

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2012/066	Parish: Wingfield
<p style="text-align: center;">Saviour's Barn, Wingfield</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WGD 032</p>	Planning Application No.: Mid Suffolk 1242/09
	HER Event No.: WGD 032
Address: Saviour's Barn, Syleham Road Wingfield, Diss, Suffolk	Grid Reference: TM 216 771
	Number of Site visits: Two
	Date of visits: 10th and 16th January, 2011
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Visits were made to the site to record the removal of the floor surfaces within Saviour's Barn, as well as the digging of a service trench and access road for the barn's conversion into a house. The site was located on the west side of medieval Wingfield Green (Syleham Road, Diss, Suffolk), and north of the 17th century Wingfield Green Farm (WGD 022 and WGD 028, Fig. 1). The work was part of an archaeological condition raised by Edward Martin of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team (on planning application Mid Suffolk 1242/09). An OASIS form has been completed for the project (reference no. suffolkc1-125963, Appendix 1) and a digital copy of the report submitted for inclusion on the Archaeology Data Service database (http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/greylit). Prior to the conversion of the structures a building record had been carried out by Leigh Alston for SCCAS.</p>	
<p>Groundworks</p> <p>The area of floor reduction monitored in the barn totalled 40.5sqm; the service trench was 75m long x 0.5m wide (37.5sqm), whilst the road strip was 65.5m long x 4.3m wide (282sqm). Two areas had been truncated prior to the archaeological visits. One of these was an area inside the barn and part of the new build where concrete floor surfaces had already been laid, totalling 79.6sqm. To the south of the buildings an area of geotextile and aggregate had been laid over a stripped area of 135sqm that had gone down to the level of the natural clay.</p>	

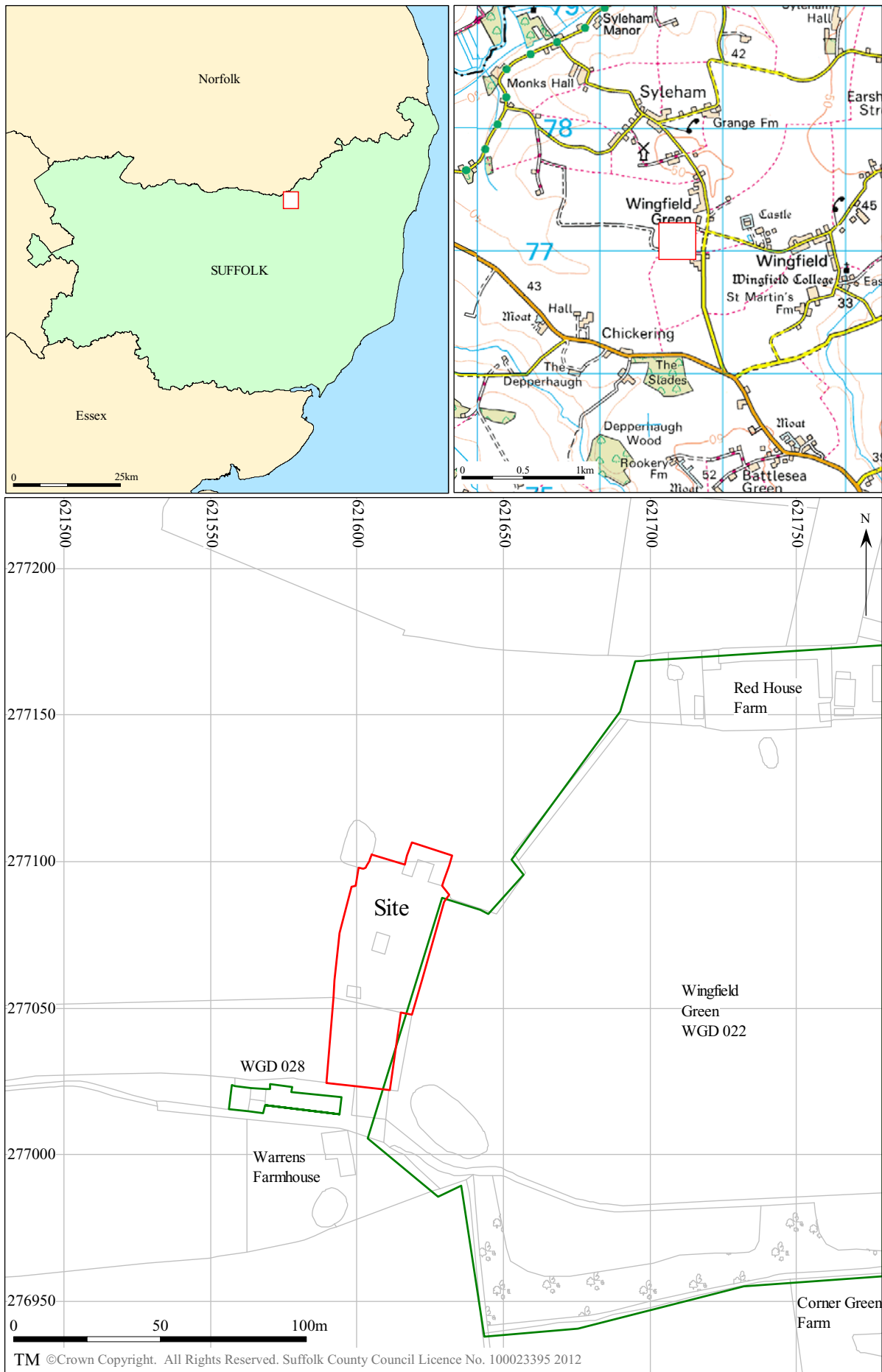
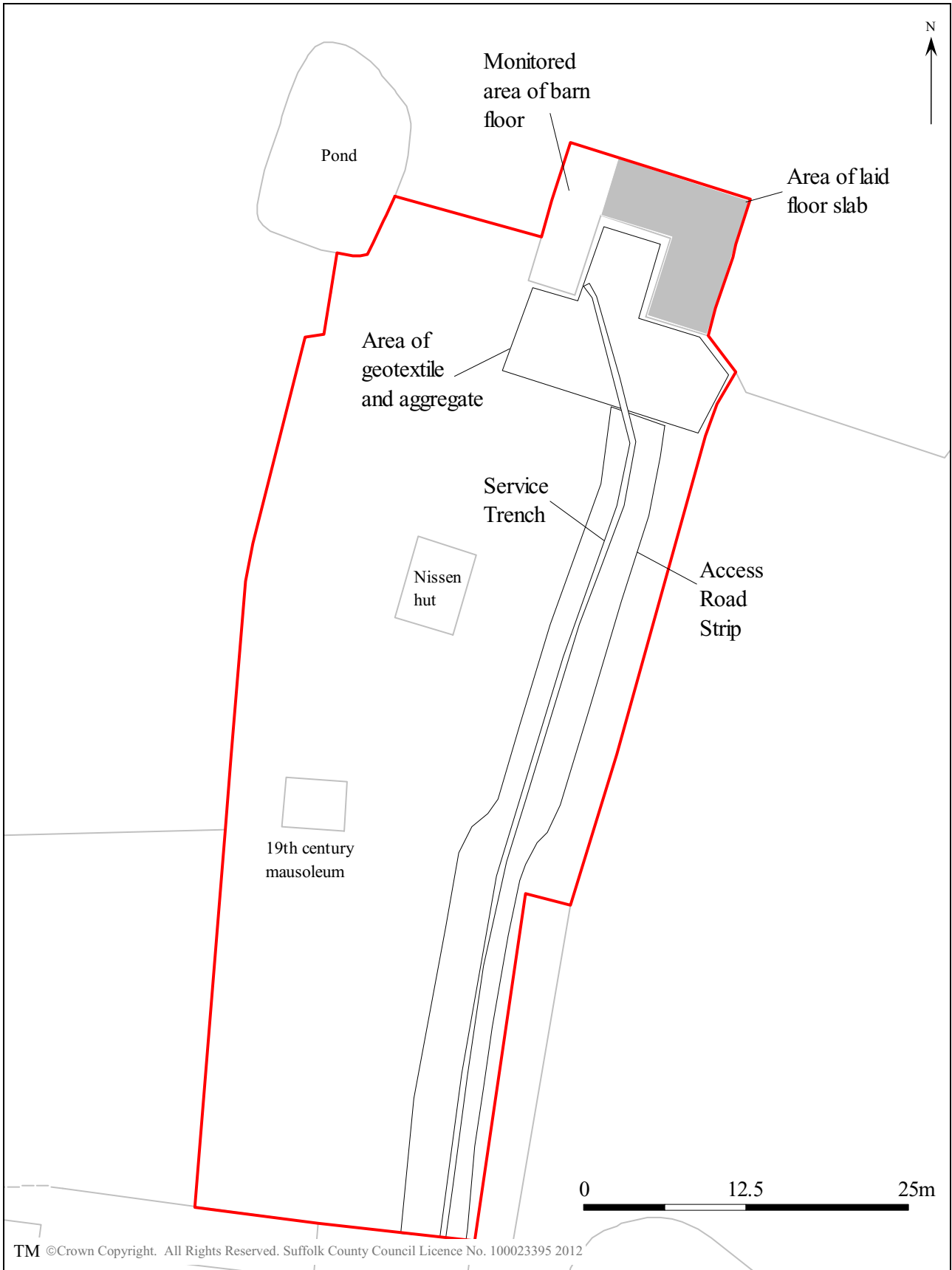


Figure 1. Site location (red) and nearby HER listings (green)



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Figure 2. Site plan

Results

No archaeological features or finds were recorded in the groundworks (Fig. 2). Parts of the soil profile in the service trench were disturbed by modern activity associated with the farm to the south. Prior to the archaeological visit part of the barn floor and an area of a new build extension had already been reduced and a concrete floor laid. In the area immediately south of the barn the topsoil had been stripped and the natural clay slightly truncated. Over this a layer of geotextile and aggregate had been placed as the site had been too waterlogged to work on.

The profile soil profile recorded in the service trench and access road consisted of c.0.5-6m of topsoil, overlying orange and grey clay with chalk flecks, although the road strip often did not penetrate far enough to reach the clay. This profile remained consistent throughout these groundworks, except in the area close to the buildings where the ground level sank and the geotextile and aggregate had been laid. Here the profile consisted of 0.15m of the temporary surface, overlying 0.55m of the truncated natural clay.

Within the monitored area of barn floor, differing depths of stripping had occurred, reflecting the slight slope in this area down from the field to the north. As such in the north-east corner of this area 0.4m of topsoil and 0.3m of underlying natural clay had been dug out, whilst in the south-west corner, 0.25m of topsoil and 0.1m of the clay were stripped. Where the barn's footings survived and were exposed they tended to consist of a lower level of red bricks laid on their side, with the headers showing. Above this a mixture of loosely laid flints and red bricks were placed in two courses.

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Appendix 1. OASIS form

OASIS ID: suffolkc1-125963

Project details

Project name	WGD 032 Saviour's Barn, Wingfield, Monitoring
Short description of the project	Visits were made to the site to record the removal of the floor surfaces within Saviour's Barn, as well as the digging of a service trench and access road for the barn's conversion into a house. The site was located at the west side of Wingfield Green, Syleham Road, Diss, Suffolk. No archaeological deposits or finds were recorded. The site was somewhat disturbed by previous farming activity as well as activity associated with the current building works.
Project dates	Start: 10-01-2012 End: 16-01-2012
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	WGD 032 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	WGD 032 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	Mid Suffolk 1242/09 - Planning Application No.
Any associated project reference codes	2012/066 - Contracting Unit No.
Type of project	Recording project
Current Land use	Other 3 - Built over
Current Land use	Other 5 - Garden
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK MID SUFFOLK WINGFIELD WGD 032, Saviour's Barn, Wingfield, Monitoring
Study area	575.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TM 216 771 52.3465935055 1.253894334580 52 20 47 N 001 15 14 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
Project design originator	Edward Martin
Project director/manager	David Gill
Project supervisor	Rob Brooks
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding body	Mr Peter Davidson

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Digital Archive ID	WGD 032
Digital Contents	'Survey','other'
Digital Media available	'Images raster / digital photography','Survey','Text'
Paper Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Paper Archive ID	WGD 032
Paper Contents	'other'
Paper Media available	'Context sheet','Correspondence','Drawing'

Project bibliography 1

Publication type	Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)
Title	Archaeological Monitoring Report, Saviour's Barn, Wingfield
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