

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

CHESTNUT FARM, THE GREEN, THRANDESTON (SMR ref. TDE 020)

A report on the archaeological monitoring of groundwork associated with the construction of a new dwelling in the grounds of Chestnut Farm, The Green, Thrandeston
Planning application number: 986/05

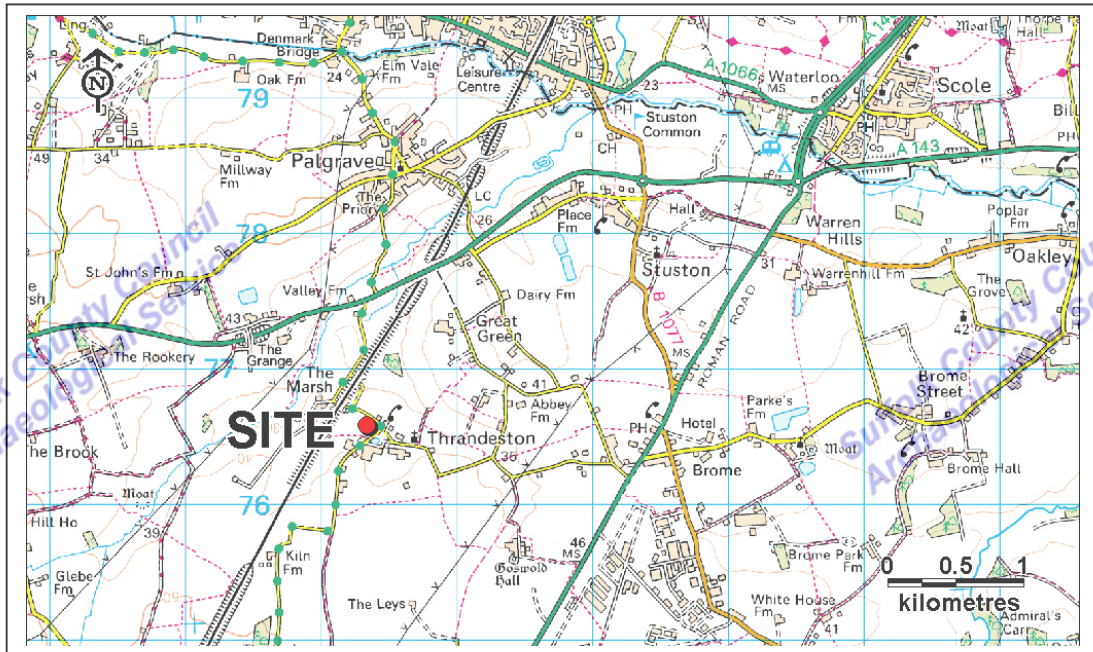
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Summary

Erection of a new dwelling and associated garaging (following demolition of existing buildings) in the grounds of Chestnut Farm, The Green, Thrandeston (TM 1141 7658, TDE 020), required a programme of archaeological monitoring to be undertaken. The development lies within an area of medieval settlement, to the west of the medieval church (TDE 009) and adjacent to the medieval green. The new house required footings that were inspected after excavation but no archaeological finds or features were revealed during the monitoring

Introduction

A condition of the planning consent for the construction of a new dwelling and associated garaging, following the demolition of existing buildings, in the grounds of Chestnut Farm, The Green, Thrandeston, required a programme of archaeological monitoring to be undertaken. The development required footings that were machine excavated. The site is within an area of medieval settlement, to the west of the medieval church (TDE 009) and adjacent to the medieval green. Durrants Chartered Surveyors commissioned the project.



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Figure 1: Site location

A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work (Appendix 1) was produced by Jess Tipper 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.

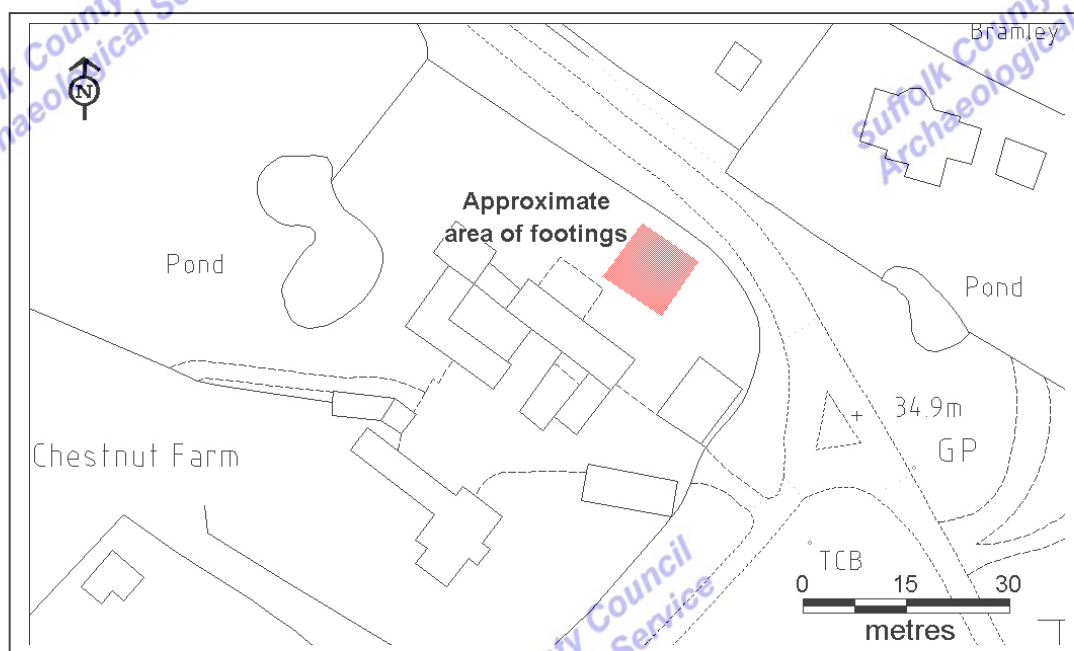


Figure 2: Approximate location of footings

Results

The footings were machine excavated with a machine using a toothed bucket. Due to wet ground conditions, deep footings and heavy clay soil, they were relatively unstable and so as a consequence, visibility was quite poor during the archaeological monitoring. They were observed during and after excavation and the upcast soil was retained on site for inspection.

The footings were excavated to a depth of between 1.8m and 2m, into topsoil comprising 0.15m of mixed dark brown loamy clay with brick fragments, 0.25m of subsoil, a mid yellow brown sandy clay and the remainder was a natural yellow chalky clay with blue grey clay patches.

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

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