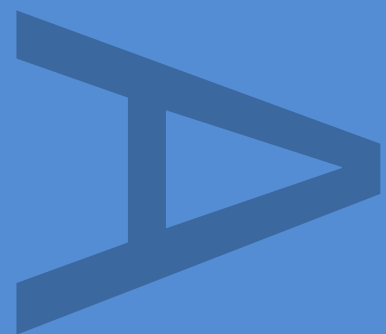


**MANOR COURT, LEES HILL,
SOUTH WARNBOROUGH,
HAMPSHIRE, RG29 1RQ**

**AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL
WATCHING BRIEF REPORT**

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Figure 1: Site Location

1 NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by Claire Jordan, to carry out an archaeological watching brief at Manor Court, Lees Hill, South Warnborough, Hampshire, RG29 1RQ. The site is the subject of a development of a two story house and the demolition and subsequent reconstruction of the front boundary wall.

The watching brief was conducted over three visits between the 31th May and 10th June 2016. Visits coincided with stripping of topsoil within the footprint of the new building.

Stripping of topsoil revealed natural chalk across the site. A strip of land directly to the west of the boundary wall appears to have been previously excavated and then backfilled with topsoil and chalk rubble. Three modern postholes were seen to the east of the site with a small, shallow, irregular rectangular feature thought to be related to the excavation of material directly behind the boundary wall. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were recorded.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 Project Background

2.1.1 Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd (PCA) was appointed by Claire Jordan (the Client) to undertake a programme of archaeological work in connection with the erection of one two storey house and the demolition and rebuild of the front boundary wall at Manor Court, South Warnborough, Hook, Hampshire, RG29 1RQ, hereafter 'the site' (**Figure 1**).

2.1.2 The watching brief and this report are requirements of Condition 12 of planning permission granted on Appeal in October 2014 (Hart District Council Planning reference 14/01186/FUL; Planning Inspectorate Appeal reference APP/N1730/A/14/2224035). The condition was attached based on the advice of the Local Planning Authority's (LPA) archaeological advisor, Dr Hannah Fluck, Hampshire County Archaeological Officer (CAO); as the site lies in an Area of High Archaeological Potential. The condition states: *'No development shall take place on the site until the implementation of a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording, in the form of a watching brief, has been secured in accordance with a written specification which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved specification.'*

2.1.3 This document provides the results of the watching brief, which comprised three separate visits between 31st May and 10th June 2016

2.1.4 This document has been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists standard and guidance for archaeological watching briefs (IfA 2008) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment* (Historic England, 2006).

2.2 Location, Topography and Geology

2.2.1 The site (NGR 472063 147425) is located close to the historic core of the village of South Warnborough (**Figure 1**) and lies on the south side of Lees Hill. The existing site comprises an area of c. 0.3ha in which Manor Court house, a Grade II Listed Building, stands within the eastern portion; the garden included an area of planting and orchard to the west of the house, where it is intended to build the new house.

2.2.2 The village lies at the head of a dry valley at c. 120m OD in undulating Chalk Downland. The site lies on Upper Chalk <http://mapapps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyofbritain/home.html>.

2.3 Archaeological and Historical Background

2.3.1 The site lies in an area of known archaeological monuments, sites and findspots and close to the core of the historic settlement of South Warnborough, located in the south-west corner of Hart District. The village, including the site, was identified as an Area of High Archaeological Potential.

2.3.2 The historic settlement lies at a convergence of roads and includes important surviving elements of its medieval and post-medieval development including the church, manors, “irregular row” properties and earthworks. However, little in the way of systematic archaeological investigation has taken place and the potential for significant archaeological resources to survive is uncertain.

3 AIMS

3.1 Archaeological Watching Brief

3.1.1 The aim of the watching brief was to monitor ground work for the proposed development for the presence of archaeological resources and, if present, investigate and preserve by record the resources. Determining, where possible, their character, including their date, nature and extent.

3.1.2 This report on the results of the watching brief aims to be sufficient to demonstrate that the watching brief was carried out in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation, pursuant to the relevant planning requirements.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 The following section provides a summary of the results of the watching brief, based on the site archive, which consists of written and photographic records. The site archive is held by PCA's Winchester office under the site code MCWH16.

4.1.2 Photographic images of the site are provided in Appendix 1, Plates 1-4 and are located on Figure 1.

4.2 Methodology

4.2.1 The watching brief was carried out, in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation prepared in advance of works (PCA 2016), over three visits between the 31st May and 10th June 2016. Visits coincided with the stripping of topsoil within the footprint of the new building. (**Plates 1-4**).

4.3 Observations

4.3.1 The stripping of topsoil revealed natural chalk at a depth of approximately 0.30m across the site, with the exception of a strip of land directly to the west of the boundary wall. This strip of land appears to have been previously excavated and backfilled with topsoil and chalk rubble, possibly relating to the construction of the boundary wall and road.

4.3.2 Three modern postholes were seen to the east of the site with a small, shallow, irregular rectangular feature thought to be related to the excavation of material directly behind the boundary wall, due to a similar fill and close location. Post-medieval and modern ceramic building material (CBM) was observed in the topsoil.

4.3.3 No archaeological features, deposits or finds were recorded.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 It is concluded that while parts of the existing house may have archaeological and historical value, as a Grade II Listed Building, the monitored areas of the site appear to retain no archaeological resource potential.

5 ARCHIVE PREPARATION & DEPOSITION

5.1 The Site Archive

5.1.1 The Site archive, to include all project records and cultural material produced by the project, will be prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Excavation Archives for Long-term Storage' (UKIC 1990) and the Institute for Archaeologists 'Standard and Guidance for the creation, compilation, transfer and deposition of archaeological archives' (ClfA 2014). On completion of the project PCA will arrange for the archive to be deposited with the Hampshire Cultural Trust

5.2 Copyright

5.2.1 The full copyright of the written/illustrative archive relating to the site will be retained by Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 with all rights reserved. Hampshire County Council, however, will be granted an exclusive licence for the use of the archive for educational purposes, including academic research, providing that such use shall be non-profitmaking, and conforms to the Copyright and Related Rights regulations 2003. Further distribution and uses of the report either in its entirety or part thereof in paper or electronic form is prohibited without the prior consent of Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd.

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This report was prepared by Katherine Marshall with Illustrations prepared by Ray Murphy. The project was managed for PCA by Paul McCulloch.

7 REFERENCES

PCA, 2015 "Manor Court S. Warnborough, Hampshire: WSI for an Archaeological Watching Brief"
PCA Document

Appendix 1: Plates 1-4



Plate 1: General overview of site, looking south -east



Plate 2: General overview of Site, looking north



Plate 3: View of excavated and backfilled area behind boundary area, looking east



Plate 4: Showing location of irregular rectangular feature, looking north

Appendix 2: OASIS Form

OASIS ID: preconst1-255963

Project details

Project name Manor Court, Lees Hill, South Warnborough, Hampshire, RG29 1RQ

Short description of the project Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd was appointed by Claire Jordan, to carry out an archaeological watching brief at Manor Court, Lees Hill, South Warnborough, Hampshire, RG29 1RQ. The site is the subject of a development of a one, two story house and the demolition and rebuild on the front boundary wall. The watching brief was conducted in three visits between the 31st May and 10th June 2016. Visits coincided with stripping of topsoil within the footprint of the new building. Stripping revealed natural chalk, over the site. A strip of the land directly west of the boundary wall which, had been excavated and then backfilled with topsoil and chalk rubble. Three modern postholes were seen to the east of the site with a small, shallow, irregular rectangular feature thought to be related to the excavation of material directly behind the boundary wall. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were recorded.

Project dates Start: 31-05-2016 End: 10-06-2016

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference codes MCWH16 - Sitecode

Type of project Recording project

Current Land use Other 5 - Garden

Investigation type "Watching Brief"

Prompt National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country England

Site location HAMPSHIRE HART SOUTH WARNBOROUGH Manor Court, Lees Hill

Postcode RG29 1RQ

Study area 3000 Square metres

Site coordinates SU 72063 47425 51.22095026478 -0.967997023449 51 13 15 N 000 58 04 W
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Name of Organisation PCA West

Project brief originator Hampshire County Council

Project design originator Paul McCulloch

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Project supervisor Katherine Marshall

Type of sponsor/funding body Developer

Name of sponsor/funding body Claire Jordan

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists? No

Digital Archive recipient Hampshire Cultural Trust

Digital Contents "none"

Digital Media available "Images raster / digital photography","Text"

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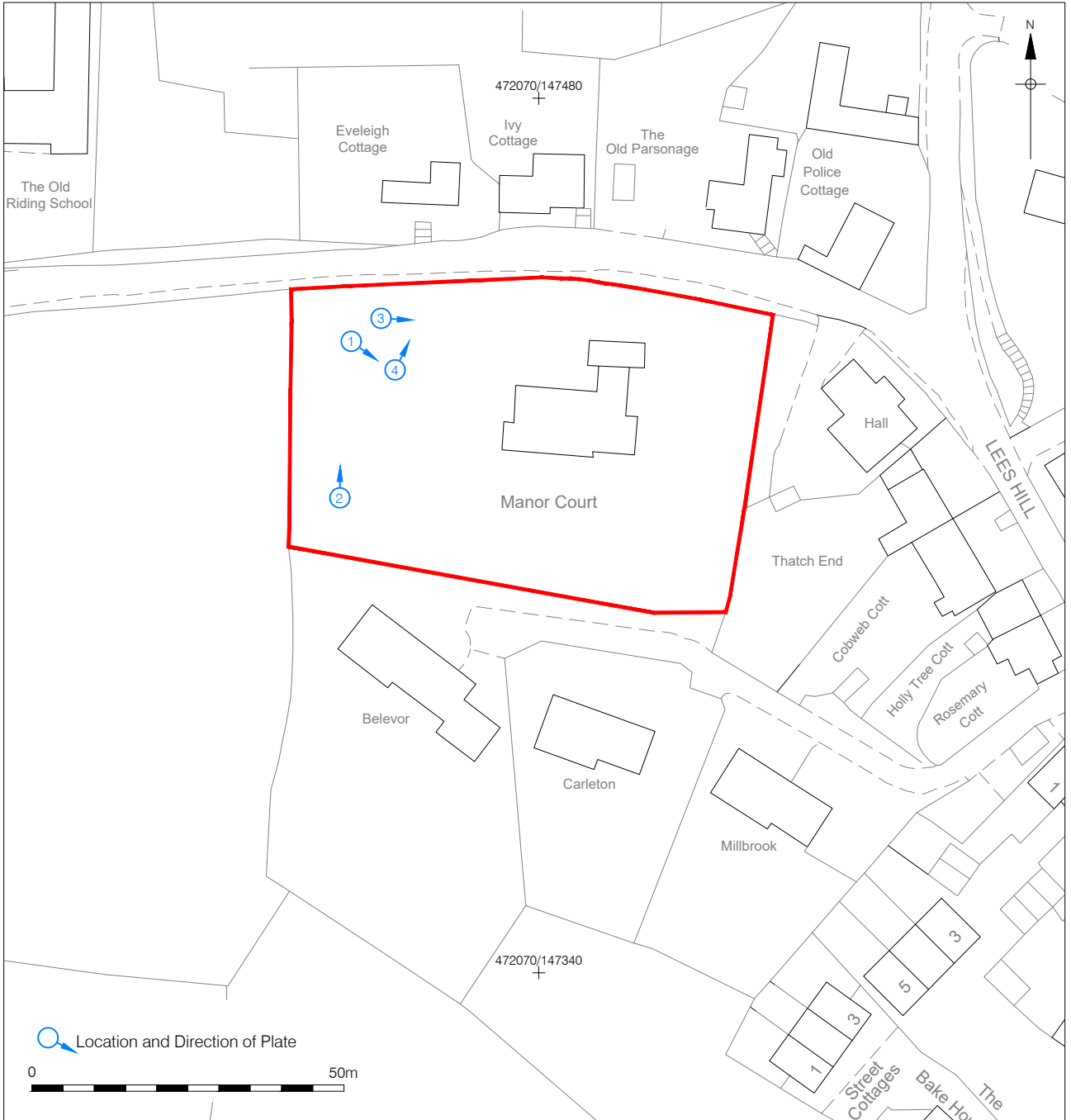
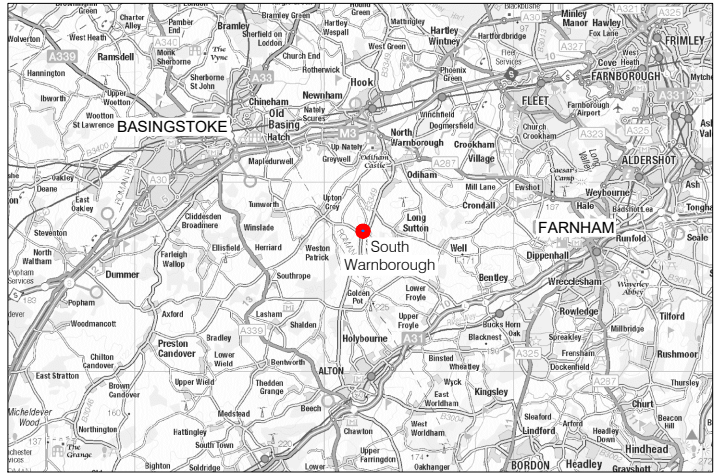
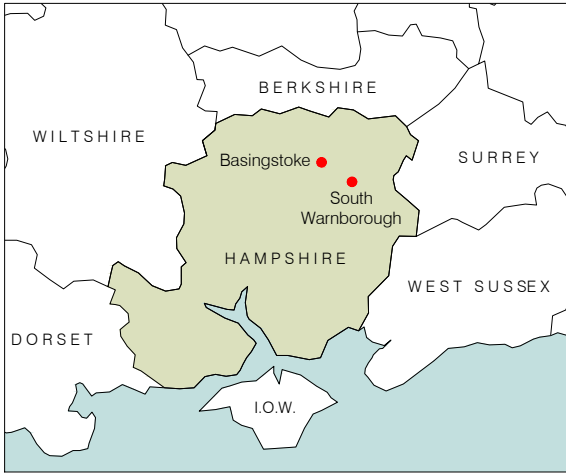
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Figure 1
Site Location
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