

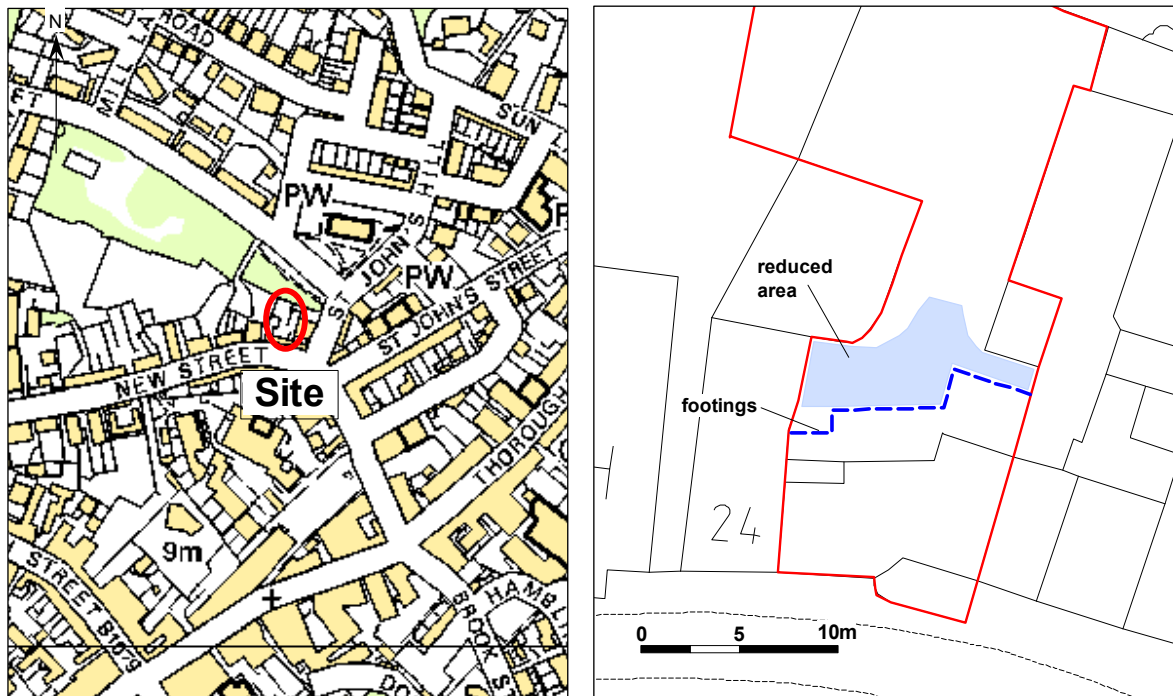
ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/69	Parish: Woodbridge
Castle Cottage, WOODBIDGE	Planning Application No: C/12/1567
	HER Event No: WBG 090
	<i>OASIS ref: suffolkc1-150763</i>
Address: Castle Cottage, 22, New Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk.	Grid Reference: TM 2735 4920
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visits: 6th February 2013

Nature of the work: Extensions and ground level reduction to the rear of the property.

% of total seen: 75% of the machine and hand excavated footings, entire reduced area.

Location Map:



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Figure 1. Site location and location of monitored groundworks

Results:

The ground level to the rear of the house had been reduced, stripping topsoil to reveal a dark brown loamy subsoil with regular fragments of brick and tile. A layer of hardcore was laid onto this by the contractors in order to create a firmer working area. The excavated footings revealed a sequence of wet, peat-like deposits. Soft red brick fragments were present in the upper layer (c.0.25m thick), which sealed a slightly paler silty layer (c.0.1m thick), which in turn sealed a dark, humic band with no visible inclusions or finds (c.0.25m thick). The natural subsoil was visible at the base of the trench, consisting of a pale brown silty sand, through which water was bubbling up into the trench. It was not possible to access the trenches due to groundwater and weak, unstable sides. The trenches generally measured 0.5m wide and 0.9m deep. No archaeological features were noted and no artefacts were recovered.

The 1st edition Ordnance Survey map shows the site located on the southern edge of a small west-east valley, possibly a former creek that anecdotal evidence suggests was once navigable and known as Ship Meadow. Similar peat-like deposits have been noted on Chapel Street (Historic Environment Record no. WBG 054) immediately west of Ship Meadow Walk.



Plate 1. General view of one of the monitored excavations - all were of similar appearance.

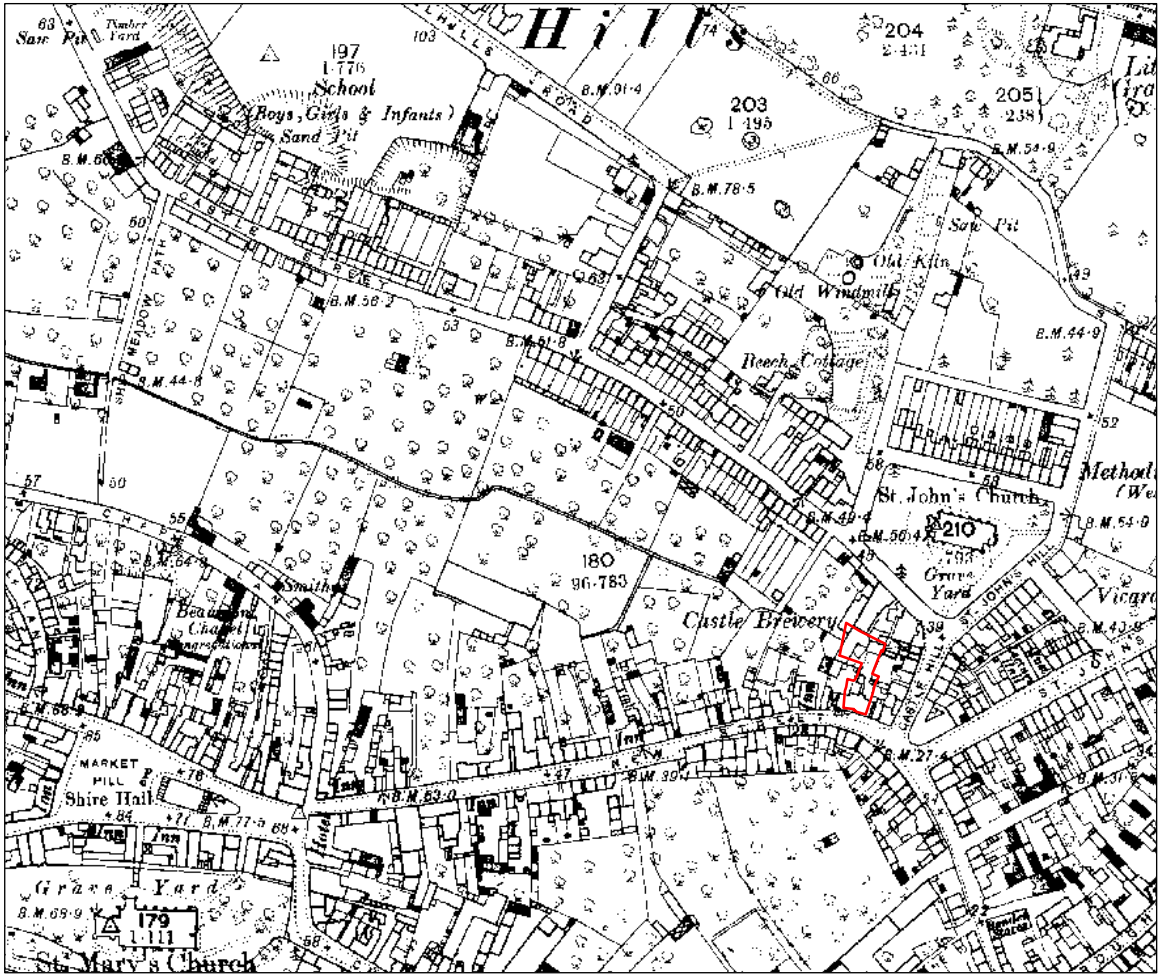


Figure 2. Extract from the 1880's 1st edition Ordnance Survey Map showing Castle Cottage in relation to the west-east valley

Finds: none

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