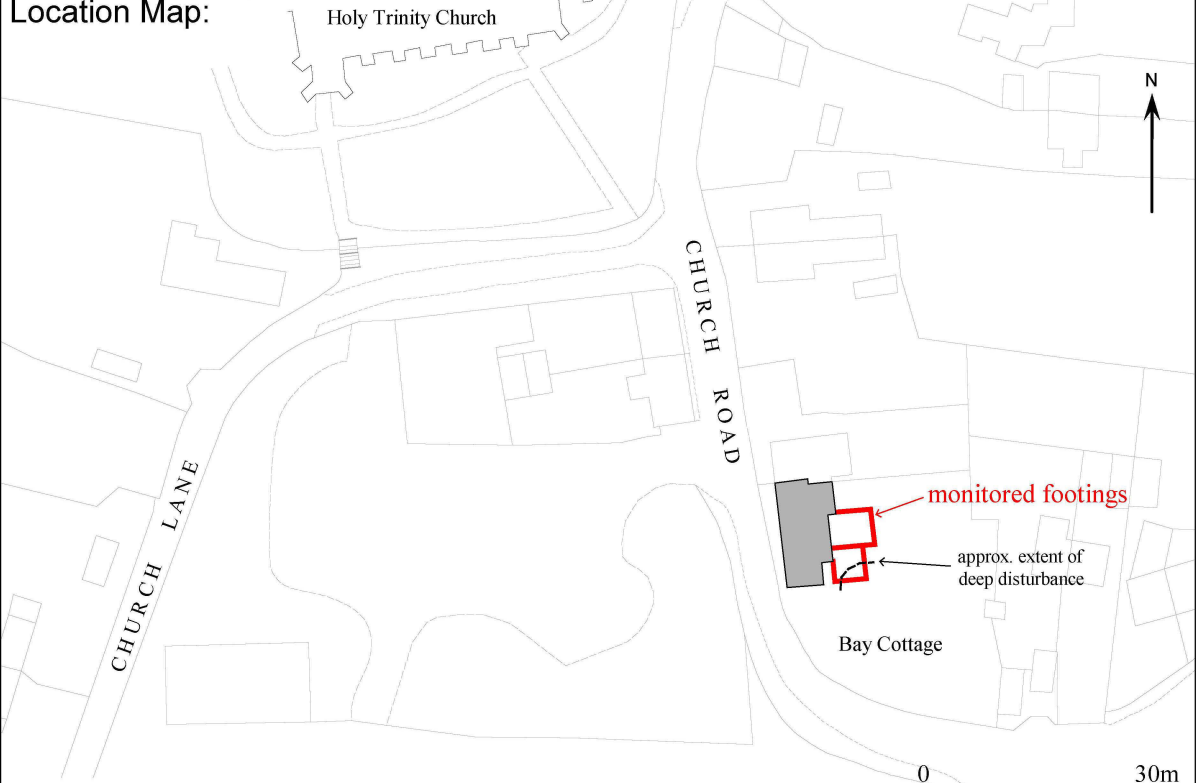


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/052	Parish: Blythburgh
BAY COTTAGE BLYTHBURGH	Planning Application No.: DC/12/1579
	HER Event No.: BLB 091
	OASIS ref: suffolkc1-177649
Address: Bay Cottage, Church Road, Blythburgh, Suffolk	Grid Reference: TM 4512 7523
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visit: 24th April 2014
Nature of the work: excavation of strip foundations for an extension to the existing house.	
Reason for condition: the site lies within the area of the Anglo-Saxon and medieval settlement defined for Blythburgh (HER ref. BLB 025). It is also close to the medieval Holy Trinity Church.	
% of total seen: 100% of the excavated footing trenches.	
<p>Location Map:</p>  <p>©Crown Copyright. All Rights Reserved. Suffolk County Council Licence No. 100023395 2014</p>	

Results: The excavation of a series of footing trenches for an extension to the rear of Bay Cottage, Blythburgh, was archaeological monitored in response to a Brief set by Keith Wade of the SCCAS Conservation Team.

The footings were in general excavated to a depth of 0.8m, just reaching into a deposit of yellow-grey sandy clay that was interpreted as the natural subsoil (plate 1), except for an area in the southeast corner where they were cut to a depth of c.1.6m due to the presence of a deep disturbance entirely filled with dark topsoil. Presumably a backfilled pond or small quarry.

The overburden consisted of dark topsoil with occasional lenses of yellow sand and fragments of red brick and tile, presumably relating to a group of recently demolished structures that formerly stood to the rear of the house.



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

Finds: none

Recorded by: Mark Sommers

Date: 24th April 2014