

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

Mill View, Salters Hall Mews, Plough Lane, Sudbury

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE: B/06/02154

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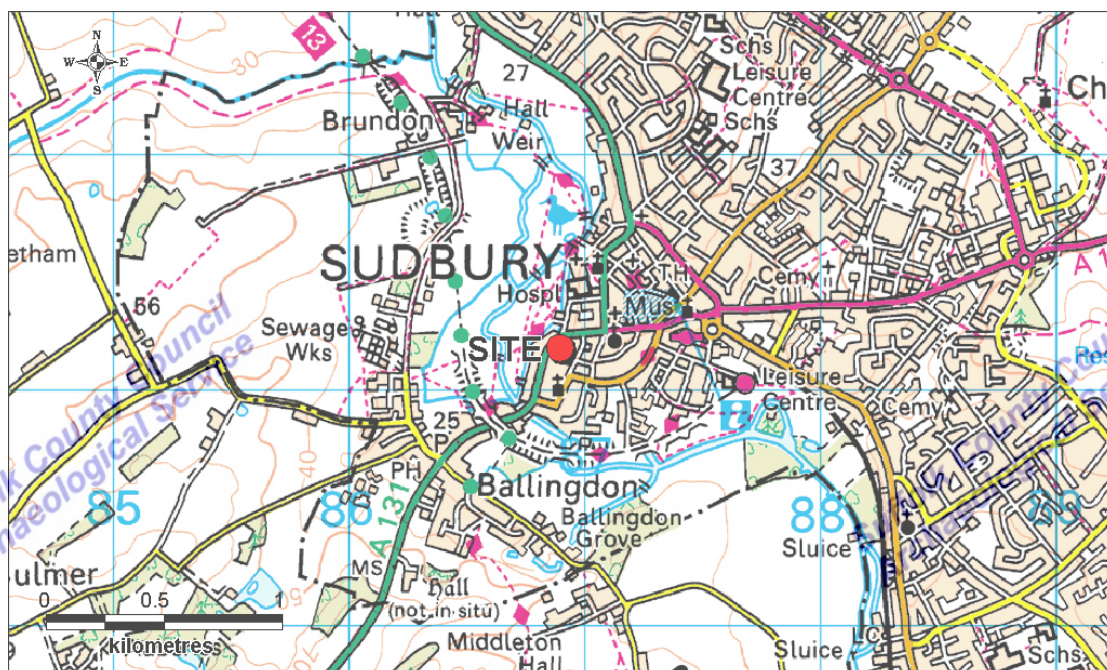
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Summary

A single storey extension to the side of Mill View, Salters Hall Mews, Sudbury, (TL8692 4119, SUY 079), required a programme of archaeological monitoring to be undertaken. The site lies within the Saxon and Medieval town of Sudbury and within 25m of a scatter of medieval and post-medieval pottery (SUY 018). 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 to the side of Mill View, Salters Hall Mews, Sudbury, required a programme of archaeological monitoring to be undertaken. The development required footings that were machine excavated. The site is within the Saxon and Medieval town of Sudbury, some 25m from a scatter of medieval and post-medieval pottery. 15th century timber framed buildings also line Mill Hill, the road behind this property. Nick Peasland Architectural Services commissioned the project, on behalf of their clients, Mr & Mrs Holley.



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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.

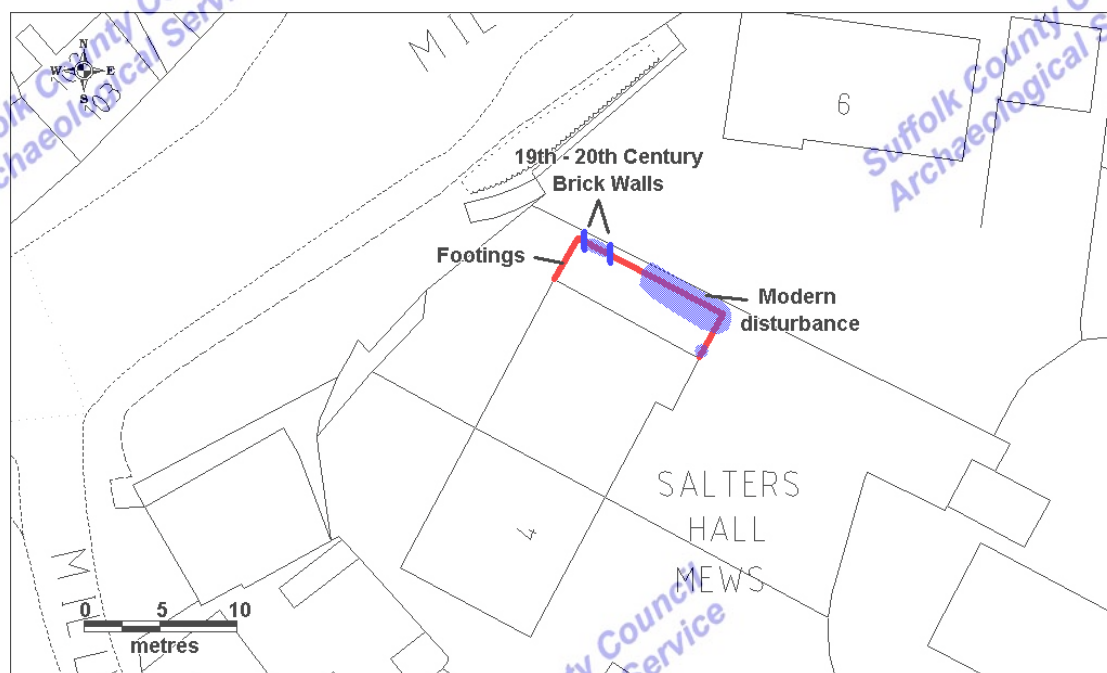


Figure 2: Location of footings and areas of modern disturbance

Results

The site was visited by David Gill, Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, on 14-03-2007. It was noted that the site was at a level roughly 6m higher than Mill Hill street level, just to the north west of the site, with a vertical drop between the two retained by an early 19th century wall at the base.

The footings were machine excavated to varying depths: 2.1m through the south west – north east trench; between 1.1m and 1.3m through the north west – south east trench; and 0.7m in the north east – south west trench at the east of the site.

They were excavated through made-up ground throughout which varied from a dark blackish silt with re-deposited brick rubble, to a homogenous mid brown sandy loam subsoil, which also appeared to be re-deposited. One sherd of probable medieval pottery was seen in section; a rim of a medieval courseware jar, 13th to 14th century. Two 19th-20th century brick walls were also seen in section, with an area of modern disturbance between them and were thought to be part of a coal cellar or boiler house due to the presence of black fill, coal dust and ash. Disturbance was rife throughout the footings, with a large modern pit to the south east side, and a manhole cover and corresponding drain close to this.

Natural subsoil was not reached in any of the footings and it is likely that this area was extensively altered during the 19th century and was disturbed because of this.

No archaeological features were seen during the monitoring and the sherd of pottery recovered was probably re-deposited during the alterations.

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