

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2012/170	Parish: Hepworth
<b>Grange Farm Monitoring</b> <b>HEP 028</b>	<b>Planning Application No.:</b> SE/08/1105
	<b>HER Event No.:</b> HEP 028
<b>Address:</b> Grange Farm, Church Lane, Hepworth, Diss, IP22 2QE	<b>Grid Reference:</b> TL 9897 7499
	<b>Number of Site visits:</b> 2
	<b>Date of visits:</b> 22 and 23/10/2012
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Two visits were made to the site to record internal foundation trenches for the conversion of a barn into accommodation at Grange Farm, Church Lane, Hepworth, in Suffolk (Fig. 1). The work was carried out as part of a Brief and Specification issued by Edward Martin of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team (on planning application SE/08/1105). Four trenches were monitored. An OASIS form has been completed for the project (reference no. suffolkc1-136632, Appendix 1) and a digital copy of the report submitted for inclusion on the Archaeology Data Service database (<a href="http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/greylit">http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/greylit</a>).</p> <p>Prior to the monitoring a Historic Building Record had been undertaken by Leigh Alston for SCCAS Field Team, which recorded the structure as a heavily altered 18th century barn, typical to East Anglia (SCCAS Report, 2009).</p>	
<p><b>Trenching</b></p> <p>A total length of 20.8m of trenching was excavated and recorded, covering an area of 63.5sqm (Fig. 2). The trenching was 0.45m wide x up to 1m deep, being slightly shallower in places. Within the barn there was little natural light, and this made it difficult to properly record some of the soil profiles.</p>	

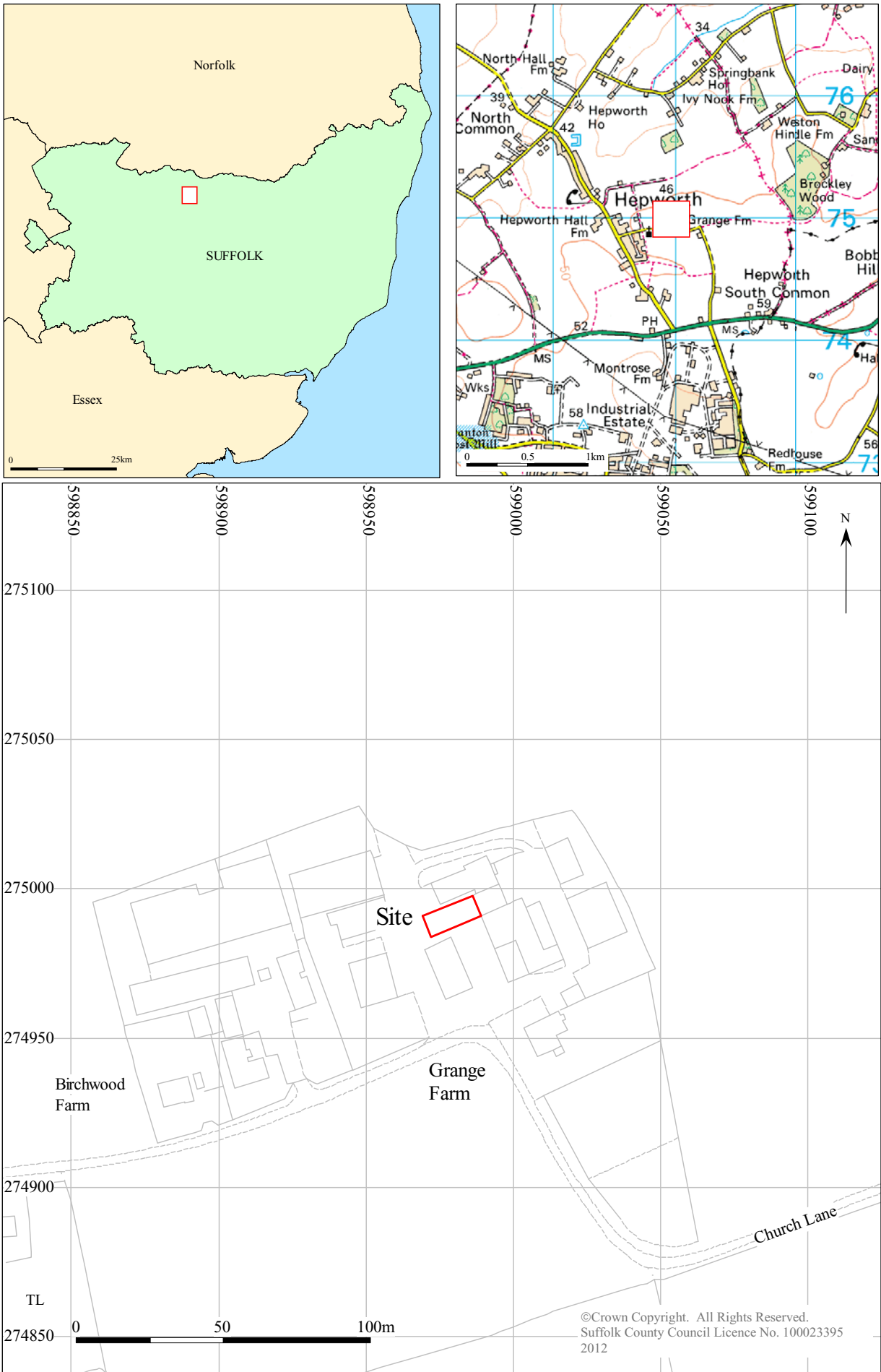


Figure 1. Location map

## **Results**

No archaeological features or finds were recorded in the trenching. The soil profiles appeared to be fairly undisturbed, with the barn floor having only been slightly reduced in the past, judging by the external ground levels.

The recorded soil profiles throughout the trenching consisted of 0.1-0.15m of rubble, over 0.1m of redeposited greyish-yellow clay; both deposits were presumably floor levels or screeds. The clay layer sealed a 0.2m thick dark greyish-brown, soft, silty-clay with Iron staining, which was interpreted as a buried topsoil, or barn occupation layer, although no evidence for the latter theory, such as the presence of artefacts or charcoal, was recovered. This deposit was immediately above >0.55m of mottled grey chalk-clay and orangish-brown sandy-clay, which made up the local superficial geological layer.

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# Appendix 1. OASIS form

**OASIS ID: suffolkc1-136632**

## Project details

Project name	HEP 028 Grange Farm Monitoring
Short description of the project	Monitoring of several foundation trenches within a barn, in order to convert it into accommodation, was carried out at Grange Farm, Hepworth, in Suffolk. This recorded no archaeological features or finds, despite revealing a seemingly preserved soil profile.
Project dates	Start: 22-10-2012 End: 23-10-2012
Previous/future work	Yes / Not known
Any associated project reference codes	HEP 028 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	HEP 028 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	2012/170 - Contracting Unit No.
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Current Land use	Other 3 - Built over
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 ST EDMUNDSBURY HEPWORTH HEP 028 Grange Farm Monitoring
Postcode	IP22 2QE
Study area	124.20 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 9897 7499 52 0 52 20 10 N 000 55 15 E Point

## Project creators

Name of	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
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Organisation	
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
Project design originator	Edward Martin
Project director/manager	John Craven
Project supervisor	Rob Brooks
Type of sponsor/funding body	Land owner
Name of sponsor/funding body	Janice Morton

### Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Digital Archive ID	HEP 028
Digital Contents	"Survey","other"
Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Survey","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Paper Archive ID	HEP 028
Paper Contents	"other"
Paper Media available	"Context sheet","Plan","Unpublished Text"

### Project bibliography

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