

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING SUMMARY REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/076	Parish: Elveden
The Courtyard, Elveden Estate ELV 092	Client: CgMs
	HER Event No.: ELV 092
Address: The Courtyard, Elveden Estate Elveden IP24 3TJ	Grid Reference: TL 821 801
	Date of visits: 24th-25th and 27th March, and 8th April, 2014
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Visits were made to the site to record the excavation of a number of footing trenches for a new building on the northern side of the Elveden courtyard complex, in Elveden, Suffolk. This is the first stage of works within the redevelopment of the complex. This report is meant as a brief summary of the monitoring that has taken place so far (relating to the above dates) and not as a full report designed to discharge the archaeological condition on the planning application (F/2013/0188/ FUL). The work was part of an archaeological condition raised by Dr Matthew Brudenell of Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team. The site was of interest due to its position close to a high status Iron Age cremation burial with three pots and a bronze-plated wooden tankard, as well as being close to Elveden church. Iron Age and Roman settlement is recorded 750m to the west, while c.100m east of the site a Bronze Age/Iron Age pit and an undated pit, along with Iron Age and Roman pottery, and Mesolithic and Neolithic flints have been previously excavated.</p>	
<p>Results</p> <p>So far only a singular archaeological feature has been recorded; a small ditch, numbered as cut 0001. It is unclear, but this was probably later post-medieval or modern. An environmental sample has been taken from this but not yet analysed. No artefacts have been recovered from the feature or the site as a whole so far.</p> <p>The soil profiles of the trenches are generally undisturbed with full truncation of the buried topsoil only occurring in one area. 0.1m-0.28m of tarmac and hardcore has generally been recorded overlying deposits of a pale orangish-brown sandy layer (interpreted as a poor quality/eluviated buried topsoil) overlying subsoil deposits of yellow and orange sand and gravel with occasional chalk flecks, above chalk bedrock. The following page shows the trenches that have been monitored to date and the position of ditch 0001.</p> <p>© SCCAS</p>	
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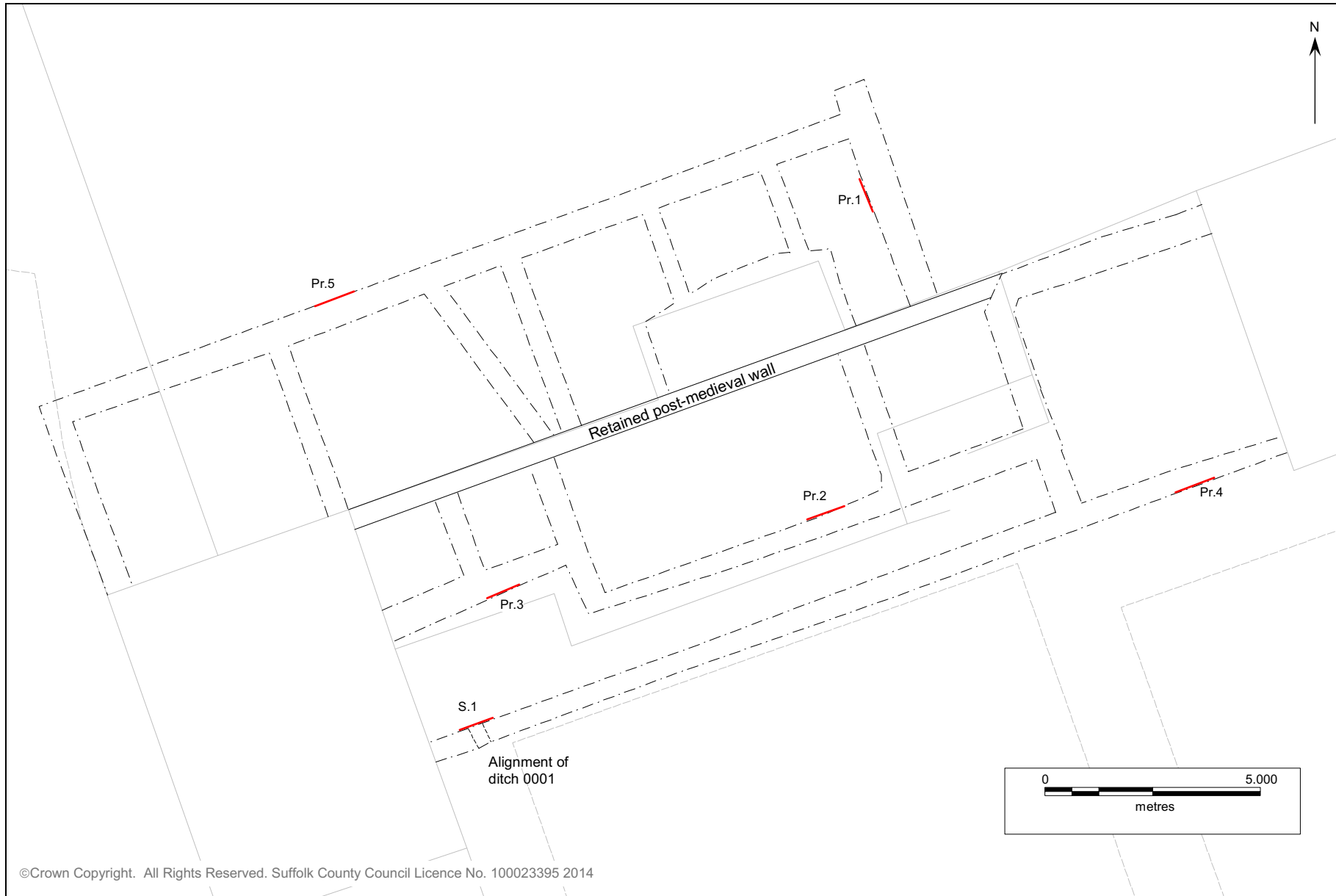


Figure 1. Site plan showing initial phase of monitored trenches, as well as positions of recorded soil profiles and the alignment of ditch 0001