

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2013/154	Parish: Wattisham
The Retreat	HER Event No: WAM 022
WATTISHAM	Planning app: B/13/00508/FHA
	OASIS ref: suffolkc1- 166992
Address: The Retreat,	Grid Reference: TL 9983 5135
Clay Hill Lane, Wattisham,	Number of Site visits: 1
Suffolk.	Date of visit: 4th December 2013

Nature of the work: Monitoring of footings for three extensions to an existing dwelling, as a condition of planning permission.

Total seen: Front and side extension footings, stripped footprint of the rear extension.

Location Map:

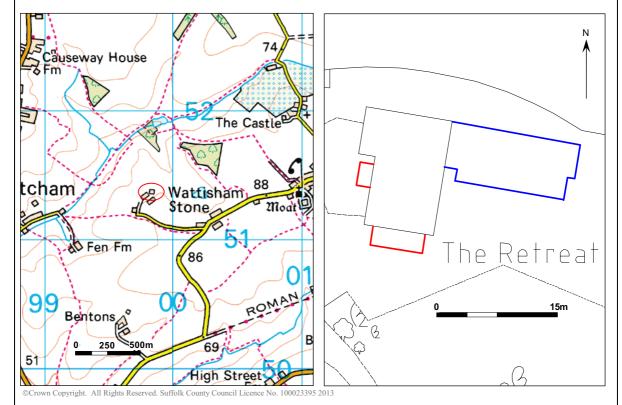


Figure 1. Site location and location of monitored footings (red line) and rear extension footprint (blue line)

Results:

Front and side extensions

The footings measured 0.5m wide and 1m deep and were excavated through chalky boulder clay natural subsoil. The site appeared to have been previously stripped down to the natural, presumably during construction of the existing dwelling and creation of paved and hardcore surfaces.

Rear extension

The majority of the larger rear extension footprint had already been lowered by up to half a metre to create a base for a marquee. Whilst quite overgrown at the time of the visit, the exposed sections showed a thin dark brown loamy clay topsoil layer with sharp contact onto clean boulder clay.

No archaeological features were exposed in the monitored groundworks, nor were any finds recovered.



Plate 1. Southern extension footings, looking east

Finds: None

Recorded by: Linzi Everett Date: 17th December 2013