

# Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service

## Monitoring Report

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25 The Street, Bawdsey

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### Summary

Archaeological monitoring was carried out as a condition of planning application (C/05/1973/FUL) at the above address centred on TM 3464 4025. A single monitoring visit was made on the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006. Funding for the monitoring is provided by the developers Mr. and Mrs. G. Lennard. The development consists of two small extensions to the existing dwelling located within the side and rear garden areas. The footings, which had been dug for a garage situated immediately to the northwest, were also examined. Around forty linear metres of footings had been dug in total, within an area measuring approximately 15.0m. by 8.5m.. All of the trenches were recently dug and it was possible to closely examine all of the exposed faces and base deposits. Several mounds of upcast soil were also searched for any possible dating evidence in the form of finds.

### Introduction

The site is located within the historic core of the settlement of Bawdsey. Previously, evidence of medieval activity has been found on this site (BAW 025) and also immediately opposite (BAW 037) (Tipper:2005). It would seem likely that the present area, which had been cleared of most modern features and trenched in preparation for building, may offer additional archaeological evidence. Unfortunately, no further archaeological features or finds were observed during this monitoring visit.

### Methodology

The footing trenches revealed a representative sample area of the eastern end of the site and varied in depth from between 0.80 to 1.00m. in relation to the present ground levels. A sketch plan of the trench layout was prepared to aid the location of any measurements of soil profiles, features or notable natural formations. The trench sides and bases were all examined for any indications of archaeological features or significant finds; a substantial quantity of upcast soil was also searched.

## **Conclusion**

The topsoil at this location was a distinctive reddish mid-brown silty sand, homogeneous and deep. In only one slightly deeper area of trenching, at around 1.0m. from the surface, did any recognisable subsoil appear. The subsoil, although only partially revealed seemed to consist of orange natural crag. The topsoil contained very few stones except for occasional medium sized pebbles of between 15-25mm.. The only feature which could be seen within the trenches was a modern soak away seen running east to west in part of the garage footings. All of the ceramic wares and building material observed was nineteenth century in date or later.

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## **References**

Tipper, J., 2005 'Brief and Specification for Archaeological Monitoring of Development : 25 The Street, Bawdsey. SCCAS Conservation Team, Bury St Edmunds.