

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

2 Orchard Place, Sudbury

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE: B/06/02002

National Grid Reference: TL 8689 4092

Suffolk Sites and Monuments Record Reference: SUY 078

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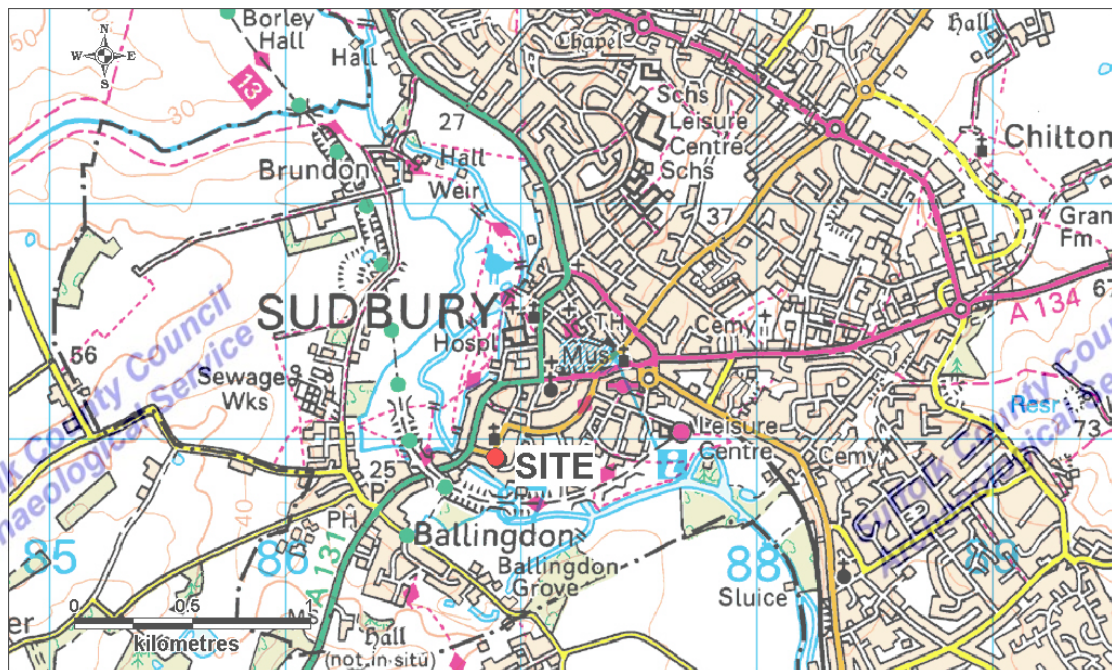
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Summary

A single storey extension at the back of 2 Orchard Place, Sudbury, (TL8689 4092, SUY 078), required a programme of archaeological monitoring to be undertaken. The site lies within the Saxon and Medieval town of Sudbury and some 40m from All Saints Church (SUY 035). The extension required footings that were inspected after excavation. No archaeological finds or features were revealed during the monitoring.

Introduction

Planning consent for the construction of a single storey extension required a programme of archaeological monitoring to be undertaken. The development required footings that were hand-dug and shored. The site is within the Saxon and Medieval town of Sudbury, some 40m from All Saints Church (SUY 035). Mr P Grant commissioned the project.



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Figure 1: Site location

A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work (Appendix 1) was produced by Keith Wade of the Conservation Team, Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service (SCCAS), who requested a monitoring visit after the excavation of the footings. This was to observe the trenches and the upcast soil to determine the presence, if any, of archaeological evidence in this area.

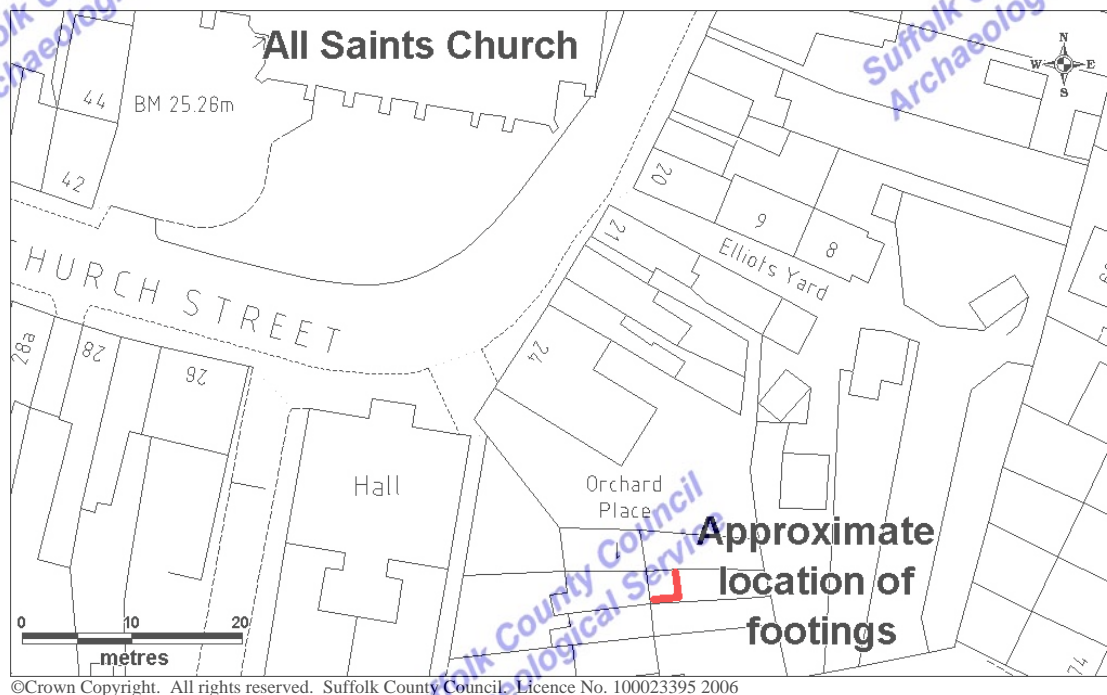


Figure 2: Development area in relation to All Saints Church (SUY 035)

Results

The footings were hand dug and immediately shored due to the unstable ground. As a consequence, visibility was poor during the archaeological monitoring.

They were excavated to a depth of 1.5m, through made-up ground throughout. This consisted of a dark brown clay sand with occasional sherds of modern pottery evident. They were partially water-logged but at the base, a slight change in colour was apparent, with a paler, greeny clay evident suggesting that natural, or another layer of subsoil, was not too far away.

Peat was revealed in the adjacent plot (Grant, pers. Comm. 2007) but was not evident during this monitoring.

No archaeological finds or features were seen during the monitoring within the footings or the upcast soil.

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Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service, 21st February 2007