

**Little Wenham Hall, Hall Lane, Little Wenham,  
Suffolk**

**HER Ref: ESF 23415**

**Archaeological Monitoring Report  
(for tree planting)**

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## **Site details for HER**

Name: Little Wenham Hall, Hall Lane, Little Wenham, Suffolk, CO7 6QA (also known as Wenham Castle)

Clients: Mrs C Macadam & Mr H Macadam

Local planning authority: Babergh DC

Works monitored: Excavation of 12 small pits for planting of yew trees

Date of fieldwork: 28 January, 2016

HER ref: WMP 001

Event ref: ESF 23415

OASIS ref: johnnewm1-241108

Scheduled monument ref: 1003759 (SF 23)

LBS ref: 1033405 (Grade I)

Grid ref: TM 0808 3908

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*Summary: Little Wenham Hall (ESF 23415, TM 0808 3908) monitoring of the excavation of 12 small tree planting pits to the east of Wenham Castle confirmed that only the 400mm deep topsoil was disturbed. No archaeological features were exposed and the only finds in the upcast spoil were small fragments of Post medieval brick and tile (John Newman Archaeological Service for Mrs C Macadam and Mr H Macadam).*

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## SUMMARY SHEET

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| <b>Site name/Address:</b> Little Wenham Hall, Hall Lane, Little Wenham (Wenham Castle)  |   |
| <b>Planning application:</b> NA   |   |
| <b>Parish:</b> Little Wenham  | <b>District:</b> Babergh DC   |
| <b>NGR:</b> TM 0808 3908  | <b>Site Code:</b> ESF 23415<br>OASIS ref: johnnewm1-241108  |
| <b>Type of Work:</b> Monitoring of 12 mechanically excavated small pits for yew tree planting along path to Wenham Castle to form an avenue to the east of the SM   | <b>Site Director/Group:</b><br>John Newman Archaeological Services  |
| <b>Date of Work:</b> 28 January, 2016   | <b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 12 small pits each one being 600mm x 500mm x 400mm deep<br><b>Current land use:</b> Garden (lawn)         |
| <b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> NA  | <b>Finds:</b> Only small fragments of Post medieval brick and tile and small mortar fragments   |
| <b>Further Work Anticipated?:</b> Not for tree planting   | <b>Archaeological interest:</b> Wenham Castle is one of the earliest medieval brick built domestic structures in England dating to 1260-90. |
| <b>Final Report:</b> NA   |   |
| <b>Periods Represented:</b> Post medieval   |   |
| <b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b> (See also Fig & Images)<br>All 12 of the 600mm x 500mm x 400mm deep tree planting pits had a similar deposit profile with 400mm of topsoil removed which exposed the top of the underlying mid brown sandy subsoil in places. No archaeological features were revealed and as noted above the only finds in the upcast spoil were small fragments of Post medieval brick and tile and small fragments of mortar. |   |
| <b>Conclusion:</b> The tree planting pits did not impact on deposits of archaeological significance.  |   |
| <b>Author of Summary:</b> John Newman   | <b>Date of Summary:</b> 1 February, 2016  |

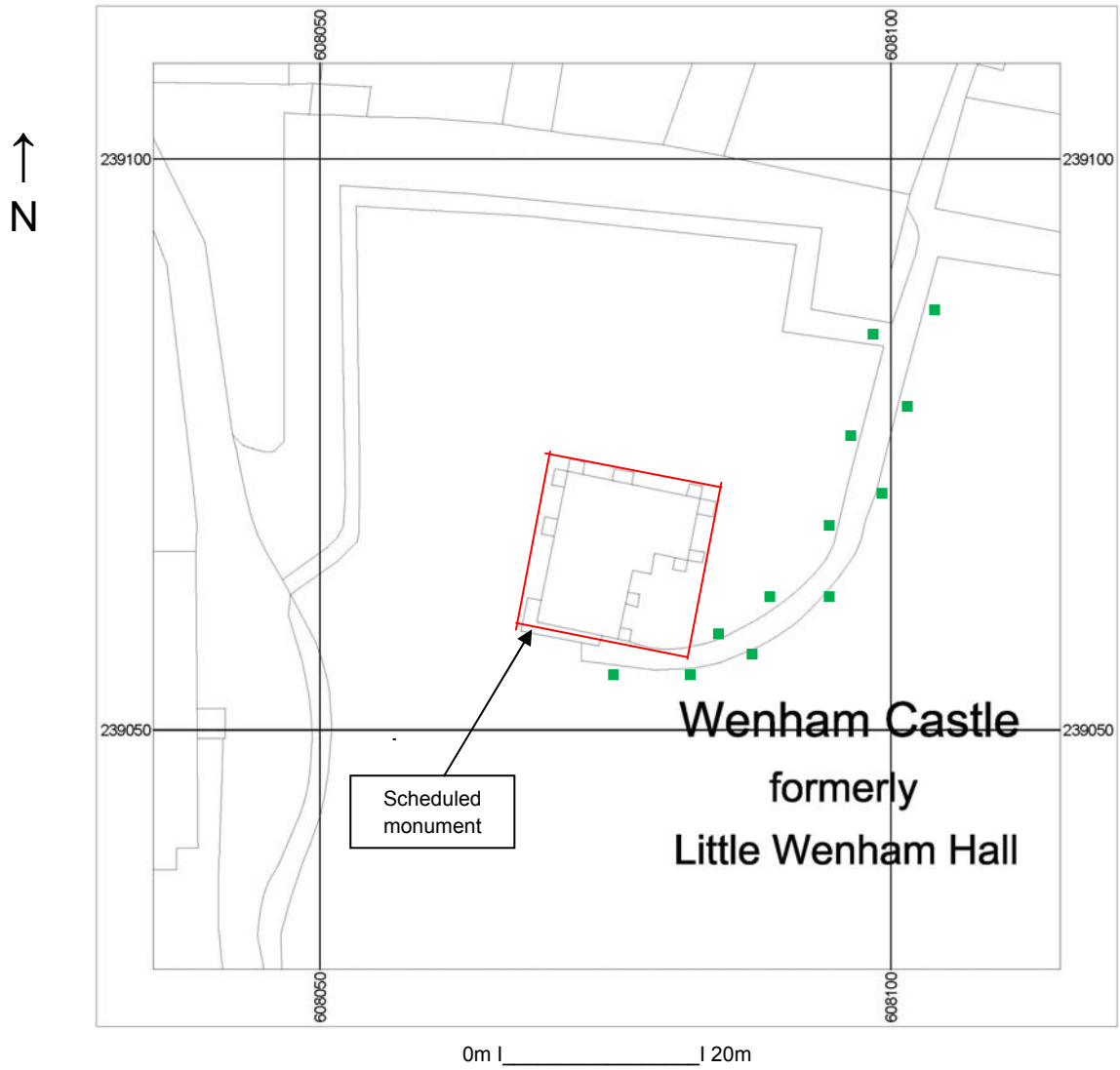


Fig. 1: Location of tree planting pits (green)  
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**Appendix I- Images**



General view of tree planting along path from north-east



General view from south-west



Tree pit to south of SM



Tree pit to south-east of SM



Typical tree pit to east of SM



Typical tree pit to east of SM