

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING REPORT

## SHAKERS HALL, SANDHILL, BOXFORD BXF 020

### A REPORT ON THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING OF GROUNDWORKS

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### *Summary*

*No archaeological features were observed or finds recovered during the construction of a swimming pool annex at Shakers Hall, Boxford.*

### **Introduction**

The excavation of a swimming pool in a single story annex to Shakers Hall, Boxford was the subject of an archaeological monitoring. The work was carried out to a Brief and Specification issued by Jess Tipper (Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service, Conservation Team) to fulfil a planning condition on application B/07/00748. The site is located on a promontory of land and interest was generated through metal detected finds from the area dating to the Roman and medieval periods.

### **Methodology and Results**

A single visit was made to this site on the 5th September 2007. The extension complex was quite advanced but c.15m of open trench was visible on the west side of the extension. The sides had dried out, having been opened up several days before, but the section was fairly clean. The section revealed a natural undulating subsoil consisting of sand and gravel with occasional silty clay. No cut features could be identified and there was no evidence of finds from the section or from the spoil heap which was stored on site.

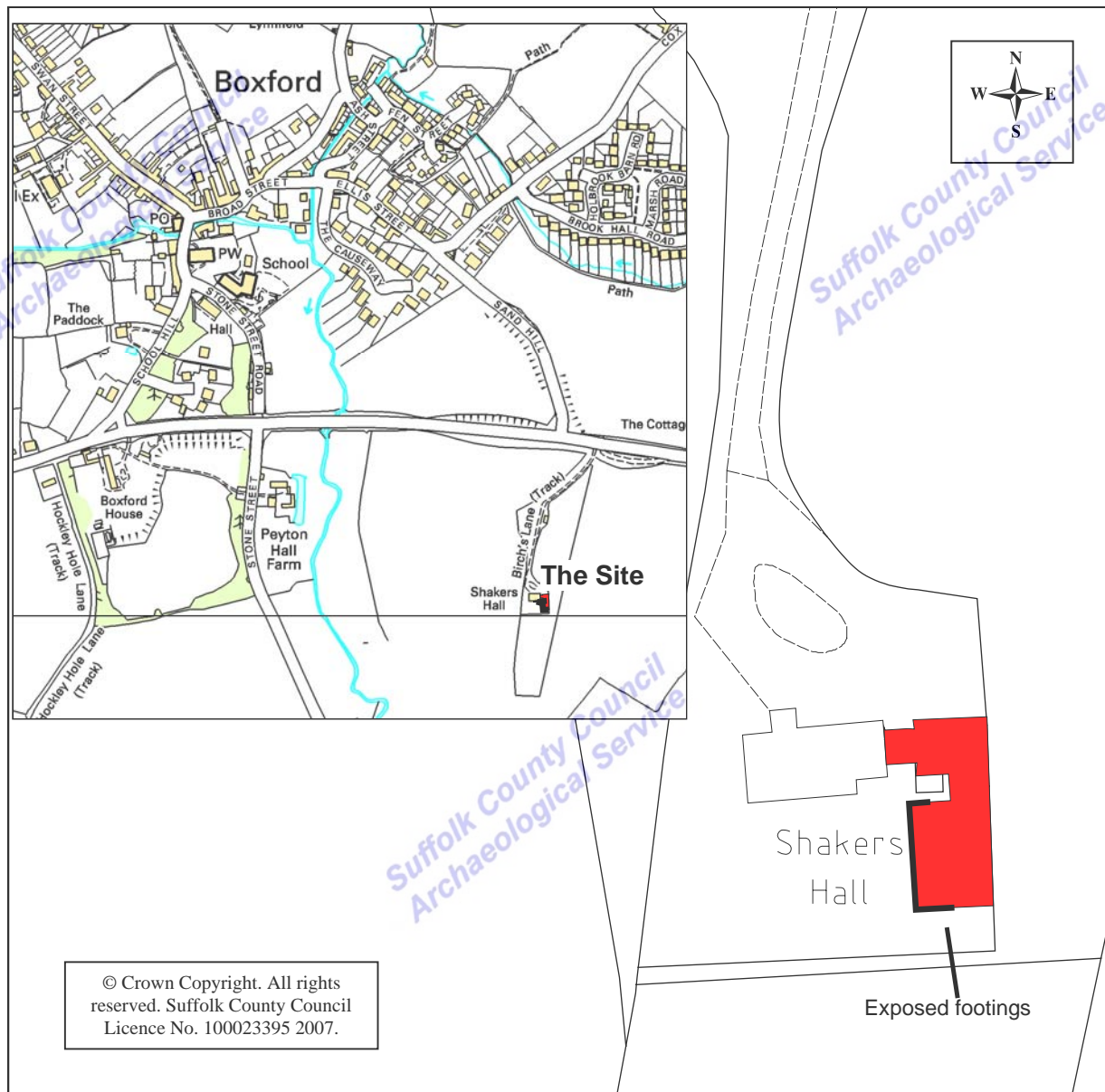


Figure 1. Site location plan

## Discussion

The sides of the trench had dried out which made the sections less clear and linear features with few finds can be difficult to identify in glacial gravels. Given this proviso, however, no evidence was uncovered of archaeological interest on the site.

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