

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVALUATION REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/10

## PART SIDE GARDEN, THE CHESTNUTS, SAXMUNDHAM

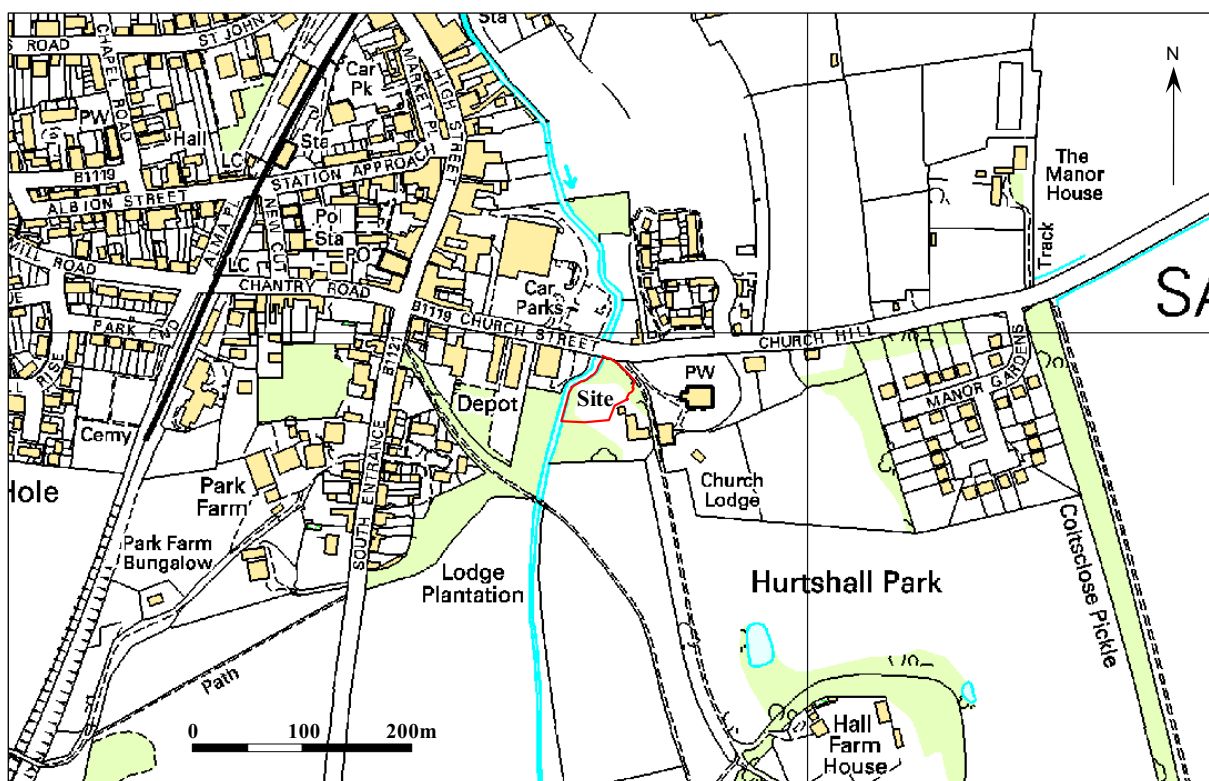
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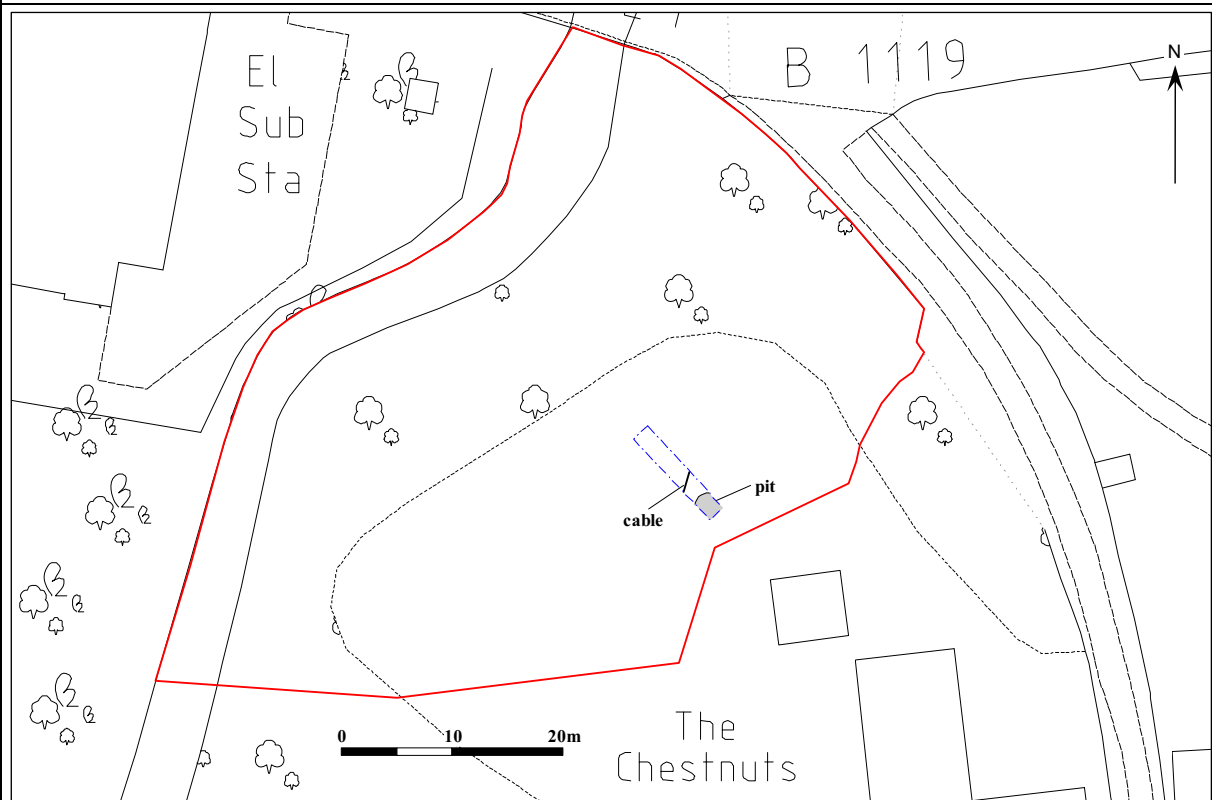
Figure 1. Site location

**Introduction:** An archaeological evaluation was undertaken in advance of the construction of a new dwelling, to be built within an area of garden in the parish of Saxmundham (Figure 1).

Planning consent was granted but, due to the sites location within the area of archaeological interest for the medieval town of Saxmundham and its site adjacent to the medieval church and early river crossing, a condition was attached calling for

an agreed programme of archaeological work to be put in place; the first stage of which was a trenched evaluation to establish the significance of any archaeological remains that may be present.

A Written Scheme of Investigation, based on a Brief by Abby Antrobus of the SCC Conservation Team, detailing the methods to be employed was produced. This was approved by the Conservation Team.



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Figure 2. Trench location

**Results:** A single trench, 10m in length, was mechanically excavated using a JCB fitted with a ditching bucket (Figure 2). This revealed a 1.2m deep Victorian rubbish pit in the southern end but elsewhere, a natural subsoil of yellow and pale grey soft silty sand was exposed at a depth of c.0.6m below the present ground level. This was overlain by a layer of mid greyish brown sandy subsoil, itself beneath a 0.35m thick layer of dark brown loamy sand topsoil (plates 1 and 2). An electricity cable was noted within the open trench.

No archaeological features were identified within the trench and no artefacts were recovered from the spoil.

**Plates:**



Plate 1. Stratigraphy as revealed by the evaluation trench



Plate 2. General view of the evaluation trench, looking south east

Recorded by: Linzi Everett

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