

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

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Clive Cottage, Walsham Le Willows WLW 104

HER Information

Planning Application No: 2847/10

Date of Fieldwork: 17th-18th December

Grid Reference: TM 0014 7120

Funding Body: Moore & Stone Carpentry and Building Ltd

Curatorial Officer: Dr Abby Antrobus

Project Officer: John Craven

Oasis Reference: 164783

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1. Introduction

A program of archaeological monitoring was required by Dr Abby Antrobus, Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team, to fulfill a condition on planning application 2847/10 for a new studio in the gardens of Clive Cottage, Walsham Le Willows (Fig. 1).

The condition was placed as Clive Cottage is a 16th century listed building (National Heritage List for England No. 1182222) lying within the historic settlement core of Walsham-le-Willows, c.180m east of the parish church (Suffolk HER Ref. WLW 007). Evidence of medieval occupation fronting The Street has been previously identified 500m to the east (WLW 093/095) and there was thought to be high potential for the development to disturb heritage assets of archaeological interest.

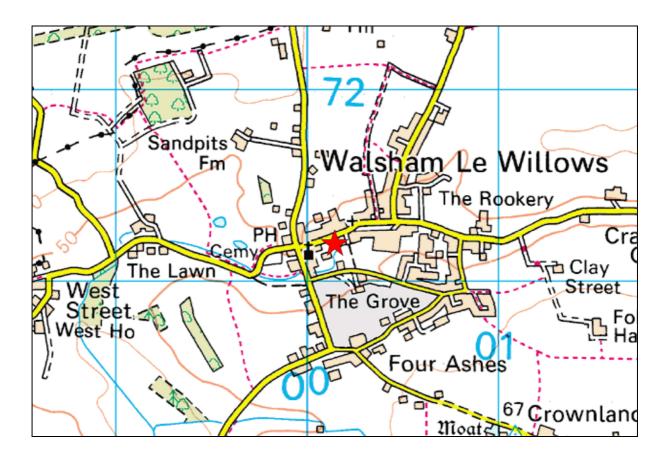
Two visits were made to monitor the groundworks, which consisted of a c.4.5m by 11m site strip, to a depth of up to c.0.4m, in preparation for the laying of a concrete slab.

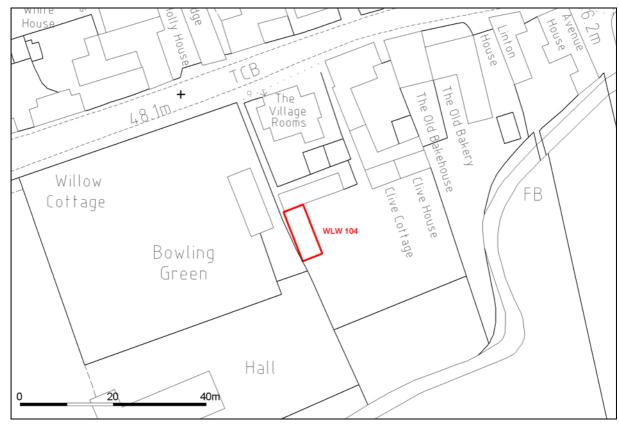
2. Results

Monitoring of the site strip identified c.0.15m of modern topsoil overlying a buried soil layer of mid/dark grey clay/silt, 0001. In the northern 3m of the site the strip wholly removed this layer, exposing the underlying natural clay subsoil at a depth of 0.4m. To the south, as ground levels descended very slightly, the depth of the site strip decreased which meant that layer 0001 was not fully removed. No archaeological deposits or artefactual material were identified during the monitoring and layer 0001 is thought to be a post-medieval or later former garden topsoil.

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