

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/059	Parish: Pakenham
<h1>Summer Cottage PKM 097</h1>	Planning Application No.: SE/12/0973
	OASIS No. suffolkc1-177441
	HER Event No.: PKM 097
Summer Cottage Pakenham Suffolk IP31 2LZ	Grid Reference: TL 937 690
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visits: 14/05/2014
Introduction <p>An archaeological monitoring was carried out at Summer Cottage, Grimstone End, Pakenham (Fig.1) in advance of an extension to the existing cottage. The monitoring was carried out according to a brief supplied by Jude Plouviez, SCCAS Curatorial Team as a condition for planning application SE/12/0973.</p>	
Results <p>The monitoring observed a c.30m long footings trench that was excavated by a mini-digger fitted with a 0.7m wide bucket to a depth ranging from 1.15m at the south-east corner of the trench and 1.43m towards the north-west corner (Fig.2).</p> <p>The trench identified a relatively uniform soil horizon across the development area consisting of between 0.1m and 0.15m of topsoil overlying a layer of mid to light greyish-brown sandy-silty sub-soil that contained frequent inclusions of unsorted (0.02m-0.05m diameter) stones throughout. The subsoil increased in thickness from 0.4m at the south-east corner of the trench to 0.55m towards the north-west corner and is, at least partially, responsible for the shallow south-east facing slope of the modern ground level. The subsoil contained no finds evidence and lay directly on top of the undisturbed geology.</p> <p>Despite the close proximity of prehistoric cropmarks to the south-east (PKM 029 and 031) and north-west (IXW 013, 014 and 015) and extensive Roman activity across nearby Ixworth and Pakenham no archaeological horizon was identified within the footing trench.</p>	
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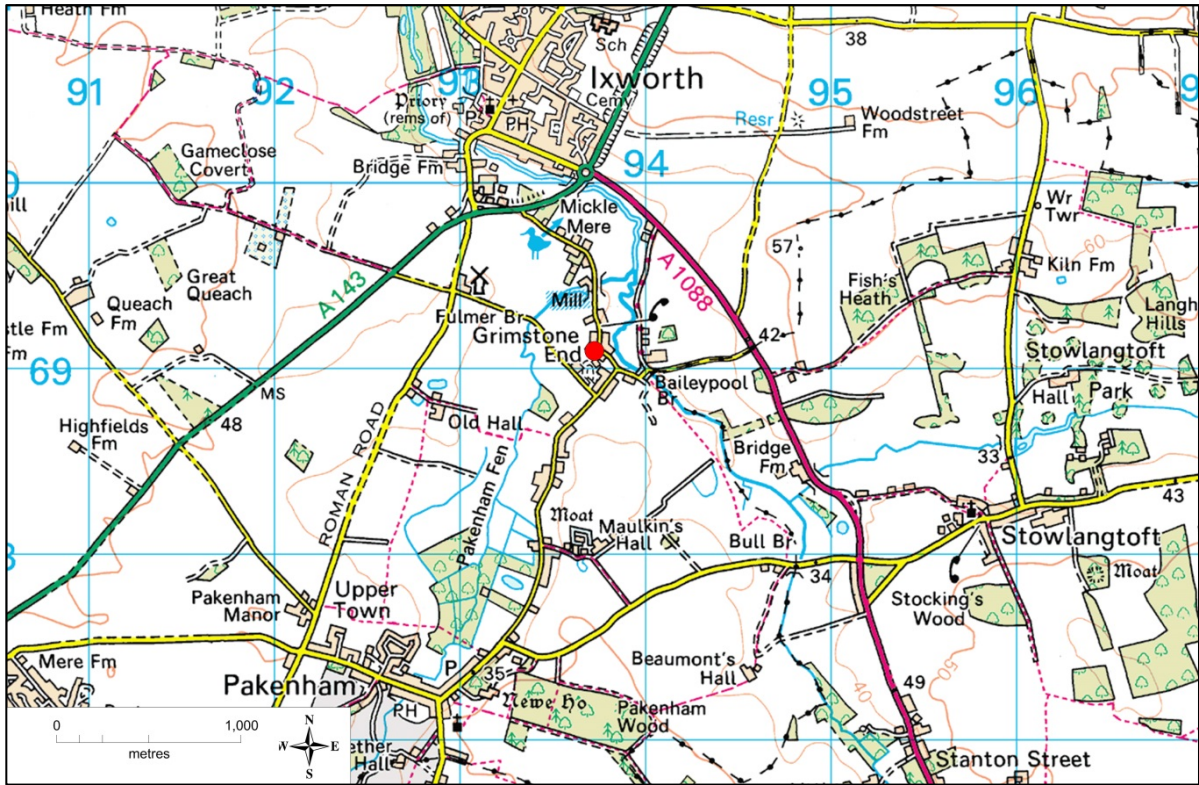


Figure 1. Site location (red).



Plate 1. Footings trench mid excavation, looking east.



Fig. 2. Site plan (Footings trench in red).

