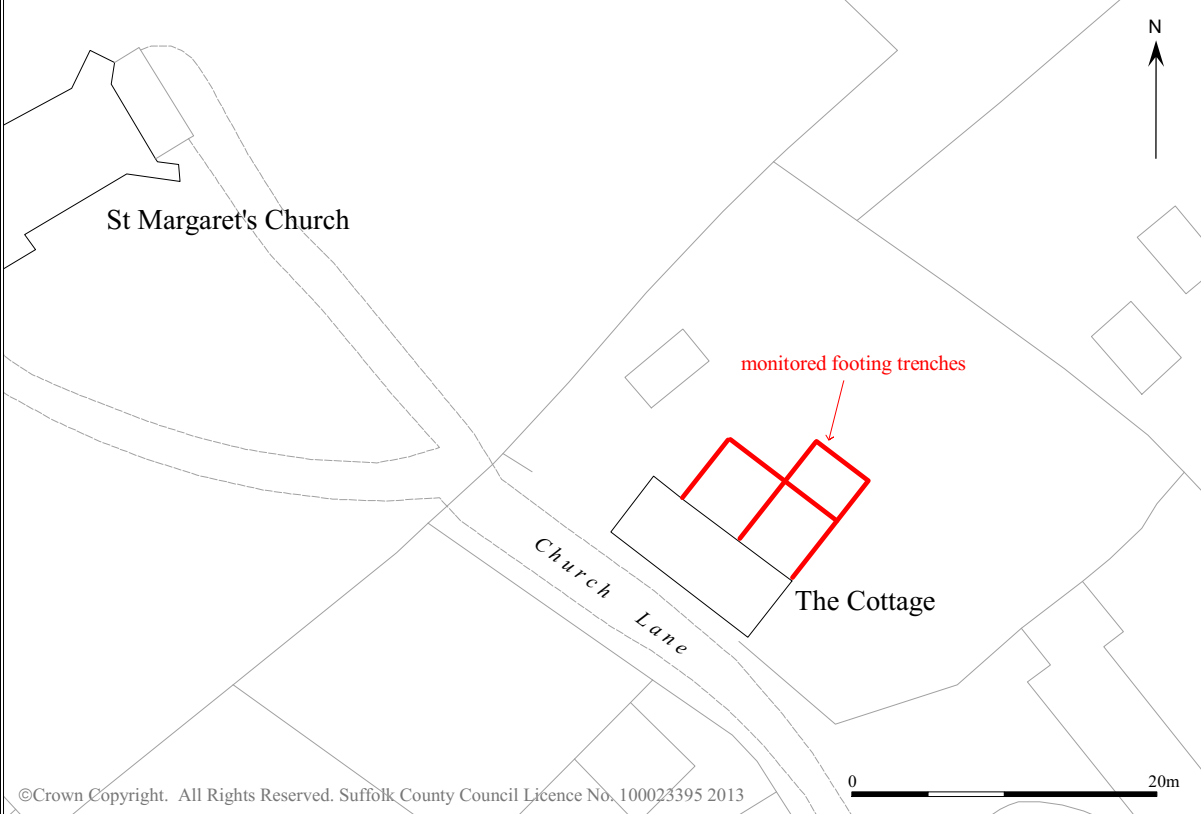


# ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/041	Parish: Whatfield
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE COTTAGE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHATFIELD</b> (EXTENSION TO HOUSE)</p>	Planning Application No.: B/13/01041
	<b>HER Event No.: WHA 017</b>
	<i>OASIS ref: suffolkc1-176127</i>
Address: The Cottage, Church Lane, Whatfield	Grid Reference: TM 0255 4661
	Number of Site visits: 2
	Date of visits: 26th and 31st March 2014
Nature of the work: excavation of strip foundations for an extension to the existing house.	
Reason for condition: the site is adjacent to the medieval parish church (ref. WHA009) and 'The Cottage' is a 16th-17th century Grade II listed building	
% of total seen: 100% of the excavated footing trenches.	
Location Map:	
 <p>The map shows the site location relative to St Margaret's Church to the west and Church Lane. The Cottage is situated on Church Lane, and two red rectangles indicate the monitored footing trenches. A north arrow is located in the top right corner, and a scale bar at the bottom right indicates 0 to 20 meters.</p>	
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**Results:** The excavation of a series of footing trenches for an extension to the rear of The Cottage, Whatfield was archaeological monitored in response to a Brief set by Dr. R. Hoggett of the SCCAS Conservation Team.

The trenches were excavated to a depth of 0.8 m just reaching into a deposit of yellow-grey clay with small chalk fragments that was interpreted as the natural subsoil (plate 1). The overburden comprised a dark loamy topsoil, c. 0.3m thick that overlay a similar material although it was slightly lighter in colour. Occasional fragments of post-medieval brick and tile were noted throughout the sequence but no archaeological features of any period were identified.

Much of the spoil was off-sited although a limited amount was examined during the initial monitoring visit but, other than 20th century debris, no finds were identified.

*Note: this extension to the main house followed the construction of a double garage, the groundwork of which was archaeologically monitored under the same archaeological brief. The results, which were similar, are the subject of an earlier report (SCCAS Report No. 2013/145).*



Plate 1. Stratigraphy as revealed by the footing trench at the rear of the extension  
camera facing northeast

Finds: none

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Date: 28th November 2013