

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2012/008	Parish: Sudbury
Woodhall C P School SUY 107	Planning Application No.: B/11/01209
	HER Event No.: SUY 107
Address: Woodhall Community Primary School, Mayflower Way, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1ST	Grid Reference: TL 875 425
	Number of Site visits: 3
	Date of visits: 08,12,21/12/11

Groundworks at Woodhall Community Primary School, Sudbury, were archaeologically monitored on the 8th, 12th and 21st of December 2012. The monitoring observed the mechanical excavation of footing trenches for temporary classrooms and a 6m by 3m soak-away (Fig. 2) and was carried out according to a brief supplied by Dr Abby Antrobus (SCCAS/CT).

The Historic Environment Record (HER) contained several entries within a 500m radius of the development area (Fig. 1);

- A single Roman pit was excavated prior to housing development at **SUY 033**
- A polished whinstone axe of Neolithic origin was found at **SUY 007**
- **SUY 003** indicates a scheduled medieval rectangular moat
- **SUY 041** and **042** are to ring ditches identified from crop marks
- A 14th century timber framed aisled barn and priory complex are present towards the NW of the site at **SUY 106**

The trenches and soak-away were excavated using a mini-digger mounted with a 300mm toothed bucket. Soil horizons were recorded both digitally and by hand at a scale of 1:20. No archaeology was observed in these trenches.

Trenches:

In total fifty six footing trenches were excavated. These trenches measured 1m by 1m and were dug to a depth of 1.8m. The soak-away trench measured 6m by 3m and was excavated to over 2m in depth (Fig. 2).

Results:

The monitoring identified a fairly uniform soil horizon across all trenches comprising 0.25m topsoil, 0.3m mid orangey-brown silty-clay subsoil, mid/light yellowy-grey-brown clay with moderate chalk pebbles (dia: 0.02m) and occasional, unsorted flint stones (dia: 0.03-0.10m) inclusions. No archaeological evidence was observed in the trench profiles.

The natural geology of the development area comprised a compacted bluish-yellow-brown clay with frequent, unsorted chalk pebbles and occasional flint stones.

Conclusion:

The monitoring could not identify an archaeological horizon across the development area. The soil profiles did not appear disturbed or truncated. However, as the majority of trenches measured 1m x 1m in plan the lack of archaeology could be due to seeing a only limited percentage of the total area. Therefore, it is recommended that further work in the area is also monitored.

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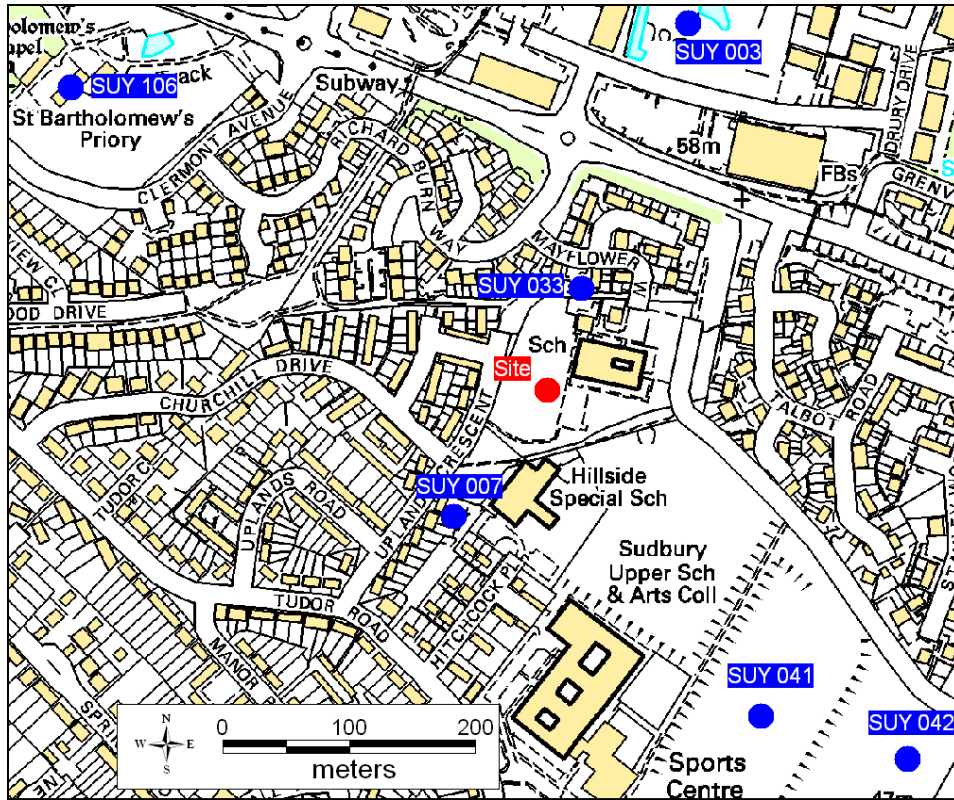


Figure 1. Location map with HER listed in text.

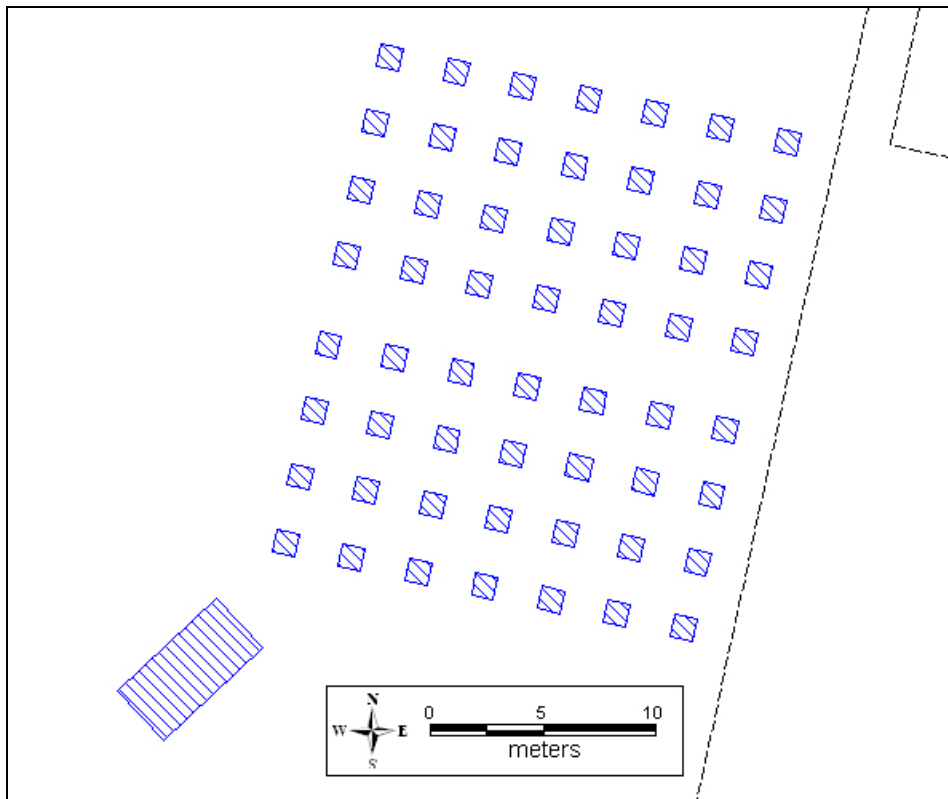


Figure 2. Trench plan.

