

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF

**Poplar Cottage, The Green,
Walberswick**

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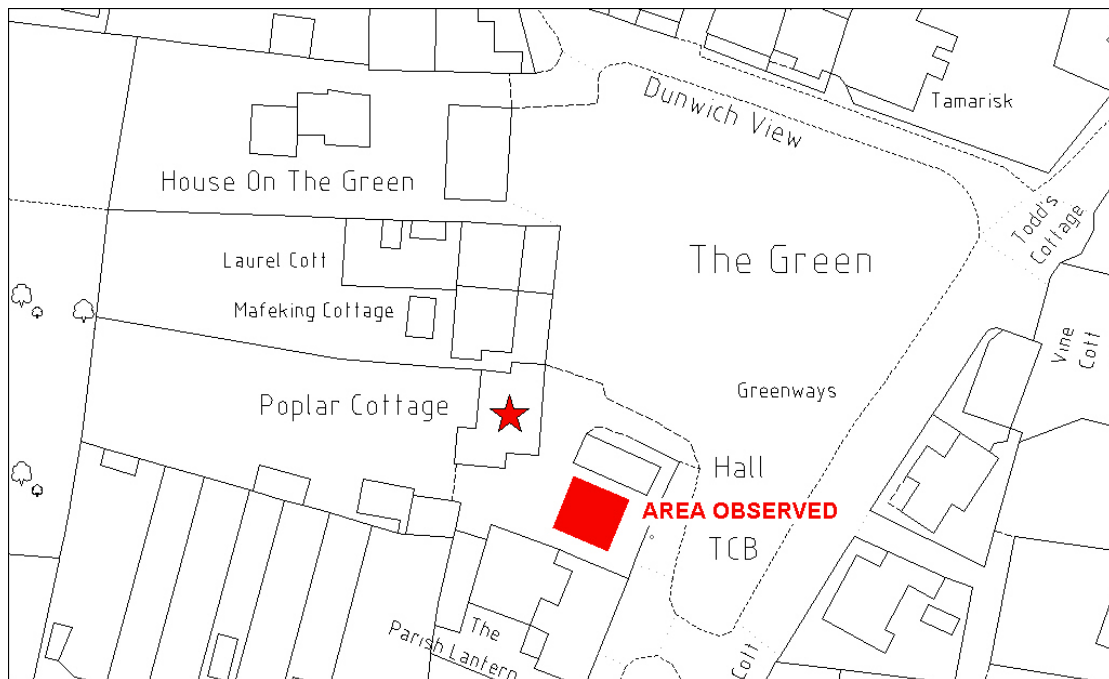
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Location of area monitored and the position of Poplar Cottage

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Introduction

Planning permission granted for a replacement dwelling was conditional upon archaeological monitoring visits made during the excavation of footing trenches. Only a small area of c.100m² was effected by disturbance from footings.

The archaeological potential of this site centres on its proximity to the green edge (of probable medieval origin) and to the medieval core of the village.

Monitoring visits were made on the 20th and 26th of November 2005 when footing trenches for a garage to the front of the dwelling (east) were observed.

Results

A thick loam deposit containing brick rubble and mortar fragments was recorded to a depth of 800mm along the western edge of the footings area. This deposit had a sharp contact with the underlying natural sand suggesting truncation had occurred, possibly during the demolition of the previous building on this site.

Along the southern edge of the area, loam deposits were recorded to a depth of 1.1m without natural sand being seen. The trenches here were very unstable and collapsing; so that they were not entered. It is likely that this was an area of modern disturbance such as a backfilled service trench.

Upcaste spoil was examined for finds but none were recovered.

Conclusions

Investigation of this small area on the edge of The Green indicated that this area had been highly disturbed and been subject to severe truncation. No evidence for medieval or other past settlement was recovered.

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