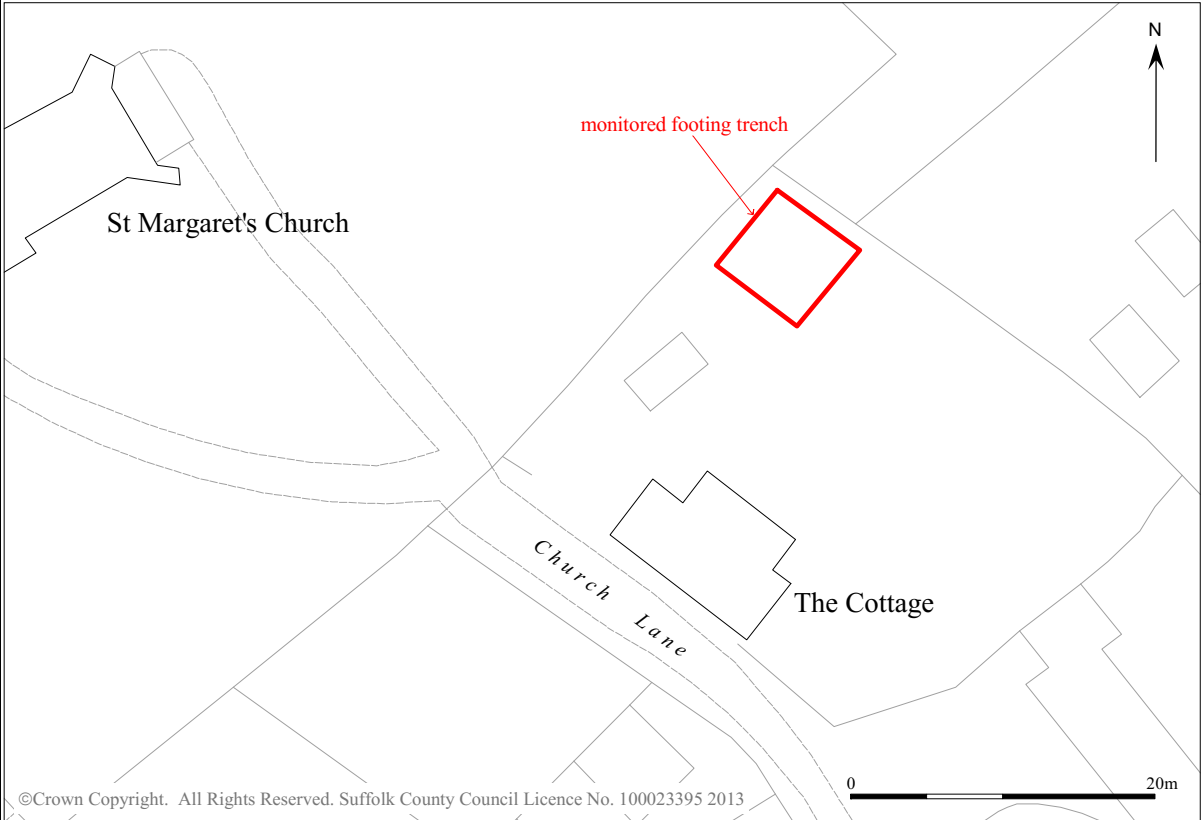


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/145	Parish: Whatfield
THE COTTAGE WHATFIELD	Planning Application No.: B/13/01041
	HER Event No.: WHA 017
	<i>OASIS ref: suffolkc1-164513</i>
Address: The Cottage, Church Lane, Whatfield	Grid Reference: TM 0255 4661
	Number of Site visits: 2
	Date of visits: 26th and 27th November 2013
Nature of the work: excavation of strip foundation for a double garage.	
Reason for condition: the site is adjacent to the medieval parish church (ref. WHA009) and 'The Cottage' is a 16th-17th century Grade II listed building	
% of total seen: 100% of the excavated footing trench.	
Location Map:	
 <p>The map shows the site location relative to St Margaret's Church to the west and Church Lane. The Cottage is located on Church Lane. A red square indicates the monitored footing trench. A north arrow is in the top right, and a scale bar (0 to 20m) is in the bottom right.</p>	
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Results: The excavation of the footing trench for a double garage to the rear of The Cottage, Whatfield was archaeological monitored in response to a Brief set by Dr. R. Hoggett of the SCCAS Conservation Team.

The trench was excavated to a depth of 0.5m. Within the southwestern half of the building's footprint the trench cut into a deposit of yellow-grey clay with small chalk fragments, which was interpreted as the natural subsoil. The upper surface of this deposit was level for approximately 2.5m before slowly dipping down towards the north-east until it lay below the depth of the trench. The overburden comprised a dark loamy topsoil, c. 0.3m thick in the southwest half of the building footprint, in excess of 0.5m thick in the northeast half. A single pit feature, containing clearly 20th debris, was present but this was not archaeologically recorded.

Spoil was heaped onsite. The surface of the heap was scanned in an attempt to recover artefacts but, other than 20th century debris, no finds were identified.

Note: an extension to the main house is also covered under the existing archaeological brief. This work is not planned until spring 2014 at the earliest and will be the subject of a further report.



Plate 1. Stratigraphy as revealed by the footing trench.

Finds: none

Recorded by: Mark Sommers

Date: 28th November 2013