

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

SCCAS REPORT No. 2014/120	Parish: Elveden
Tree House Lodges, Center Parcs, Interim Report	Client: Center Parcs
	HER Event No.: ELV 082
Address: Tree House Lodges Site, Center Parcs, Elveden Forest, Brandon, Suffolk, IP27 0YZ	Grid Reference: TL 79181 80340
	Date of visits: 10th October, 2014

Introduction

A visit was made to the site to record the foundation trenching for the construction of Plant Room 2. This formed the first part of a series of works associated with the Tree House Lodges building project in the south-west corner of the Center Parcs site. This is an interim report that does not cover any of the other groundworks that are required for the project. These include trenching for further Plant Rooms, stripping for the road expansion and another area for car parking, and foundations for the lodges. The trenching was excavated to the south of the existing concrete track, which is to be widened as a part of the later works (Figs. 1 and 2). The work was part of an archaeological condition raised by Dr. Abby Antrobus of the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service Conservation Team. An OASIS form has been completed for the project (reference no. suffolkc1-193625, Appendix 1) and a digital copy of the report submitted for inclusion on the Archaeology Data Service database (<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/library/greylit>).

The area of proposed new car parking lies immediately south of a mound, thought to be the remnants of a WWII munitions dump, although prehistoric flints have also been recovered from the area. The creation of the artificial lake on the Center Parcs site also reportedly uncovered a human skeleton.

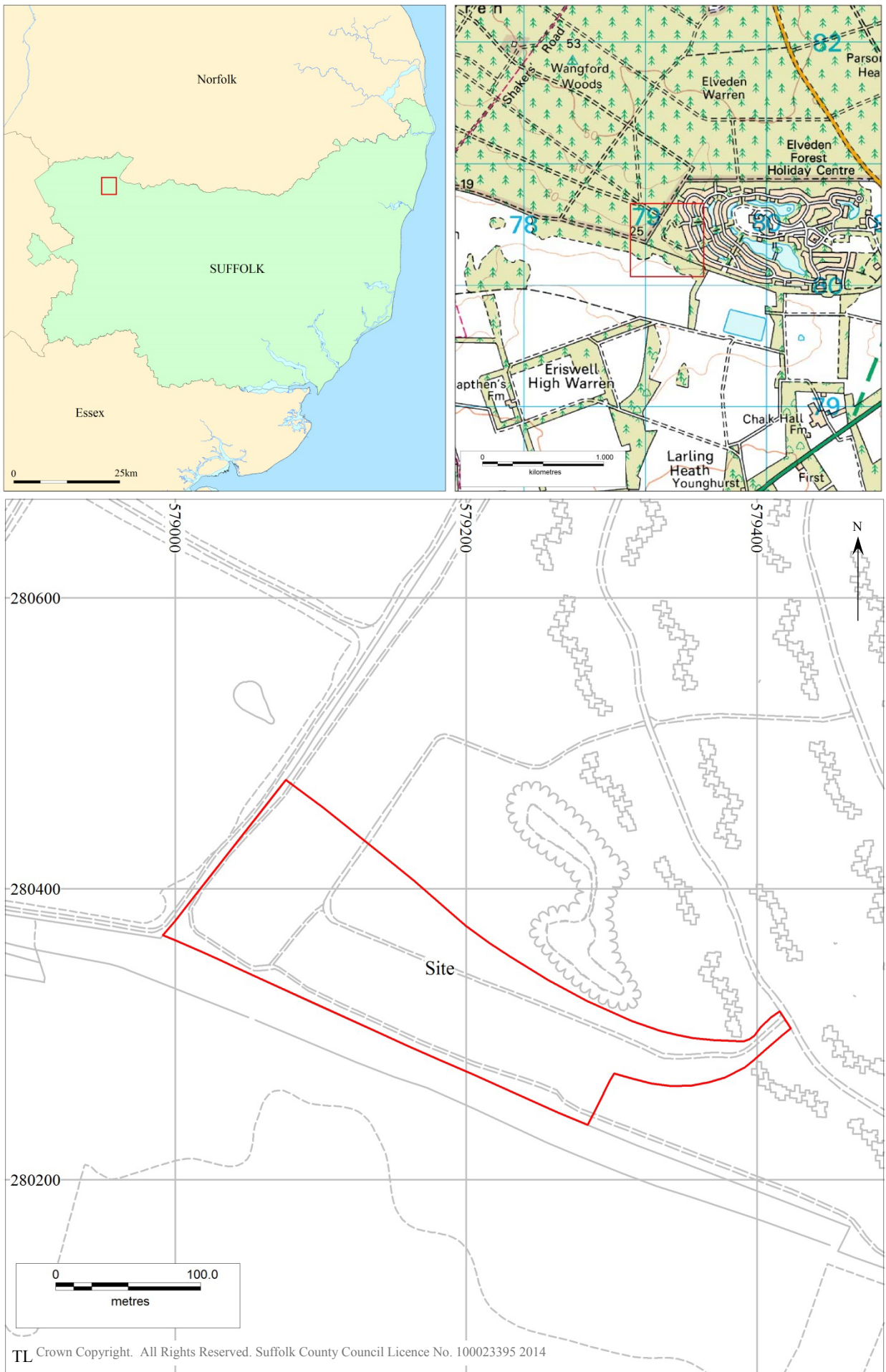


Figure 1. Site location (red)



Figure 2. Plant Room 2 trenching, site outline (red) and development outlines (blue)



Plate 1. Soil profile, 1m scale, facing south-east

Groundworks

The total area of the Plant Room trenching measured 23sqm (Fig. 2). The trenching was 0.45m-0.55m wide x 0.8m-1m deep.

Results

No archaeological features or finds were recorded in the trenching recorded in this report. The soil profiles consisted of c.0.2m of topsoil with frequent roots, above a 0.25m-0.7m deep mixed layer of mid orangish-brown friable sand with common small rounded to angular flints (Pl. 1). This layer was interpreted as a disturbed subsoil/superficial geological deposit, which overlaid a bedrock geological deposit of chalk that was at least 0.1m-0.55m deep.

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Project details

Project name	ELV 082 Tree House Lodges Monitoring, Center Parcs, Elveden
Short description of the project	Trenching for Plant Room 2 was monitored as part of the Tree House Lodges construction project in the south-west corner of the Center Parcs site. This OASIS report covers the interim report for these ground works, which does not cover the rest of project. No features or finds were recorded during the monitoring. A layer of topsoil, overlaid subsoil/superficial geological horizon, which in turn was above chalk bedrock.
Project dates	Start: 10-10-2014 End: 10-10-2014
Previous/future work	Yes / Yes
Any associated project reference codes	ELV 082 - HER event no.
Any associated project reference codes	ELV 082 - Sitecode
Any associated project reference codes	2014/120 - Contracting Unit No.
Any associated project reference codes	F/2011/0420 - Planning Application No.
Type of project	Recording project
Current Land use	Woodland 4 - Coniferous plantation
Monument type	NONE None
Significant Finds	NONE None
Investigation type	"Watching Brief"
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPS

Project location

Country England

Site location	SUFFOLK FOREST HEATH ELVEDEN ELV 082, Tree House Lodges Monitoring, Center Parcs
Postcode	IP27 0YZ
Study area	23.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 79181 80340 52.3912763615 0.633557330001 52 23 28 N 000 38 00 E Point

Project creators

Name of Organisation	Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service
Project brief originator	Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body
Project design originator	Dr Abby Antrobus
Project director/manager	David Gill
Project supervisor	Rob Brooks
Type of sponsor/funding body	Land owner
Name of sponsor/funding body	Center Parcs

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Digital Media available	"Images raster / digital photography","Spreadsheets","Survey","Text"
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