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

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Summary












An archaeological monitoring was carried out following the excavation of footings for two houses on Anchor Lane, Lakenheath. Within the trenches were four wells, clunch building foundations, a clunch-lined cellar and numerous pits of various shapes and sizes. The footings and cellar are likely to relate to buildings extant on the 1880 Ordnance Survey map. Only a single sherd of pottery was recovered, which came from the backfilled cellar and is dated to the 17th century. The lack of dateable finds precludes any firm conclusions being drawn but it seems likely that a long history of settlement is recorded but with the majority of features dug in the post-medieval period. The most visible remains, with buildings and a cellar made of clunch may date from the 16th or 17th centuries.

Drawing Conventions

Plans

- Limit of Excavation 
- Features 
- Break of Slope 
- Features - Conjectured 
- Natural Features 
- Sondages/Machine Strip 
- Intrusion/Truncation 
- Illustrated Section  S.14
- Cut Number 
- Archaeological Features 

Sections

- Limit of Excavation 
- Cut 
- Modern Cut 
- Cut - Conjectured 
- Deposit Horizon 
- Deposit Horizon - Conjectured 
- Intrusion/Truncation 
- Top of Natural 
- Top Surface 
- Break in Section 
- Cut Number 
- Deposit Number 0007
- Ordnance Datum $\frac{18.45\text{m OD}}{\times}$

1. Introduction

An archaeological monitoring was carried out during the excavation of footing trenches for two houses in Anchor Lane, Lakenheath. The monitoring was a condition on planning application No. F/12/0004 and the work was carried out to a Brief and Specification designed by Dr Abby Antrobus of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation team (SCCAS/CT). The fieldwork took place on the 18th of May 2013 and was undertaken by staff of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Field Team (SCCAS/FT) and it was commissioned by John Simmons.

2. Geology and topography

The site is positioned in the centre of Lakenheath village on the fen edge and overlooking the flood plain. It is largely flat and the current ground level is around 6.7-6.81m above the Ordnance Datum. The natural geology on the site was observed at varying depths of 6.5-6.1m above O.D and was mainly pale yellow and red sands with some patches of flint gravel. The variation in depth is due to later manmade disturbance rather than any natural phenomenon.

3. Archaeology and historical background

The site on Anchor Lane is in a location with high archaeological potential. Anchor Lane borders the medieval market place that was founded in 1201 and it is near the site of the medieval/post-medieval quay giving access to the Fenland waterways with links to Ely and the North Sea via Kings Lynn. This places the site within the medieval core of Lakenheath village (County Historic Environment Record no. LKH 254). It is also within 200m of the medieval church (LKH 112) and across the road from a site where prehistoric, medieval and Saxon finds and features were found (LKH 202).

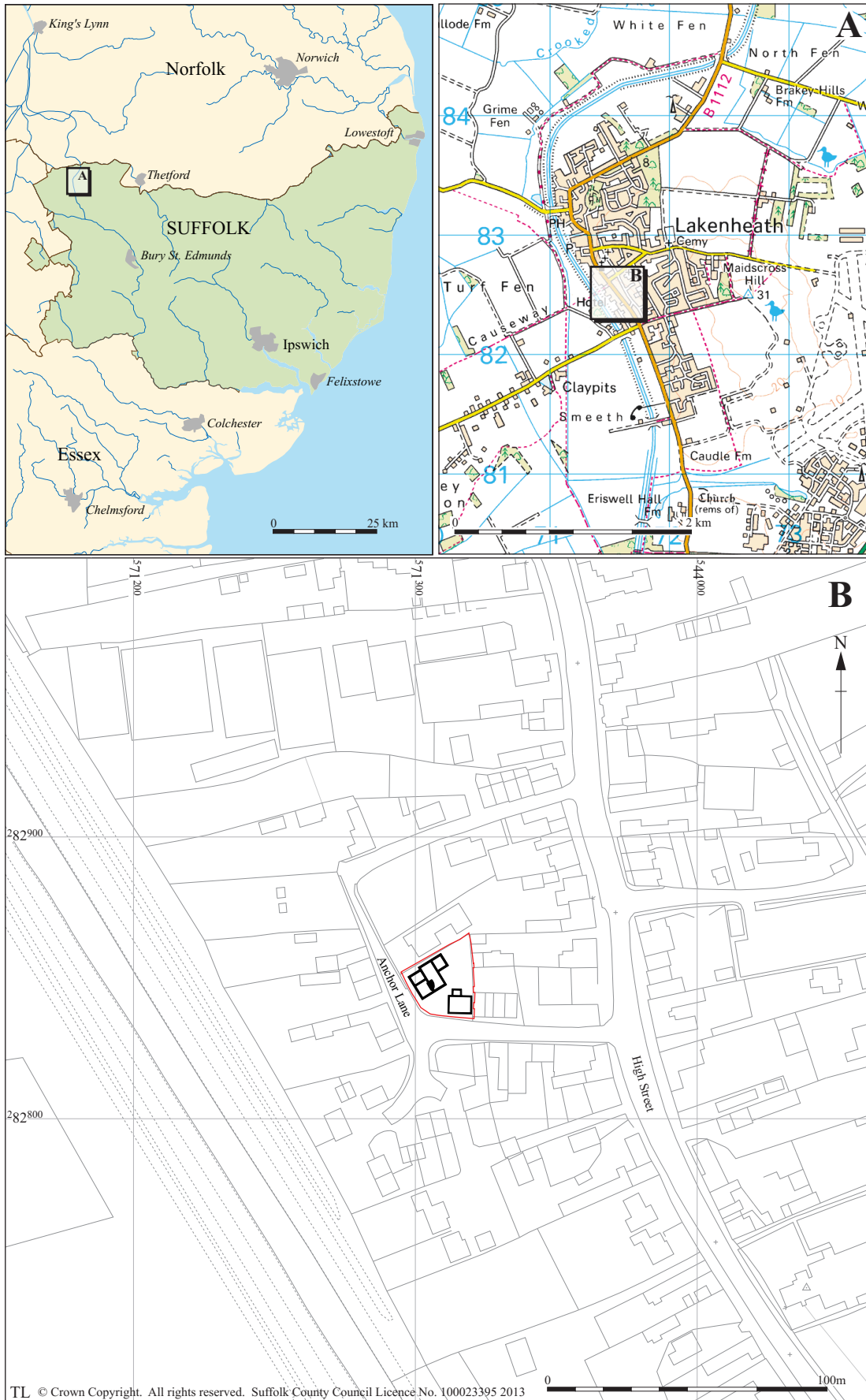


Figure 1. Location map, showing development area (red) and foundation trenches (black)

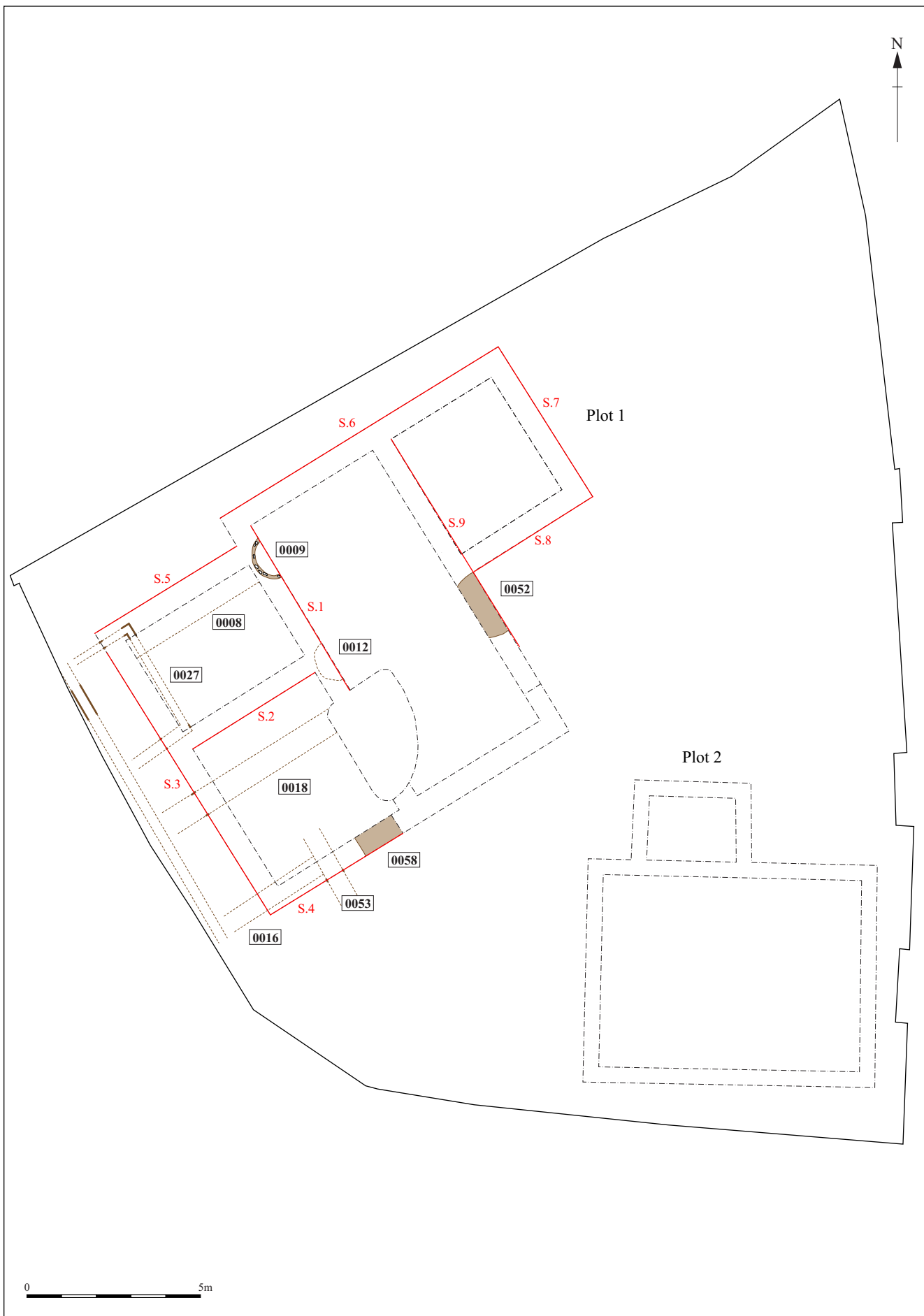


Figure 2. Plan of footing.

4. Methodology

The excavation of the footing trenches of two building plots was monitored following their excavation (It was agreed between the developer and the curators that the monitoring would be carried out following the excavation of the footings but that as mitigation a short excavation would take place in an area designated for onsite parking at a later date. In the event the car park was raised above the level of archaeological deposits and therefore no archaeological excavation took place. As a consequence the bulk of site recording was carried out over a two hour period with sections drawn for Plot 1, which revealed the most informative archaeological features, but only photographic recording was carried out on Plot 2 due to constraints of time). The trenches, which ranged in depth from 1-1.5m, were excavated by a machine using a 0.5m wide flat bladed bucket. All sections and the base of the trenches of Plot 1 were cleaned by hand and sections and plans of all the site and features were drawn at a scale of 1:50.

The archaeological features and deposits were recorded with a unique and continuous number system and records were maintained on SCCAS proforma context sheets, all of which appear as Appendix 2. A digital photographic record was made, consisting of high-resolution of .jpg images (2848 x 4288 pixel resolution) of sections and plans, as well as working/site shots. An Oasis form has been completed with the reference number suffolkc1-150579.

5. Results

5.1 Introduction

A large number of features were recorded during this monitoring. The vast majority of these were found to the south west of the site during the excavation of the footing trenches for the proposed building in Plot 1. Probable building foundations and cellar walls were recorded. Three wells and many other undated pits and features were seen. The following descriptions are presented by feature type.

5.2 Trench results

Plot 1

Cellar 0027

The cellar was present in the western corner of building plot 1. It had a relatively thin wall c.0.25-0.3m made of shaped chalk blocks (clunch) measuring around 150mm x

150mm. It was bonded with a greyish lime mortar. Its shape in plan is irregular and from what was visible within the trench it does not seem to be squared. Two faces were seen, one facing the south west and the other facing the south east, suggesting it represents the the north west corner of a cellar to a building that would have faced west onto Anchor Lane. There appear to be two major backfilling events, firstly a dark brownish grey silty sand 0030 either accumulated or was dumped while the building was still in use-as a red brick floor 0026 was later laid on it. The second phase of back filling happened later, possibly at the end of the buildings life span or when damp or structural issues affected the cellar. A single sherd of post medieval pottery was recovered from the infill of the cellar, 0024, which weighed 73g. It is from a large bowl with a flanged rim. The upper part of the interior of the bowl has an undulating incised decoration running around the rim. The bowl has an orange glaze covering the interior but the outside has more of a green glaze with iron oxide streaks. The vessel is therefore categorised as a bichrome ware which is likely to date to the seventeenth century (Richenda Goffin pers. comm.). Similar examples have been identified as Broad Street Glazed Red Earthenware, which was made in Ely (Cessford et al, 2006,59) The sherd has mortar adhering to a surface.

Walls 0016, 0018 and 0053

There were three walls with a similar construction of large clunch blocks that were laid in courses and bonded with a greyish lime mortar. They range in depth from the current ground level from between 0.9-1.1m. These walls were aligned at right angles to the nearest road from north east to south west and parallel to the road from north west to south east. This suggests they were associated with a building or building plot that faced out onto the road, with wall 0018 possibly associated with cellar 0027. All of these walls seemed to be cut through layer 0029.

Wells 0009, 0012, 0052 and 0069

The three wells varied quite substantially.

Well 0052 was probably the largest well of the three with a diameter of c.2m. It was made of large clunch blocks and large flint nodules laid in courses and was excavated to a depth of approx. 2m. Due to the depth and condition of the trench sides these were recorded from a distance. It had been backfilled with rubble (0049) possibly in an attempt to make the ground more stable.

Well 0009 was much smaller having a diameter of around 1.25m. It was made of small to medium sized lumps of chalk and flint bonded with a pale grey lime mortar. The stones were not laid in courses.

Well 0012 had a diameter of c.1.25m, the same as 0008, but had no masonry lining; the interpretation as a well is based on its shape both in section and plan, with near vertical sides and circular shape. It was also set back a similar distance from the Street frontage to well 0008, which it most resembled and they may have been sequential.

Well 0069 was a probable fourth well, which was identified by Mr Simmons and backfilled before the monitoring took place (Fig. 2). It was set the same distance back from the street frontage as wells 0009 and 0012. The requirement to backfill suggests that it was unconsolidated and is likely to have been recent, c.19th-20th century.

Pits

Many pits and possible pits were observed within the footing trenches of Plot 1.

Pits 0002, 0021 and 0048 were all cut through layer 0029. All were only observed in section and so their shape in plan is uncertain. They mostly had steep concave sides and 0021 and 0048 had slightly concave sides and the base of 0002 was not seen.

Pits 0038, 0040, 0046, 0044 and 0042 were all sealed by a modern topsoil layer that appeared to be a probable garden soil. 0040 was a large pit with irregular convex sides and a flat base that cut pit 0042. Pit 0038 had concave sides and base and cut pits 0042 and 0044. Pits 0044 and 0046 have steep concave sides and broad slightly concave bases. The shape of pit 0042 in plan or section was unclear due to truncation by pits 0038 and 0040.

Pits 0032, 0034 and 0036 all appear to be sealed by layer 0029 suggesting that they are from an earlier phase of activity than the majority of features on this site; however without any dating evidence it is hard to say exactly when they date from. 0034 and 0036 both had concave sides and 0036 appeared to cut 0034. 0032 had convex sides and a concave base, a profile more commonly associated with ditches but as it was only observed in section this is unclear.

Plot 2

The foundations for Plot 2 were positioned to the north east of the site and contained a few probable post-medieval features but nothing structural or any features that predated layer 0029. Plot was recorded with a series of photographs (Appendix 1.).

There were at least six pits and although there was some ash and charcoal in a few, the majority were filled with mid to dark brown sand with some chalk, with no pottery or animal bone visible in the sections or on the spoil heap. There was no clear evidence of structures from this part of the site although the trenches had been excavated prior to the monitoring.

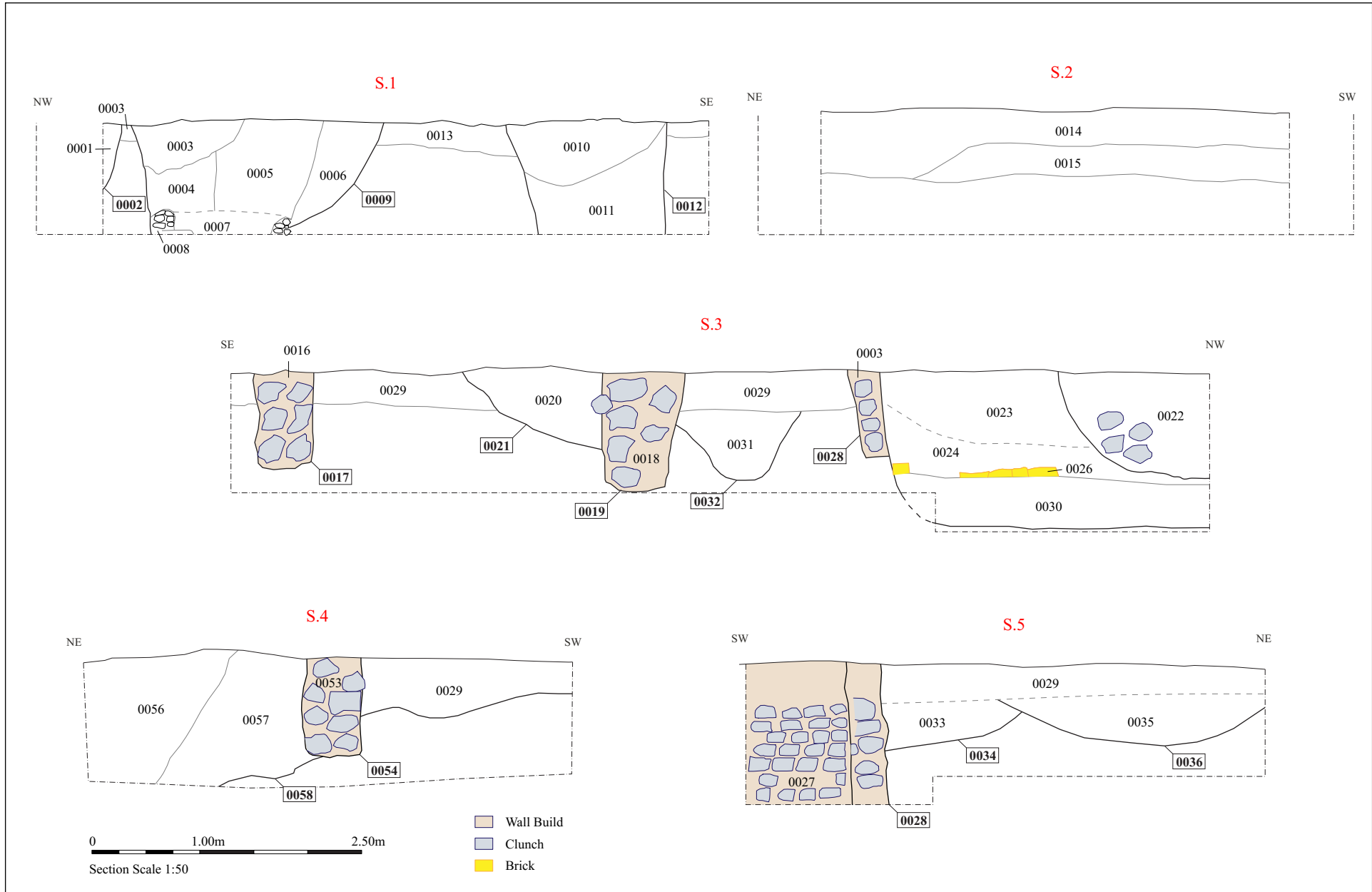


Figure 3. Sections 1-5

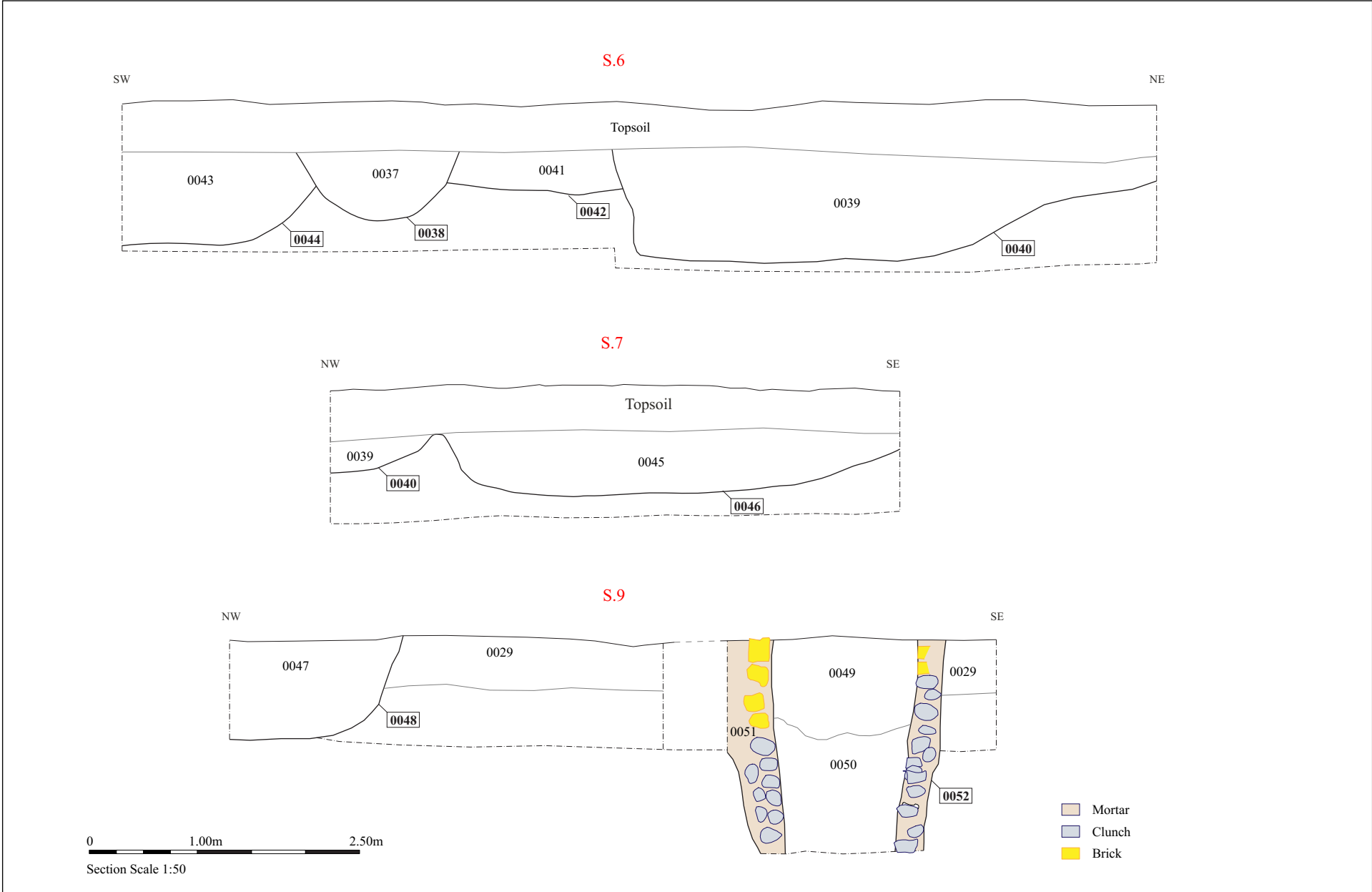


Figure 4. Sections 6,7 and 9

7. Discussion

The footings for Building 1 uncovered a clunch-lined cellar and clunch foundations for standing buildings that may have been contemporary. The standing structures are likely to be those that appear on the Ordnance Survey plans of 1880 (Fig.5). Their date of construction, however, is uncertain notwithstanding the single sherd of 17th century pottery from the cellar backfill.

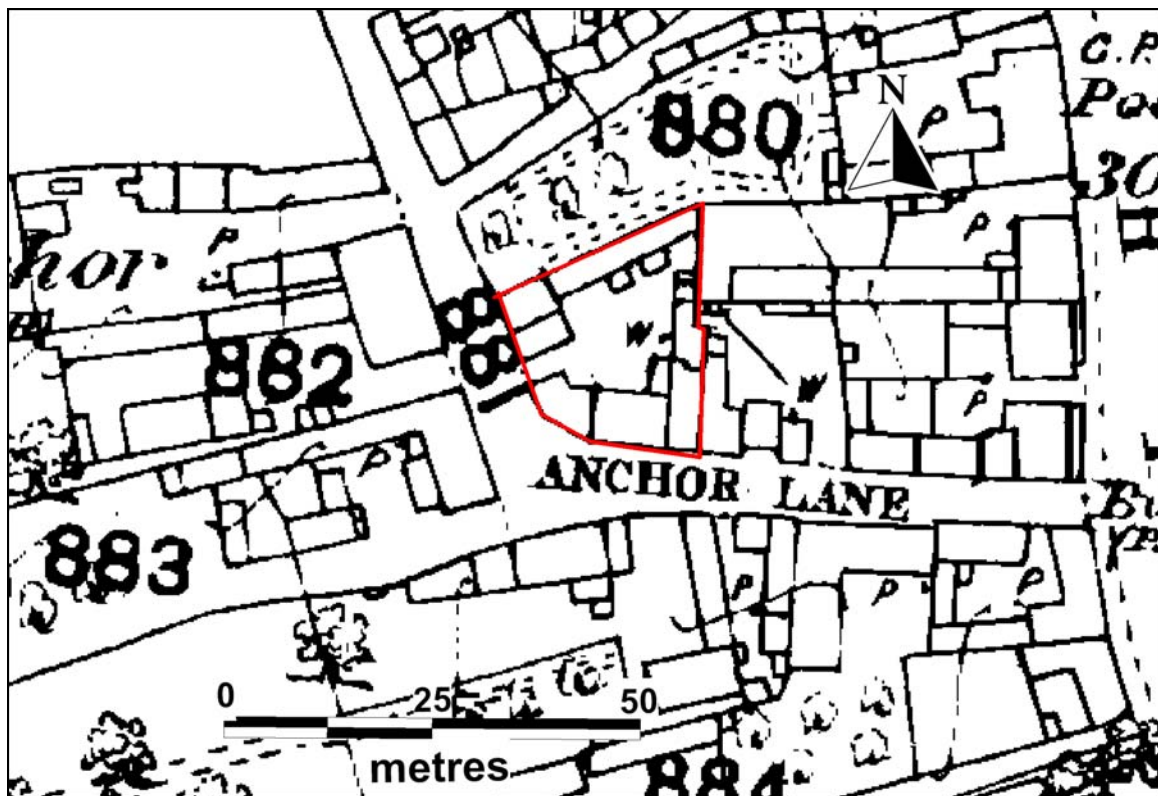


Figure 5. Site on 1880 Ordnance Survey map showing standing buildings.

Four probable wells were exposed in the footings and the largest of the three that was seen, and probably the last of the three in use was 0052 which was set further back on the property than the others. It was built with flint, brick and notably clunch blocks, similar to those used elsewhere on the site in the cellar and wall foundation construction. The sites produced few finds and although this may partially reflect the limited amount of hand digging, it is likely to suggest a general dearth of material evidence generally, particularly as no finds were seen on the spoil heaps. This may be due to the proximity of standing buildings; the 1880's OS map records building over most of the road frontage, presumably some of the disturbances in Plot 2 relate to these buildings.

The general lack of finds for this site might point towards poor domestic dwellings or a trade function, particularly with the existence of a Quay close by or the date and method of rubbish disposal.

Clunch was used as a building material from the Middle Ages within Suffolk but was more common in the post-medieval period where it was used in vernacular architecture from at least the 16th century. The single large sherd of pottery from the infill of the cellar is suggested to be 17th century which establishes an earliest date for the backfilling (*terminus post quem*) and while construction in the 17th century or earlier is entirely plausible, supporting evidence would be needed to narrow the dating down.

The lack of finds from the site has limited the conclusions that may be drawn and while many features are likely to relate to the building evidence there is certainly a strong possibility that earlier periods are present but remain unrecognised because the features cannot be dated. It should be noted that prehistoric, Anglo-Saxon and medieval finds were identified from the monitoring carried out on the western side of Anchor Lane (HER No. LKH 202, Caruth 2000).

8. Archive deposition

Paper and photographic archive: SCCAS Bury St Edmunds

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Appendix 1. Selected plates



Plate 1. Section 1, well 0009. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 2. Section 1, well 0009. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 3. Section 1, well 0009. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 4. Section 2, scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 5. Section 2, scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 6. Section 3, wall 0017. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 7. Section 3, wall 0019. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 8. Section 3, pit 0032 and edge of cellar 0028. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 9. Section 3, cellar 0028. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 10. Section 3, cellar 0028. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 11. Section 3, opposite face cellar 0028. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 12. Section 5, north-west face of cellar 0028 showing clunch walling. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 13. Section 5, north edge of cellar and features 0034 and 0036. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 14. Section 5, feature 0036



Plate 15. Section 4, wall 0054 and pit 0058. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 16. Section 4, feature 0058. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 17. Section 6 south-west corner. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 18. Section 6, features 0044 and 0038. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 19. Section 6, feature 0037. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 20. Section 6, features 0042 and 0040. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 21. Section 6, feature 0040. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 22. Section 6, feature 0040. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 23. Section 7, feature 0046. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 24. Section 8, facing south-west. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 25. Section 8, facing south-west. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 26. Section 9, well 0052. Scale bar at 0.5m



Plate 27. Wall 0019 from section 3, alongside backfilled well 0012, looking south-east. Scale bar at 0.5m



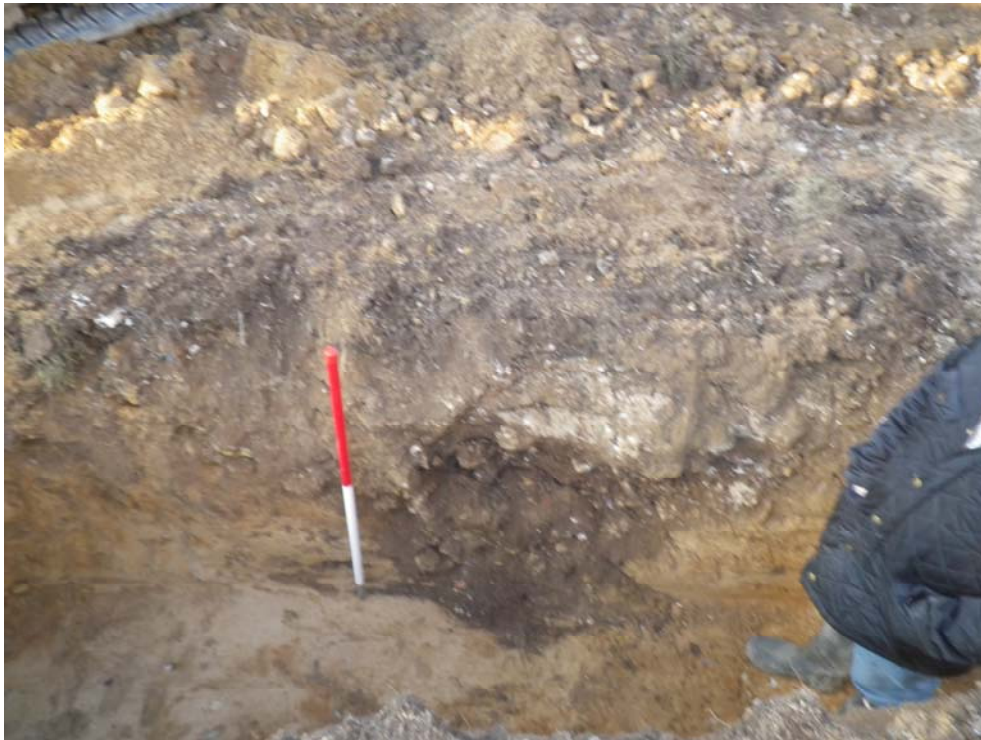
Plot 2 east trench. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 South-east corner. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 western trench with large cut feature. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 north trench. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 north-west corner. Scale bars at 0.5m.



Plot 2 south-west corner, looking south. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 looking south-east. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 south-west corner. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 northern extension. Scale bars at 0.5m



Plot 2 northern extension. Scale bars at 0.5m

Appendix 2 - Context List

Context No	Feature No	Grid Sq.	Feature Type	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Small Finds	Group No	Phase	Spotdate
0001	0002		Pit Fill	Mid-dark greyish brown silty sand. Firm. Rare small angular flint inclusions. Horizon clear and single fill. Fill of possible pit.			0.6m				
0002	0002		Pit Cut	Cut of possible pit seen in section. No visible shape in plan, possibly same as one of pits in section 6. Steep slightly concave sides, no visible base. Filled by 0001. Cut of possible pit.		>0.2	0.6m				
0003	0009		well Fill	Mid yellowish greyish brown silty sand. Friable. Moderate CBM, glass and a nail recovered. Horizon clear. Back fill of well.			0.45m				
0004	0009		Well Fill	Dark brownish grey silty sand. Firm. Occasional small-medium angular and rounded flints. Horizon diffuse. No finds. Back fill of well.			0.5m				
0005	0009		well Fill	Dark brownish grey firm silty sand with small patches of mid brownish yellow slightly silty sand. Moderate small rounded chalk nodules. Occasional small-medium sub angular flints. Horizon diffuse. Back fill of well.			0.8m				
0006	0009		Well Fill	Mixed dark brownish grey and pale greyish yellow silty sand. Friable. Occasional small-medium angular and rounded flints. No finds horizon clear. Back fill of well.			0.9m				
0007	0009		well Fill	Mixed mid brownish yellow and dark brownish grey friable silty sand. Occasional small angular and rounded flints. Possible continuation of both 0004 and 0005. Fill of well.			>0.2m				
0008	0009		Well Masonry	Lumps of flint and chalk surrounded by mortar. Chalk and flint nodules vary in size from small c.50mm x 50mm to medium sized c.120mm x 80mm. They are very loosey bonded and appear to have no coursing. The possible lime mortar is pale grey. The masonry is also visible in plan as a semi circle in the footing trench. Wall for well.		0.2m	>0.25				

Context No	Feature No	Grid Sq.	Feature Type	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Small Finds	Group No	Phase	Spotdate
0009	0009		well Cut	Semi circular in plan, not all visible in footing trench, runs under northern baulk. Profile varies, with western edge being very steep and nearly straight while the eastern edge is less steep and more concave. Filled by 0003, 0004, 0005, 0006, 0007 and 0008. Cut through layer 0013. Cut of well.	1.8m	>0.5	>1m				
0010	0012		Well Fill	Dark greyish brown firm silty sand. Occasional small angular and rounded flints. Horizon clear. No finds. Back fill of possible well.			0.6m				
0011	0012		Well Fill	Mid-pale brownish grey friable silty sand. Occasional small angular flints. Horizon not seen as fill carries on below the trench. No finds. Back fill of well.			>1m				
0012	0012		Well Cut	Possible semi circle in plan, not very clear, not fully visible as runs under northern baulk. Profile has a sharp break of slope with 80-90 degree straight sides. Filled by 0010 and 0011. Cut through layer 0013. Cut of possible well.	1.4m	>0.5	>1m				
0013			Layer Layer	Dark greyish brown firm silty sand. Occasional small flints and rare chalk nodules. Horizon clear. No finds. Cut by wells [0009] and [0012]. Same as 0029. Buried topsoil.			0.25m				
0014			Layer Layer	Dark brownish grey firm silty sand with occasional large patches of yellow sand. Occasional medium flints. Horizon clear. Becomes thicker to north does not seem to be a cut. Disturbed topsoil.			0.6m				
0015	0015		Layer Layer	Pale yellowish grey friable silty sand. Horizon clear. Rare very small flints. No finds. Subsoil?			0.3m				
0016	0017		Wall Masonry	Wall made of large chalk clunch blocks. Appear to be laid in courses. Blocks measure approx. 250mm x 250mm. Bonded with a grey possible lime mortar with some dark greyish brown silt at the base of cut. Clunch wall, thick enough to be structural. Possible foundation.		0.5m	0.9m				

Context No	Feature No	Grid Sq.	Feature Type	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Small Finds	Group No	Phase	Spotdate
0017	0017		Wall Cut	Only seen in section, shape in plan unclear. Section is a squared "U" shape. Filled by wall 0016. Cut through layer 0029. Cut for wall			0.5m 0.9m				
0018	0019		Wall masonry	Wall made of large chalk clunch blocks. Appear to be laid in courses. Blocks measure approx. 250mm x 250mm. Bonded with a grey possible lime mortar. Thick enough to be structural, probable foundation.			0.8m 1.1m				
0019	0019		Wall Cut	Only seen in section, shape in plan unclear. Section is a squared "U" shape. Filled by wall 0018. Cut through layer 0029. Possibly cut through pit (?) 0021 Cut through possible ditch 0033. Cut for wall foundation.			0.8m 1.1m				
0020	0021		Pit? Fill	Pale grey silty sandy silt with abundant small rounded chalk nodules. Occasional medium angular and sub-angular flints. Occasional patches of yellow sand. Horizon clear. Fill of possible pit.			0.7m				
0021	0021		pit? Cut	No shape in plan as only witnessed in section. Section has a break of slope c. 50 degrees, concave sides and probable concave base. Cut by wall trench 0019 Cuts layer 0029. Cut of pit.			>1.25 0.7m				
0022	0028		Cellar Fill	Pale grey silty sandy silt with abundant small rounded chalk nodules. Occasional medium angular and sub-angular flints. Occasional large clunch blocks. Horizon clear. Back fill of cellar.			1m				
0023	0028		Cellar Fill	dark greyish brown firm silty sand. Frequent small rounded chalk nodules. Occasional small-medium angular and rounded flints. Horizon diffuse. Fill of cellar.			0.7m				
0024	0028		cellar Fill	Pale grey silty sand and chalk. Horizon diffuse. Occasional small-medium angular and rounded flints. No finds. Backfill of cellar.			0.4m				
0025				VOID							
0026	0026		Floor Masonry	Red brick floor to cellar, appeared to laid upon the back fill of an earlier cellar cut and possibly not contemporary with wall 0027. Flat red floor bricks. Cellar floor.							

Context No	Feature No	Grid Sq.	Feature Type	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Small Finds	Group No	Phase	Spotdate
0027	0028		Cellar wall	Thin clunch block wall. Chalk blocks are approx. 150mm x 150mm. Bonded with a grey possible lime mortar. Not contemporary with floor 0026? Appears in section 3, 5 and 10. Clunch face is in section 5 and 10 and sections in all 3. Cellar wall	c.3.25	>1.3	1.3m				
0028	0028		Cellar Cut	Cut of cellar, shape unclear in plan, appears in 3 sections, 3, 5 and 10. Appears to have straight vertical sides occasionally with a curved break to a flat base. Cuts layer 0029 and possible pit 0034. Construction cut for cellar.	c.3.25	>1.3	1.3m				
0029			Buried topsoil	Dark greyish brown firm silty sand. Occasional small flints and rare chalk nodules. Horizon clear. No finds. Cut by foundation trenches 0017 and 0019, Cellar cut 0028 and pit 0021. Appears in section 3 and 5. Same as 0013 Buried topsoil.			0.35m				
0030	0028		Cellar Fill	Dark brownish grey friable silty sand. Frequent small chalk nodules. Horizon clear. Basal fill. Brick floor 0026 laid on top. Basal fill of cellar.			0.45m				
0031	0032		Ditch Fill	Pale grey friable silty sand. Rare very small flint gravels. Horizon clear. Only fill. Sealed by 0029. Fill of possible ditch.			0.65m				
0032	0032		Ditch Cut	Only witnessed in section. Profile has steep convex sides and a concave base. Filled by 0031. Sealed by 0029. Cut of possible ditch.		>1.15	0.65m				
0033	0034		Pit Fill	Mid-dark greyish brown friable silty sand. Moderate small-medium angular and rounded flints. Horizon clear. No finds. Fill of possible pit.			0.45m				
0034	0034		Pit Cut	Possible pit only seen in section. Profile truncated by cellar cut 0028 and pit 0036. Concave sides and base. Filled by 0033. Cut of possible pit.		>1.25	0.45m				

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0035	0036		Pit Fill	Mid brownish grey friable silty sand. Occasional small-medium angular and rounded flints. Horizon clear. Only fill. Fill of pit.			0.55m				
0036	0036		Pit Cut	Possible pit only seen in section. Profile has break of slope approx. 45 degrees, concave sides and a concave base. Filled by 0035. Cuts 0034. Cut of pit.		>2.45	0.45m				
0037	0038		Pit Fill	Mid brownish grey firm silty sand. Moderate small chalk nodules. Moderate small-medium flint nodules. Horizon clear. Single fill. Fill of pit.			0.65m				
0038	0038		Pit Cut	Only seen in section. Steep concave sides and a concave base. Filled by 0037. Cuts pits 0044 and 0042. ut of pit.		1.5m	0.65m				
0039	0040		Pit Fill	Very dark brownish grey firm silty sand. Occasional small angular flints and small chalk nodules. Horizon clear. Only fill. Fill of pit.			1m				
0040	0040		Pit Cut	Large pit seen in section 6. Irregular profile with varying break of slope, steep and shallow convex sides leading to a broad flat base. Filled by 0039. Cuts 0042. Cut of large pit. Quarry?	>5m		1m				
0041	0042		Pit Fill	Mid orange brown friable silty sand. Moderate small-medium angular and rounded flints. Horizon clear. Only fill. Fill of possible pit.			0.35m				
0042	0042		Pit Cut	Only seen in section 6. Profile truncated by pits 0038 and 0040. Base appears slightly concave. Filled by 0041. Cut by 0040 and 0038. Cut of possible pit.		>1.5	0.35m				
0043	0044		Pit Fill	Mid-darkbrownish grey firm silty sand. Moderate small chalk nodules. Moderate small-medium flint nodules. Horizon clear. Single fill. Fill of pit.			0.85m				

Context No	Feature No	Grid Sq.	Feature Type	Description	Length	Width	Depth	Small Finds	Group No	Phase	Spotdate
0044	0044		Pit Cut	Cut of pit only witnessed in section. Profile truncated by pit 0038. Steep concave sides and flat base. Filled by 0043.			>1.75	0.85m			
				Cut of probable pit.							
0045	0046		Pit Fill	Very dark brown friable silty sand. Moderate-frequent small chalk flecks and nodules. Horizon clear. Single fill.				0.6m			
				Fill of pit.							
0046	0046		Pit Fill	Large pit seen in section 0045. Profile has a sharp break of slope concave sides and a broad slightly concave base. Filled by 0045.			>4.25	0.6m			
				Cut of pit.							
0047	0048		Pit Fill	Very dark brownish grey firm silty sand. Rare small-medium angular and rounded flints. Horizon clear. Single fill.				0.9m			
				Fill of pit.							
0048	0048		Pit Cut	Pit seen in section 9. No full profile, sharp break of slope concave sides and possible slightly concave base. Filled by 0047. Cuts 0029.			>1.6	0.9m			
				Cut of pit.							
0049	0052		well Fill	Rubble and brick back fill of well. Horizon clear. No finds.				0.9m			
				Back fill of well.							
0050	0052		Well Fill	Dark brownish grey firm silty sand. Frequent large flints and occasional large clunch blocks. Horizon not seen.				>1.2m			
				Back fill of well.							
0051	0052		Well Masonry	Clunch block and large flint wall of well. Blocks range in size from c. 200mm x 150mm to 120mm x 80mm. Appear to laid in courses. Excavated by machine.		0.3m		>2m			
				Wall of well.							
0052	0052		Well Cut	Only small section of shape in plan seen within narrow footing trench, cut of a well some assumed circular. Profile has near vertical straight sides and is lined with wall 0051. Back filled by 0050 and 0049. Cuts 0029		2m		>2m			
				Cut for well.							

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0053	0054		Wall Masonry	Wall made of large chalk clunch blocks. Appear to be laid in courses. Blocks measure approx. 250mm x 250mm. Bonded with a grey possible lime mortar with some dark greyish brown silt at the base of cut. Very similar to 0016, related? Foundation?			0.6m 0.9m				
0054	0054		Wall Cut	Only seen in section, shape in plan unclear. Section is a squared "U" shape. Filled by wall 0053. Cut through layer 0029 and possible pit 0058. Foundation trench.			0.6m 0.9m				
0056	0058		Pit Fill	Dark brownish grey silty sand. Occasional small flints. Horizon clear. Fill of possible pit.			>1.1m				
0057	0058		Pit Fill	Mid brownish yellow silty sand. Rare very small flint gravels. Horizon clear. No finds. Fill of possible pit.			>1.1m				
0058	0058		Pit Cut	Cut of possible large pit. Shape in plan and section unclear. Cut by foundation trench 0054. Filled by 0056 and 0057. Cut of pit.			>1.1m				
0059	0060		Pit Fill	Mid greyish brown firm silty sand. Occasional small chalk and flint nodules. Horizon clear. Single fill. Fill of pit.			c.1m				
0060	0060		Pit Cut	Seen in section at the north western edge of plot 2. Steep concave sides and flattish base. Cuts layer 0029. Filled by 0059. Cut of pit.							
0061	0062		Pit Fill	Mid-dark grey firm silty sand. Occasional-moderate small chalk nodules. Occasional small-medium sub-angular flint nodules. Only fill. Horizon clear. Fill of pit.			c.0.9				
0062	0062		Pit Cut	Pit seen in section at south west edge of trench 2. Shape in plan not seen. Steep concave side. Filled by 0061. Cut through 0029. Cut of possible pit.			c.0.9				

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0063	0064		Pit Fill	Mid brownish grey firm silty sand. Frequent small rounded chalk nodules and flecks. Horizon clear. Single fill. Fill of large pit.			c.1.1				
0064	0064		Pit Cut	Large pit along eastern most trench edge. Filled with chalky fill 0063. Sealed by topsoil. Cut through layer 0029. Cut of large pit.			c1.1m				
0065	0066		Pit Fill	Dark greyish brown firm silty sand. Occasional small chalk flecks and small flint nodules. Horizon clear. Single fill. Fill of pit.			c.0.9				
0066	0066		Pit Cut	Pit seen in section at northern extent of plot 2. Steep sides. Filled with 0065. Cut through layer 0029. Cut of pit.			c.0.9				
0067	0068		Pit Fill	Mid greyish brown firm silty sand. Frequent CBM. Moderate small chalk and flint nodules. Single fill. Fill of pit.			c.1m				
0068	0068		Pit Cut	Pit seen in northern most edges of plot 2. V shaped section, break of slope approx 45 degrees, straight sides and a probable narrow concave base (not seen). Filled by 0067. Cut through layer 0029. Cut of pit.			>1.1m				
0069	0069		Well Cut	Not seen but large hole described as well by builder							

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