

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/081	Parish: Burstall
Land East of Paridae	Planning Ap. No: <b>B/13/00033</b>
BUS 008	HER Event No.: BUS 008
Address:	OASIS Ref: suffolkc1-151659
Land East of Paridae	Grid Ref: <b>TM 09608 44608</b>
Church Hill	
Burstall	Date of project: 30/05/2013

# Introduction

As a condition of planning permission for a single dwelling (planning ref. B/13/00033), a short evaluation trench was cut to assess the archaeological potential of the site.

The site is positioned between the medieval church of St Mary's to the east (Historic Environment Record ref: BUS 001) and the site of BUS 006 (Fig 1). At this adjacent site, a line of post-holes of possible medieval date were revealed. The site is therefore within the medieval core of the village.

### Method

A single trench of c.9m length was cut within the footprint of the proposed new building (Fig. 2). The trench was dug using a JCB digger equipped with a 1.5m wide toothless ditching bucket.

Turf and topsoil was removed to reveal undisturbed natural clay in the base of the trench. The natural deposit was examined for archaeological features and the upcast spoil was checked for finds.

Figure 1. Location map:

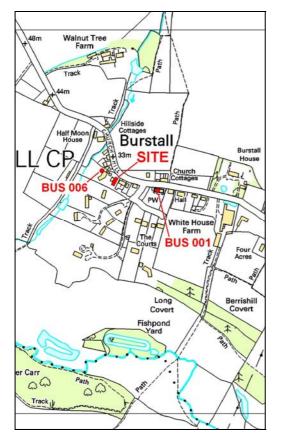
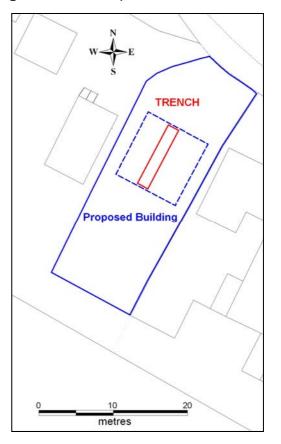


Figure 2. Trench plan:



## Results

No archaeologically significant features, deposits or finds were recognised.

The very thin topsoil (15-20cm) was directly over – and had a sharp contact with – the underlying chalky clay natural suggesting severe truncation (Fig 3).

## **Conclusions and recommendations**

The site appears to be heavily truncated and the survival of archaeological remains within the proposed development area seems highly unlikely. It is probable that earlier landscaping has resulted in terracing into the hillside (Fig. 4). It is recommended that no further archaeological investigations be conducted.



Figure 3. View of trench looking north-east showing shallow depth of deposits



**Figure 4**. View of site looking south-west showing pronounced slope up to building on left indicating that site has probably been terraced into the hillside

## **Archive**

Paper archive: SCCAS Ipswich

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A summary of this project has also been entered onto OASIS, the online archaeological database, under the reference suffolkc1-151659 (see Appendix 1)

# Acknowledgements

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# **Appendix 1**

### OASIS ID: suffolkc1-151659

### **Project details**

Project name Burstall: land E Paridae, Church Hill

Short description of the project Small negative evaluation

Project dates Start: 30-05-2013 End: 30-05-2013

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference

codes

BUS 008 - HER event no.

Any associated project reference

codes

B/13/00033 - Planning Application No.

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status None

Current Land use Other 5 - Garden

Monument type N/A None
Significant Finds N/A None

Methods & techniques "Sample Trenches"

Development type Rural residential

Prompt Planning condition

Position in the planning process After full determination (eg. As a condition)

# **Project location**

Country England

Site location SUFFOLK BABERGH BURSTALL Burstall: land E Paridae,

Church Hill

Study area 290.00 Square metres

Site coordinates TM 09608 44608 52 1 52 03 34 N 001 03 28 E Point

### **Project creators**

Name of Organisation Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service

Developer

Project brief originator Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body

Project director/manager Rhodri Gardner

Project supervisor Jezz Meredith

Type of sponsor/funding

body

Name of sponsor/funding Mr Spencer

## **Project archives**

Physical Archive Exists? No

Digital Archive recipient Suffolk County SMR

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Digital Media available "Images raster / digital photography", "Text"

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