paths revealed an extensive scatter of later Post medieval ceramic building debris within the former farm yard to the south Grange Barn and a blank area to the south-east of the yard wall, no earlier finds or archaeological or in situ structural features were exposed.

**Previous Summaries/Reports:** Post medieval

**Author of Summary:** John Newman

**Date of Summary:** 1 September, 2015

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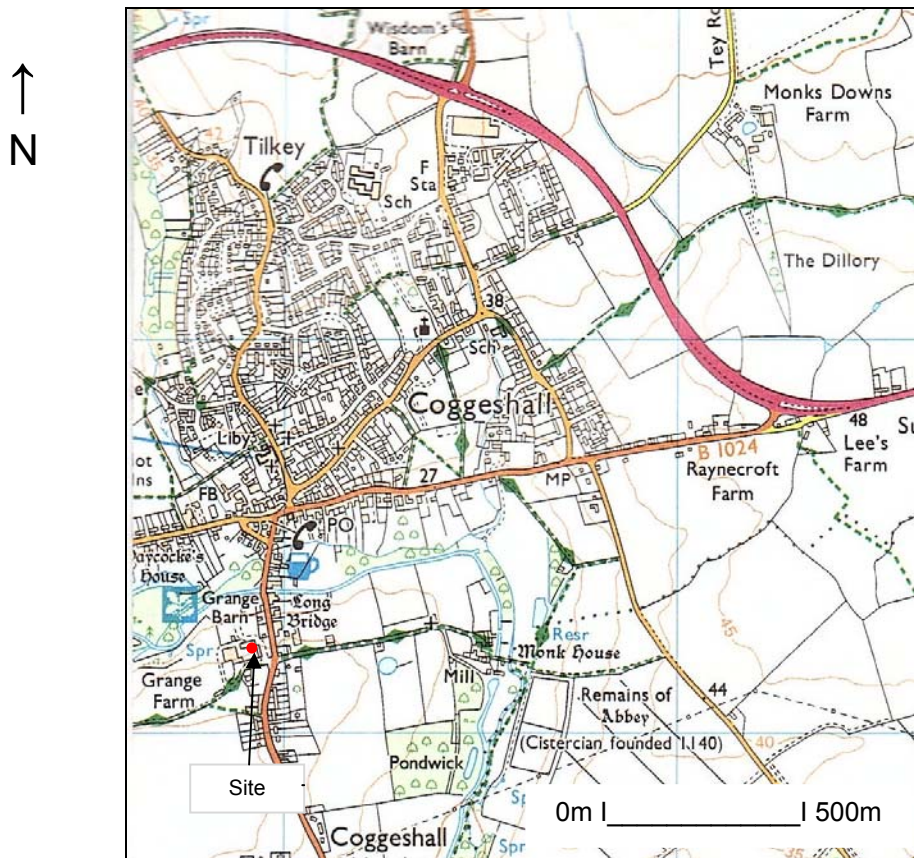
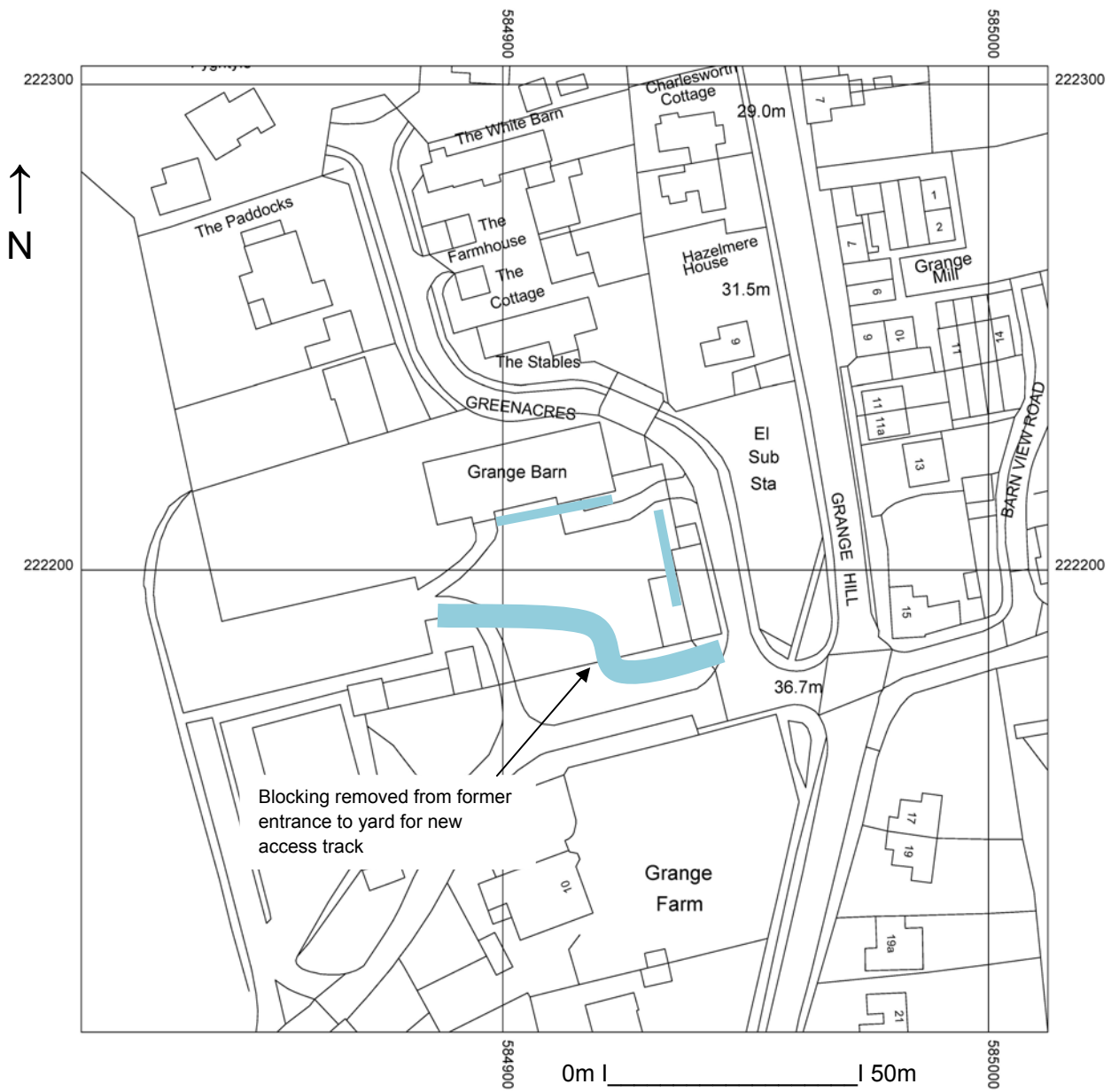


Fig. 1: Site location

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**Fig. 2: Monitored areas**

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## Appendix I- Images



General view of barn from southwest



Wall blocking removed from north



Eastern end of wall after removal of blocking



Western end of wall after removal of blocking





Western end of soil stripped track from east



Central part of soil stripped track in yard from west





Soil stripped track area to north of wall



Soil stripped track area to southeast and outside yard wall

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## Project details

Project name	Grange Barn, Grange Hill, Coggeshall, Essex- Archaeological Monitoring Report
Short description of the project	Coggeshall, Grange Barn, Grange Hill (CG 21, TL 84938 22200) monitoring of a shallow soil strip for a new access track across the area to the south of Grange Barn did not reveal any archaeological features or in situ evidence for past structures. The base of the stripped track route was 150mm deep and in the area of the former farm yard this revealed a considerable amount of later Post medieval brick and tile debris plus various iron fragments of a similar date and these can be associated with farm yard buildings that were standing until the mid 20th century. To the south and outside the former farm yard the soil strip did not reveal any features or finds of any date.
Project dates	Start: 05-08-2015 End: 06-08-2015
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	CG 21 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	1123112 - LBS No.
Any associated project reference codes	15/00198/FUL - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	Listed Building
Site status	National Trust land
Current Land use	Grassland Heathland 3 - Disturbed
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	BRICK Post Medieval
Significant Finds	TILE Post Medieval
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""
Prompt	Planning condition

## Project location

Country	England
Site location	ESSEX BRAINTREE COGGESHALL GRANGE BARN, GRANGE HILL
Postcode	CO6 1RE
Study area	260 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 84938 22200 51.867171241625 0.686458335517 51 52 01 N 000 41 11 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 33m Max: 34m

### 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

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