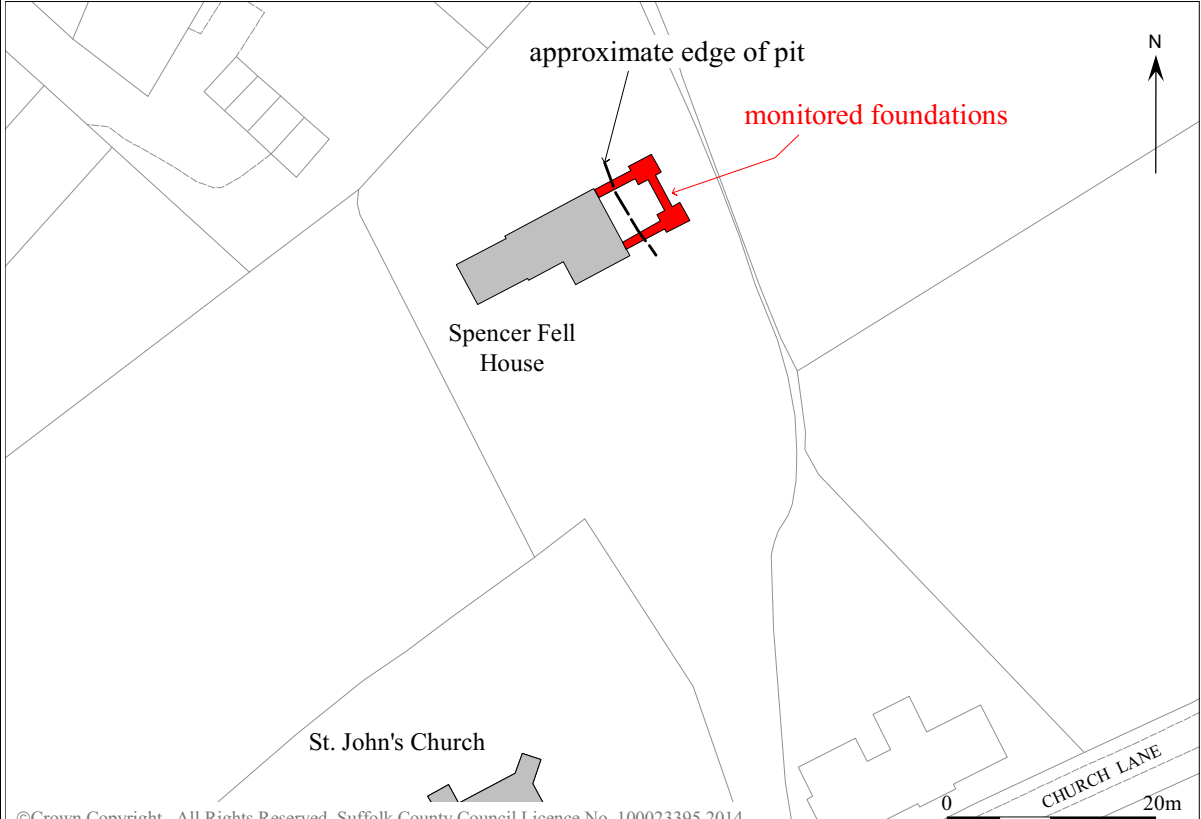


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

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| SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/039 | Parish: Wenham Magna |
| SPENCER FELL HOUSE WENHAM MAGNA | Planning Application No.: B/11/00869/FHL |
| | HER Event No.: WMM 010 |
| | <i>OASIS ref: suffolkc1-173036</i> |
| Address: Spencer Fell House, Church Lane, Wenham Magna, Suffolk | Grid Reference: TM 0711 3818 |
| | Number of Site visits: 2 |
| | Date of visits: 5th & 20th March 2014 |
| Nature of the work: excavation of strip foundations for new extension to existing property. Subsequently changed to pads and beams. | |
| Reason for condition: site lies close to the medieval church of St John (HER ref. WMM 004) and the site of a Roman burial (HER ref. WMM 002). Additionally, Medieval features have been previously found on this site (HER ref. WMM 006) | |
| % of total seen: 100% of the excavated foundations | |
| Location Map and results: | |
|  <p>The map shows the location of Spencer Fell House and St. John's Church. The house is a grey-shaded area with a red-shaded area indicating the 'monitored foundations'. A dashed line indicates the 'approximate edge of pit'. Church Lane is shown at the bottom right. A north arrow and a scale bar (0 to 20m) are also present.</p> | |
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Results: Groundwork at this site was archaeological monitored in response to a Brief set by Jude Plouviez of the SCCAS Conservation Team.

The excavation of strip foundations for an extension to the existing property were initially monitored on 5th March although upon excavation it quickly became apparent that a large backfilled disturbance was present necessitating a redesign of the foundations.

The foundation design was changed to comprise two large pads, 2m by 2.5m, to be connected by steel and concrete beams. A second visit was made on 20th March to monitor the excavation of these. The previously identified disturbance appeared to comprise a large backfilled pit or quarry running roughly north to south c. 2.5m to the east of the existing house. It was filled with dark sandy loam with fragments of post-medieval brick and tile towards the top (plate 1). The eastern edge of this pit lay beyond the extent of the excavations. The depth of the pit was 2.3m with a truncated natural subsoil of yellow silty sand at the base. Adjacent to the house the natural subsoil consisted of a yellow silty clay and was located at a depth of c. 1m below a mass of dark brown topsoil. No archaeological features were identified and no pre-modern artefacts were recovered during either monitoring visit.



Plate 1. The southeastern pad excavation showing the depth of the large pit (scale = 2m).