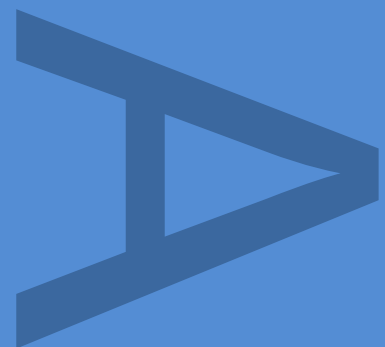


**CARGATE HOUSE, FELSHAM
ROAD, BRADFIELD ST GEORGE,
SUFFOLK, IP30 0AG**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING
BRIEF**

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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF CARGATE
HOUSE, FELSHAM ROAD, BRADFIELD ST GEORGE,
SUFFOLK, IP30 0AG**

Site Code: BSG 025

HER Enquiry Reference: SE/11/1331

Report No: R11271

Central National Grid Reference: NGR TL 930 581

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ABSTRACT

Pre Construct Archaeology was commissioned by on behalf of Bury Developments of the Old School House, to carry out an archaeological watching brief on ground works for an extension at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk. The watching brief was undertaken on the 24th July 2012. No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered apart from modern services associated with the current dwelling.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A 'Brief for Continuous Archaeological Recording' at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk was issued by Abby Antrobus of the Conservation Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (SCCAS/CT).
- 1.2 This report details the working methods and results of an archaeological watching brief at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George in Suffolk that was undertaken by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA). The programme was carried out according to a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared for Mr Austin Cornish by PCA (Hinman 2012). The fieldwork, undertaken on the 24th July 2012 and was managed for PCA by Mark Hinman and supervised by Jan Januelewicz.
- 1.3 The study area centred on NGR TL 930 581 and covered approximately 20 square metres. The site lies directly south of the medieval moat around Cargate House, BSG 002 and is situated to the south of Felsham Road, 2.74km south-east of Bradfield St George and 1.74km north-west of Felsham.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the site consists of Crag Group Sand and overlying superficial deposits of Lowestoft Formation sand and gravel.

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Bradfield St George is listed in the Domesday Book as having a population of 76.
- 2.2 The site lies to the south of Felsham Road and a Grade II Listed Farm House (LEN: 1229072), the area to the north is defined by the medieval moat around Cargate House (Suffolk HER Number BSG 002). There was a potential on the development site for the preservation of archaeological remains that related to adjacent medieval and later post-medieval occupation of the area.

3 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 All aspects of the programme were conducted in accordance with the Institute for Archaeologists' code of conduct and the Standards and guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations (2008). Field techniques and guidance are detailed within the PCA fieldwork induction manual, (Taylor and Brown 2009).
- 3.2 In July 2012 PCA carried out a watching brief at Cargate House, Bradfield St George in Suffolk (Fig.1). The foundation trenches were monitored during the excavation for an extension to the existing residential building. Monitoring was also carried out during the reduction of the interior of the extension.

4 RESULTS

- 4.1 The building footprint was excavated to a depth of 0.3m. A series of modern services were encountered.
- 4.2 No archaeological features or finds were identified within this area.



Plate 1: General working view looking southwest



Plate 2: General view of modern services looking north

5 INTERPRETATION AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered during the groundworks, apart from a series of modern services associated with the current dwelling.

6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 6.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited would like to thank Mr Austin Cornish of Bury Developments for commissioning the archaeological evaluation and to Jan Januelewicz for carrying out the monitoring works for PCA. Thanks are also due to Abby Antrobus of the of the Conservation Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (SCCAS/CT) for her assistance with the project.
- 6.2 The author would like to thank Mark Hinman for managing the project and Josephine Brown for the illustrations.

7 REFERENCES

Hinman, M. 2012 *Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological watching brief at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk*. Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd. Hinman, M. (2012)

Institute for Archaeologists' code of conduct and the Standards and guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluations (2008).

Taylor and Brown 2009 *Field techniques and guidance are detailed within the PCA fieldwork induction manual.*

APPENDIX 1: OASIS SUMMARY

OASIS ID: preconst1-133697

Project details

Project name	Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk.
Short description of the project	Pre Construct Archaeology was commissioned to carry out an archaeological watching brief on ground works for an extension at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk. The watching brief was undertaken on the 27th July 2012. No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered during the ground works, apart from a series of modern services associated with the current dwelling.
Project dates	Start: 27-07-2012 End: 27-07-2012
Previous/future work	No / No
Any associated project reference codes	SE/11/1331 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	BS025 - Sitecode
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	MOAT Medieval
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	Planning condition

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK ST EDMUNDSBURY BRADFIELD ST GEORGE Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk.
Postcode	IP30 0AG
Study area	0 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 3076 8068 52 0 52 24 29 N 000 04 38 W Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 86.00m Max: 88.00m

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Pre-Construct Archaeology Limited
Project brief originator	Abby Antrobas
Project design originator	Mark Hinman
Project director/manager	Mark Hinman
Project supervisor	Jan Januelewicz
Type of sponsor/funding body	Austin Cornish
Name of sponsor/funding body	Bury Developments

Project

archives

Physical Archive
recipient

Suffolk County Council

Digital Archive
recipient

Suffolk County Council

Digital Media
available

"Text"

Paper Archive
recipient

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APPENDIX 2: HER FORM

County: Suffolk			District: St Edmundsbury		
Village/Town: Bradfield St George			Borough:		
Planning application reference: SE/11/1331					
HER Enquiry reference: SE/11/1331					
Client name, address, and tel. no.: Mr Austin Cornish of Bury Developments					
Nature of application: Extension to residential property					
Present land use: Residential house and garden					
Size of application area: c 20 sqm			Size of area investigated: c 20 sqm		
NGR TL 930 581					
Site code: BSG 025					
Site director/Organisation: Mark Hinman Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd					
Type of work: Archaeological Watching Brief					
Date of work:		Start: 24/07/2012		Finish: 24/07/2012	
Location of finds & site archive/Curating museum: Bury St Edmunds Museum					
Related HER Nos: none			Periods represented: modern		
Relevant previous summaries/reports					
<p>Summary of watching brief: <i>Pre Construct Archaeology was commissioned by on behalf of Bury Developments of the Old School House, to carry out an archaeological watching brief on ground works for an extension at Cargate House, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Suffolk. The watching brief was undertaken on the 24th July 2012. No archaeological features or artefacts were encountered apart from modern services associated with the current dwelling.</i></p>					
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