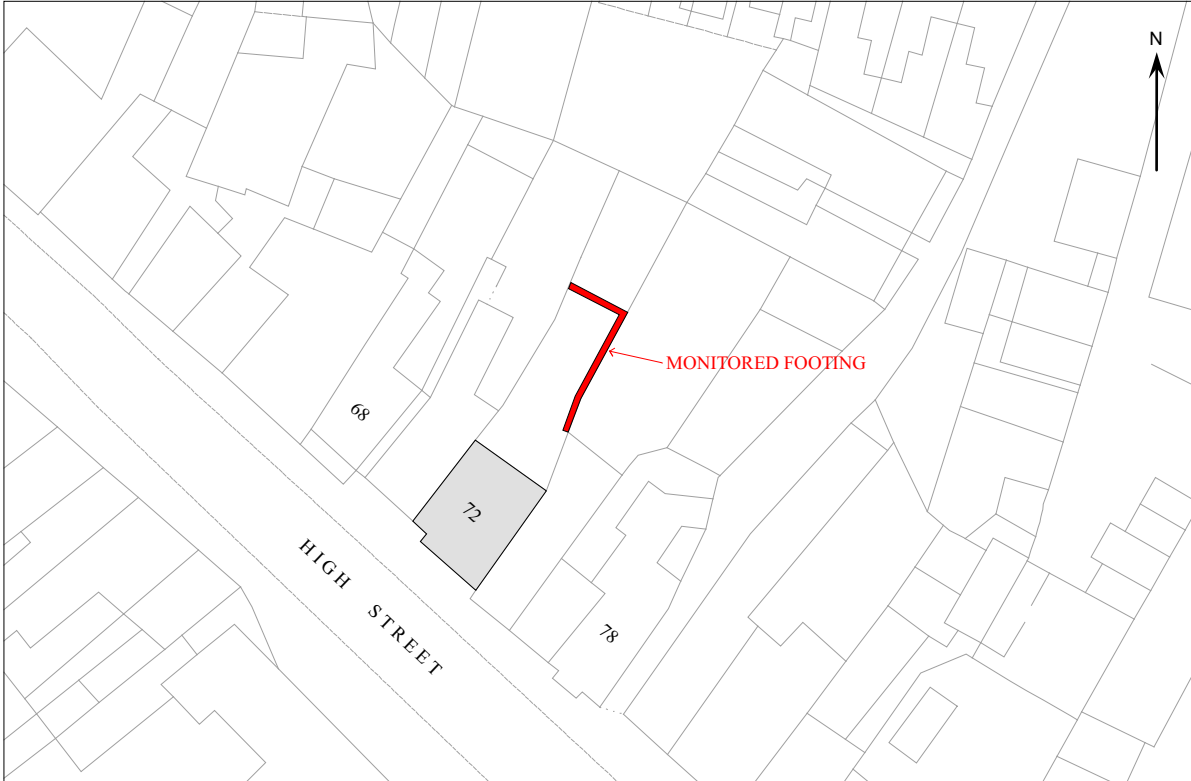


ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/074	Parish: Southwold
72 HIGH STREET SOUTHWOLD	Planning Application No.: DC/13/0294/FUL
	HER Event No.: SWD 071
	OASIS ref: suffolkc1-181930
Address: 72 High Street Southwold, Suffolk	Grid Reference: TM 5071 7625
	Number of Site visits: 1
	Date of visit: 12th June 2014
Nature of the work: excavation of strip foundations for an extension to the rear of the existing property.	
Reason for condition: the site lies within the area of archaeological interest defined for Southwold in the County Historic Environment Record (ref. SWD 051).	
% of total seen: 100% of the excavated footing trenches.	
Location Map:	
	
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Results: The excavation of the footing trench for a rear extension to an existing property was archaeological monitored in response to a Brief set by Abby Antrobus of the SCCAS Conservation Team.

At the northeast end of the extension the footing trench was excavated to a depth of 1.3m (measured from the existing ground surface), the base of which cut c. 0.2m into a deposit of yellow sand and gravel that was interpreted as the natural subsoil (plate 1). The overburden consisted of c. 0.3m of dark topsoil over a thick deposit of grey sand with silt. This was interpreted as a made ground deposit that consisted of a former topsoil which had lost much of its organic component. The land to the rear of the neighbouring property to the southeast was c. 0.3m lower due to a reduction in the thickness of the made ground deposit and consequently the footing trench for the southeastern wall of the extension measured only 1m in depth. The natural subsoil remained at a constant level throughout the footings.

No significant archaeological deposits or features were identified.



Plate 1. View of the eastern corner of the footing trench showing the recorded stratigraphy and the variation in land levels on either side of the southeastern boundary

Recorded by: Mark Sommers

Date: 24th April 2014