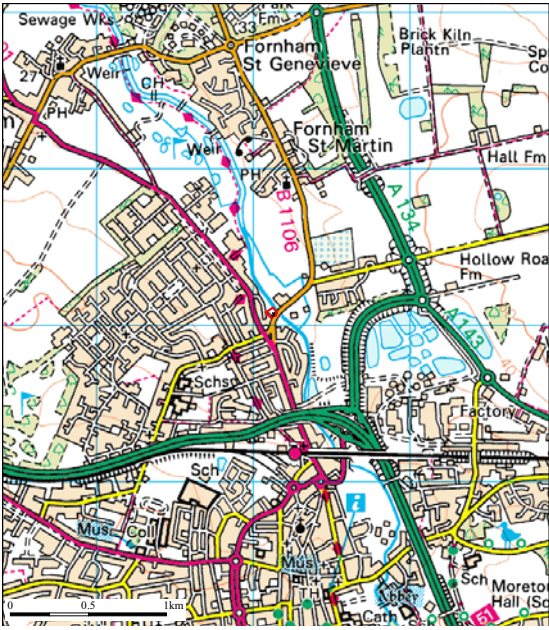
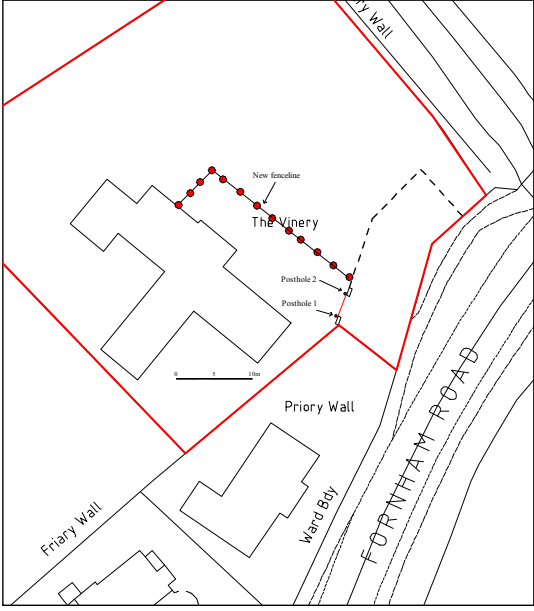


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/108	Parish: Bury St Edmunds
<p style="text-align: center;">New Gateway, The Vinery, Fornham Road, Bury St Edmunds</p>	Planning Application No.: N/A
	OASIS No. suffolkc1-157745
	HER Event No.: BSE 430
Address: The Vinery, Fornham Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6AX	Grid Reference: TL 8514 6606
	Number of Site visits: 5
	Date of visits: 28/08 - 04/09/13
<p>As part of the Ancient Monument Consent for the erection of a new gate and fencing at The Vinery, Fornham Road, Bury St Edmunds, archaeological monitoring was undertaken of the excavation of post-holes and a running track for the new gate between the 28th August and the 4th September 2013.</p> <p>The disturbance consisted of two postholes (at either side of the gateway) with a shallow running track between them and a row of 14 posts along the new fenceline. All were observed during excavation.</p>	
<p>Location Map:</p> 	<p>Trench plan:</p> 

Results:

The observed postholes were both c. 0.4m in diameter, with a planned depth of 0.6m. The track for the gate to move along was excavated to 0.2m deep and was some 0.2m wide. The exposed stratigraphy in the southernmost posthole (posthole 1) consisted of 0.06m of block paving over 0.15m of sharp builders sand with a weak cement mix (forming the base layer for the block paving) which in turn overlay 0.33m of hard concrete. This concrete was the footing for the wall demarking the property boundary that the gate was being inserted into (prior to this it was an ungated opening). Below this concrete, the posthole just intersected a mid brown silty sand with frequent small/medium ravel inclusions (interpreted as natural subsoil/river-lain deposits) but no archaeological material was noted in the very small amount of this deposit seen and excavated. An electrical cable was encountered below the concrete but was to one side of the centre where the new gatepost would be sited.

Posthole 2 was also 0.4m in diameter and planned to be 0.6m deep. Unfortunately an electrical cable some 0.55m down and in the centre of the posthole mean that it had to stop short and never really penetrated the concrete layer already described from posthole 1. The running track for the gate stopped at the top of the concrete layer so no archaeological material was disturbed.

The postholes for the new garden fence were all c.0.3m in diameter and c. 0.5m deep. The only deposit visible was dark sandy silt with flint and gravel inclusions; occasional modern debris fragments within suggest that this is the modern garden soil and has little or no archaeological relevance.

Finds: None.

Retained N/A

Recorded by: Simon Cass

Date: 26/09/13