

**Archaeological Evaluation on land adjacent to Timbers
The Street Redgrave
Suffolk**

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Summary

An archaeological evaluation was carried by trial trenching; the work was carried out in response to an archaeological brief written by Rachael Abraham of the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Services Conservation Team, dated the 20th of August 2015.

Two linear trenches, one at 12.50 m length x 1.8m wide and one at 7.50 m length by 1.80m width, totalling 20m were excavated to cover the footprints of the new development.

Neither of the two trenches produced any archaeology.

1. Site Geology Location and Description

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1.1 The natural substratum is glaciofluvial sand and gravel (BGS 1990).



Ordnance Survey, licence No. 100047655

Figure 1. Redgrave site location

1.2 Redgrave is a large village and a parish wit in Hartismere district, Suffolk. The village stands near the river Waveney at the boundary with Norfolk, 4¼ miles NW of Mellis, and 7miles WNW of Eye. The site is located within the historic core of the village, c 50m to the south-west of the main street in a central village position.

2. Planning Background

The planning application No. 2139/15, was granted by Mid Suffolk District Council, for the erection of a single dwelling and detached garage on land adjacent to Timbers The Street Redgrave Suffolk (TM 042 780) .

In order to ensure that satisfactory arrangements are made for the investigation, retrieval and recording of any possible archaeological remains on the site and to comply with Policy of the Council's Local Plan, the condition states *"No development shall take place within any part of the application site until the applicant, or developer has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.*

Reason: To allow proper investigation and recording of the site, which is potentially of archaeological and historical significance".

The Planning Authority has been advised that any consent should be conditional upon an agreed programme of archaeological investigation work taking place before development begins in accordance with the National Planning and Policy Framework (NPPF, DCLD 2012) which replaces Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment (PPS5, DCLG 2010).

3. Archaeological and Historical Background

3.1 Archaeological Background

The Brief for this project, written by the SCCA/CT states: "*This application lies in an area of archaeological importance, recorded in the County Historic Environment Record, within the historic settlement core of Redgrave. Adjacent to the development site, a number of cremation urns were detected (RGV 009). In addition, archaeological excavations within the vicinity of the proposed development have defined medieval buildings (HER no. RGV 043) and other medieval finds have been located in this area (RGV 030, 041,044). As a result, there is high potential for encountering archaeological remains at this location. The proposed works would cause significant ground disturbance that has potential to damage any archaeological deposit that exists.*" (SCCA/CT Brief, Abraham, R.).

3.2 Historical Background

The Domesday book (1089) lists Redgrave as : '*St Edmunds held Redgrave before 1066; 6 carucates of land as a manor*'. It goes on to say: '*Always 10 villagers; 19 smallholders. Then 8 slaves, now 6. Always 4 ploughs in lordship; 6 men's ploughs. Meadow, 8 acres; woodland, 120 pigs. a church with 30 acres of free land, etc*' it continues to state that, '*24 free men under the patronage and jurisdiction of the Abbot; 80 acres. Always 8 ploughs. value 30s. it has one league in length and half in width; 8d in tax. The abbot [holds this] in lordship*'. (Domesday, 1089; ed. Morris, J, 1986). This entry shows a relatively large and important village in late Saxon times; a church is mentioned with 30 acres, which probably relates to a significant church; not many churches are mentioned in Domesday by village in Suffolk. The size is apparent also (one league in length) all adds up to an important village and centre at this time; the mention of slaves is also unusual!

Redgrave is listed in ``Whites Directory of Suffolk``, and White states: '*Redgrave is a large and handsome village*' and he goes on to say: It was anciently the lordship of the abbot of Bury, to whom it was given by Ulfketel, Earl of East Anglia. The giving of the lordship is questionable from a Saxon to a Norman (Abbot); many ;lands were appropriated by the Normans from the Saxons to Norman nobles and the church. (White.W., History, Gazetteer and Directory of Suffolk, 1844)

4. Cartographic Information

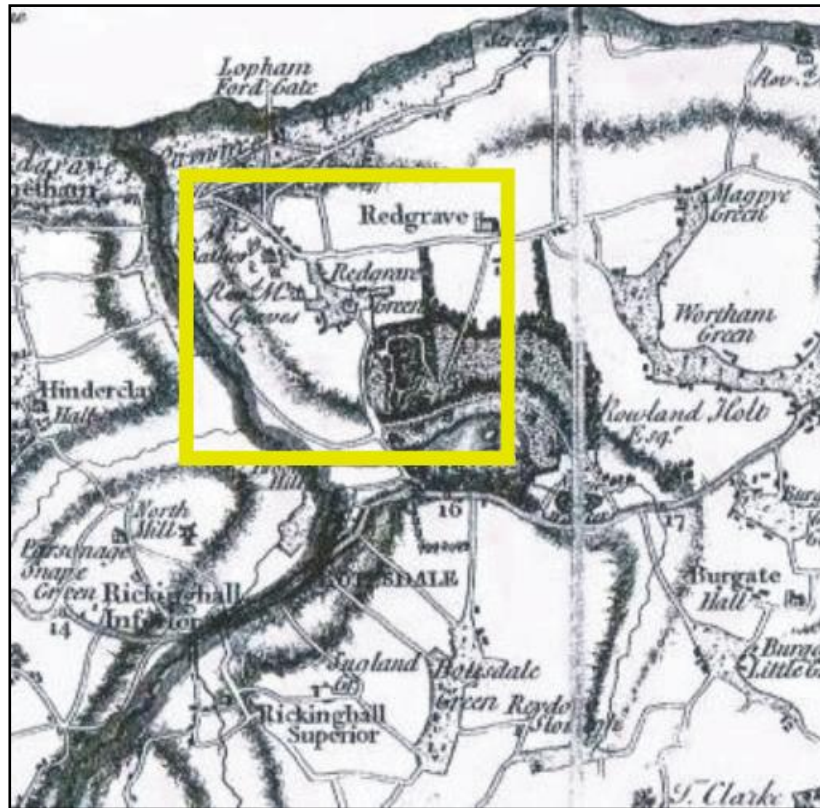


Figure 2. Hodkinson's map of Redgrave, 1783

5. Results

5.1 Fieldwork

5.11 Two trenches, one across the house footprint at 12.5m long by 1.80m wide and one across the garage footprint at 7.50m long by 1.80m in width. Both Trenches were drawn to a scale of 1:50; a section of each trench was drawn to a scale of 1:20.

5.13 A metal detector survey was carried out at all stages of the project.

5.14 A digital image archive was produced and will form part of the site record to be curated at Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

5.15 Site plans and sections were digitized to archive standard, reduced versions of which are included in this report.

5.16 The evaluation was carried out using standard practices in archaeology to IFA standards. The work also considered the eastern counties frameworks standards as laid down in : Medlycott, M. 2011 *Research and Archaeology Revised: A Revised Framework for the East of England* East Anglian. Archaeology. Occ. Paper. 24

5.2 The Evaluation Trenches

5.21 Trench 1, orientated north-south was excavated over the footprint of the detached garage, measuring 7.50 m long by 1.8 m wide, to a maximum depth of 0.90 m. The topsoil (1000) was removed by a mechanical digger to a depth of 0.20m by machine to reveal a mid-light brown sandy subsoil (1001) to a depth of 0.50m, below this a sandy light brown natural was exposed (1002) to a depth of 0.20m.

No archaeology was present in this trench.

5.22 Trench 2 was excavated over the footprint of the new dwelling, orientated north-west-south-east, measuring 12.50m in length by 1.80m width and to a total depth of 0.90m. The topsoil (1000) was removed by mechanical digger to a depth of 0.20m; the subsoil was removed to a depth of 0.50m; below this the natural (1002) was exposed to a depth of 0.20m.

The potential for any archaeology within this trench was largely obscured by a modern refuse pit containing 20th century waste items.

No archaeology was present in this trench.

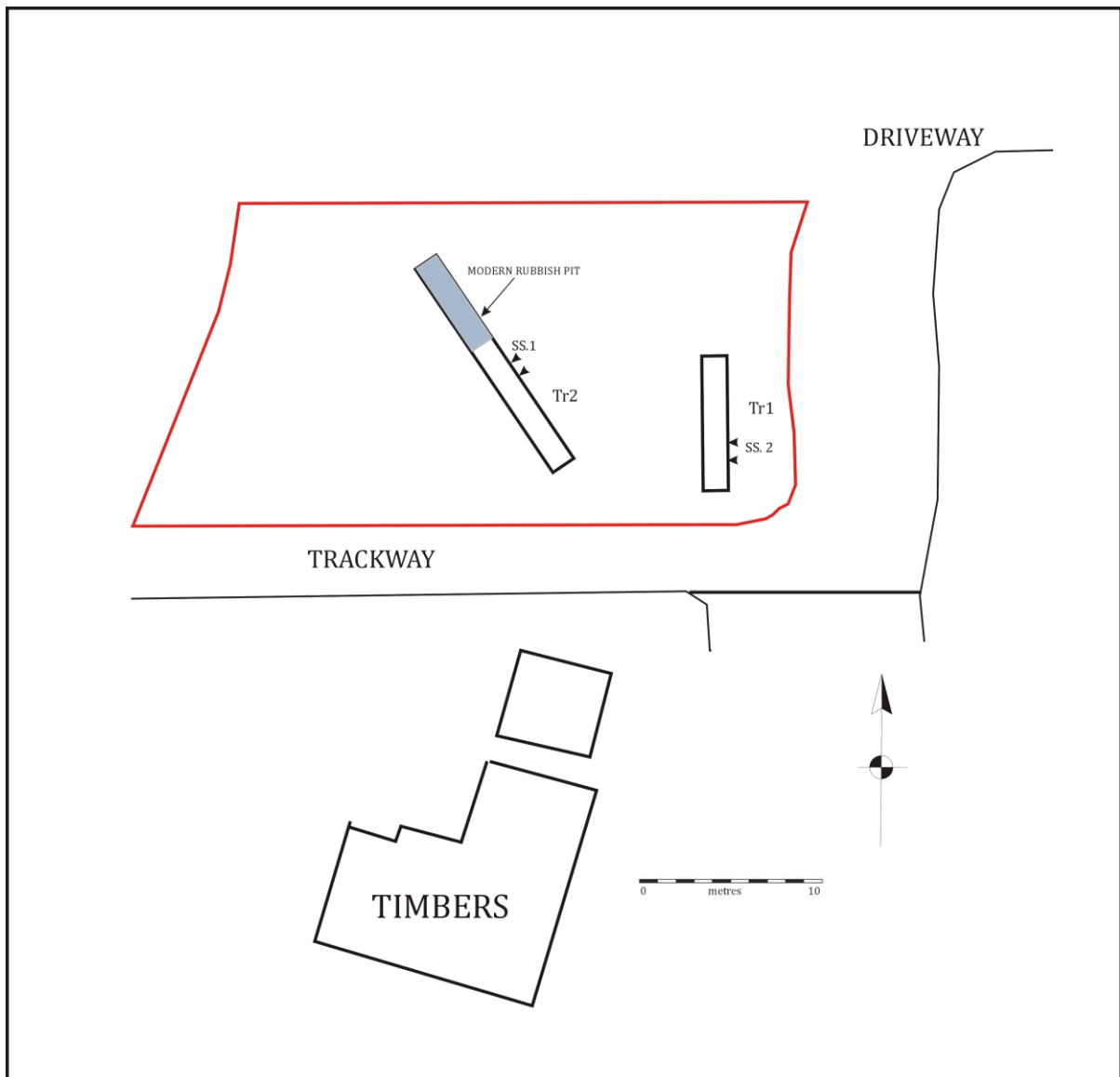


Figure 3. Plan of excavated trenches

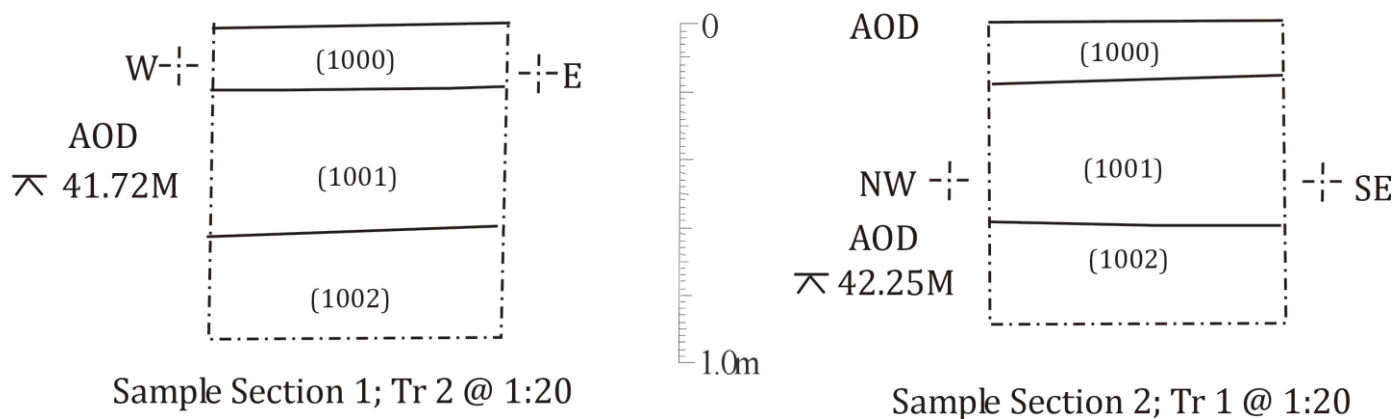


Figure 4. Sample Sections

6. Interpretation and Discussion

No archaeology was noted in either of trenches 1 or 2 .

7. Conclusion

The evaluation was successful in demonstrating that no archaeology was present within the area sampled by the two evaluation trenches.

8. Archive Deposition

The paper and photographic archive will be held at the County Store, Suffolk County Council Archaeology, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

A digital record and copies of the report can be viewed at The Historic Environment Record office, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds and online at:

<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/policy.html>.

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This report for archaeological evaluation was written by Dennis Payne BA (Hons) ACIfA (Archaeoserv), who also managed the project and carried out the field-work.

Rachel Abrahams of the SCCA/CT produced the brief for this project.

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Appendix I: Digital Images



Plate 1. Pre-excavation, general site view, from the north-east



Plate 2. Pre-excavation, general site view, from the east



Plate 3. Sample section 1, Tr2



Plate 4. Sample section 2, Tr 1



*Plate 5. Trench 2, post-excavation, from the south-east
(modern rubbish pit mostly machined out in back of trench)*



Plate 6. Trench 1 post excavation from the south



Plate 7. Site overview, post-excavation from the south-east

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Short description of the project	An evaluation of 20m by way of two trenches did not locate any archaeology
Project dates	Start: 23-08-2015 End: 30-09-2015
Previous/future work	No / No
Type of project	Field evaluation
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NA None
Significant Finds	NA None
Methods & techniques	"Targeted Trenches"
Development type	Rural residential
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK MID SUFFOLK REDGRAVE Land Adjacent Timbers The Street Redgrave Suffolk
Postcode	IP29 4RX
Study area	450 Square metres
Site coordinates	TM 042 780 52.361467920241 0.999342029996 52 21 41 N 000 59 57 E Point
Lat/Long Datum	Position derived from charts
Height OD / Depth	Min: 41.31m Max: 41.71m

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