

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/073	Parish: Stoke-by-Nayland
Scotland Street Bridge SBN 097	Client: Suffolk County Council
	HER Event No.: SBN 097
Address: Scotland Street Stoke-by-Nayland Suffolk	Grid Reference: TL 9966 3675
	Date of visits: 17th and 20th May, 2013

Introduction

Visits were made to the site to record the excavation of three small trenches on both sides of the Scotland Street Bridge that crosses the north-west to south-east line of the River Box. The site was located within the conservation area of Stoke-by-Nayland close to several listed buildings, and it is known that there was a bridge in the area since the 14th century (Fig. 1). The bridge was to be reinforced and partially rebuilt in a way that reused the metal components of the original (in order to maintain the structure's appearance). The trenches detailed within this report were dug by the contractors to facilitate the work. The work was part of an archaeological condition raised by Dr Jess Tipper of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team. An OASIS form has been completed for the project (reference no. suffolkc1-151100, 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 groundworks a structural record (English Heritage Level 2) had been carried out by David Gill for SCCAS and a desk-based assessment by John Craven, including a documentary report by Anthony Breen (SCCAS Report Nos. 2013/042 and 2012/097, respectively). A visit was also made to the Thorington Street bridge, which was commissioned simultaneously to this bridge in order to compare the two. However, the Thorington bridge had been reconstructed in 1935.

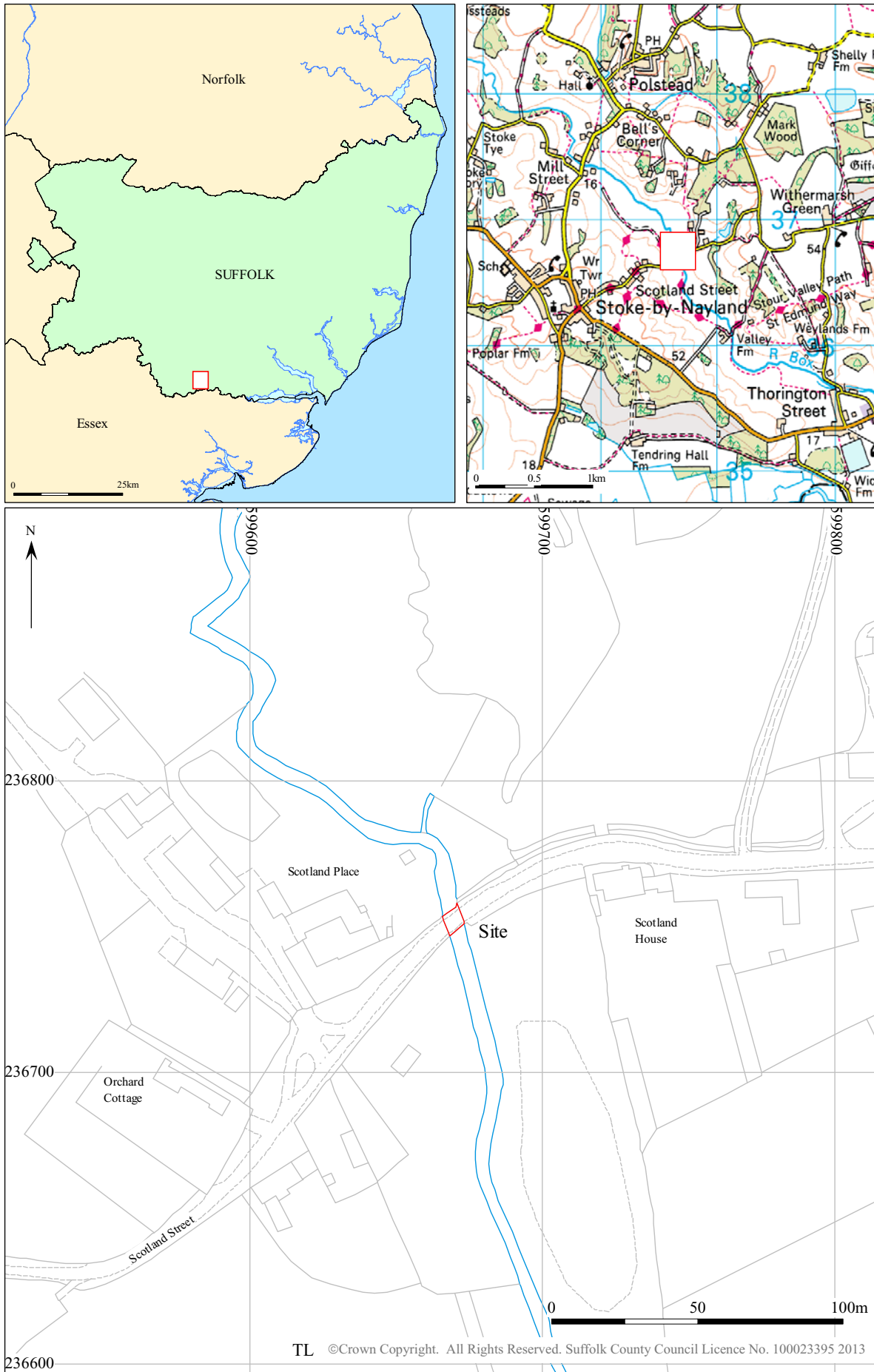


Figure 1. Site location (red) with River Box (blue)

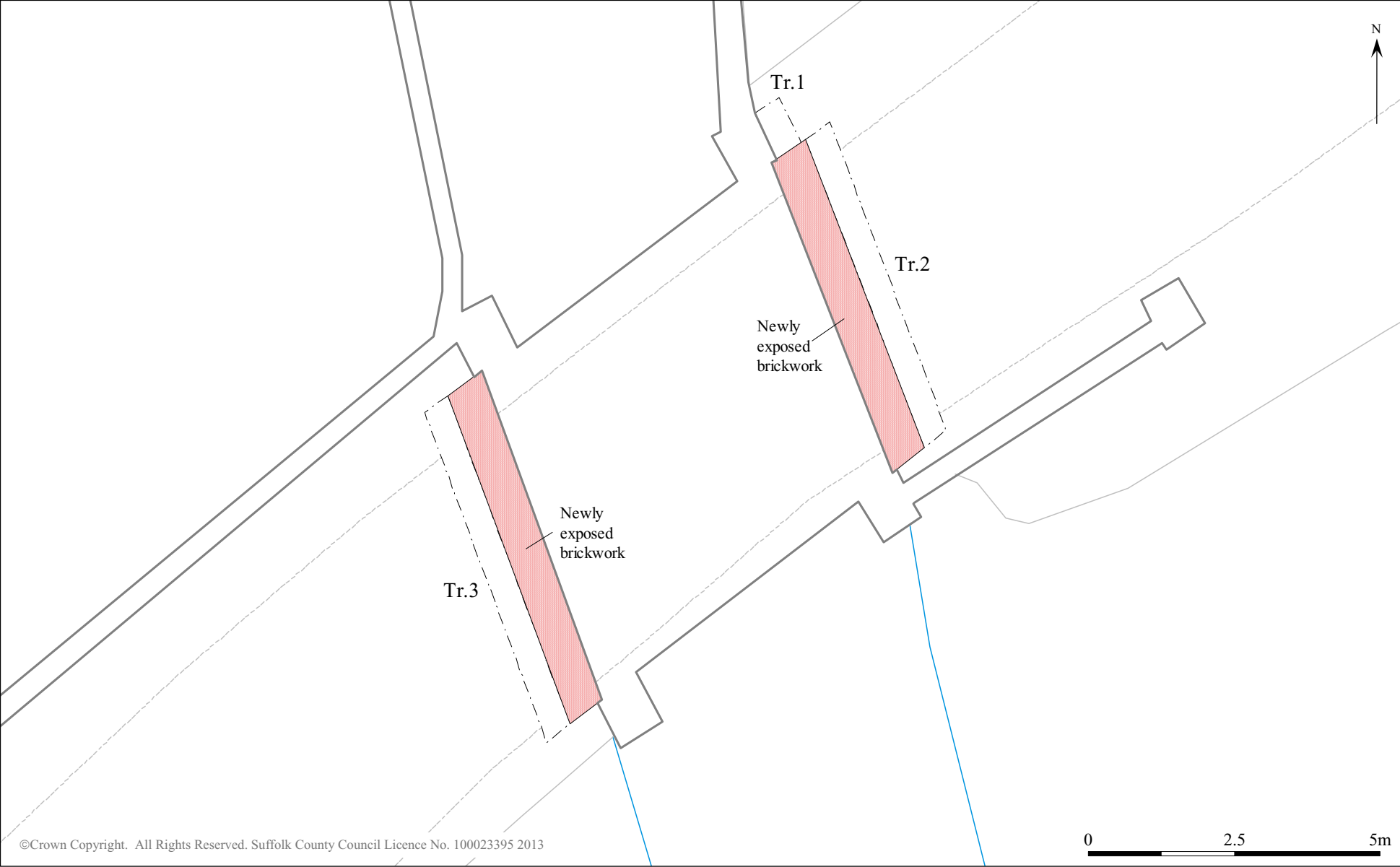


Figure 2. Site plan

Groundworks

The areas of trenching monitored for the works totalled 5.9sqm; the two main trenches to the rear of the brick abutments were both 5.5m x 0.5m x 0.9-1m deep, whilst the small trench off the brick pier on the north-east corner of the bridge was 0.5m x 0.8m x 1m deep (Fig. 2).

Results

No archaeological features or finds were recorded in the trenching and no further groundworks are to be carried out. The soil profiles appeared to be fairly disturbed, due to the construction of the existing bridge in the 19th century, as well as subsequent repairs including resurfacing of the road.

Trench 1 was up to 1m deep and the soil profile consisted entirely of root disturbed topsoil (Fig. 2). Within Trench 2 a 0.5m thick base for the road of concrete overlaid >0.5m of topsoil, aggregate and construction sand. The third trench, on the western side of the river was 0.9m deep and recorded 0.6m of concrete over >0.3m of orange and yellow sand. This final layer was interpreted as a modern deposit used to build the bank up for the modern road surface.

Adjoining the piers on each side of the structure were spans of brickwork that had not previously been exposed (Fig. 2). These were contemporary with the initial construction of the bridge and extended back 0.7m from the brick piers away from the river and were >0.8m deep.

A series of photographs have been included as Appendix 2, as an addendum to the building record by David Gill. These show various elements of the bridge construction that were not visible prior to the groundworks.

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Appendix 1. OASIS form

OASIS DATA COLLECTION FORM: England

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OASIS ID: suffolkc1-151100

Project details

Project name	SBN 097 Scotland Street Bridge Monitoring, Stoke-by-Nayland
Short description of the project	Visits were made to the Scotland Street bridge, near Stoke-by-Nayland in Suffolk, to record the excavation of three small trenches on both sides of the bridge that crosses the north-west to south-east line of the River Box. The site was located within the conservation area of Stoke-by-Nayland close to several listed buildings, and it is known that there was a bridge in the area since the 14th century. No archaeological features or finds were recorded in the trenching. The soil profiles appeared to be fairly disturbed, due to the construction of the existing bridge in the 19th century, as well as subsequent repairs including subsequent resurfacing of the road.
Project dates	Start: 17-05-2013 End: 20-05-2013
Previous/future work	Yes / No
Any associated project reference codes	SBN 097 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	SBN 097 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	2013/073 - Contracting Unit No.
Type of project	Recording project
Current Land use	Other 3 - Built over
Monument type	GIRDER BRIDGE Post Medieval
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF

Project location

Country	England
Site location	SUFFOLK BABERGH STOKE BY NAYLAND SBN 097 Scotland Street Bridge monitoring
Postcode	CO6 4QG
Study area	50.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 9966 3675 51 0 51 59 33 N 000 54 30 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	Jess Tipper
Project director/manager	John Craven
Project supervisor	Rob Brooks
Type of sponsor/funding body	County Council
Name of sponsor/funding body	Suffolk County Council

Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Digital Archive ID	SBN 097
Digital Contents	"other"
Digital Media available	"Database","Images raster / digital photography","Text"
Paper Archive recipient	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Paper Archive ID	SBN 097
Paper Contents	"other"
Paper Media available	"Drawing","Plan","Report","Unpublished Text"

Project bibliography 1

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Appendix 2. Plates



Plate 1. Site shot and newly exposed brickwork, facing west



Plate 2. Trench 2 and newly exposed brickwork running behind brick piers, facing north



Plate 3. (Left) Hand rail adjoining outer girders

Plate 4. (Above) Cross-section of central girders