

Redcot, Church Street, Wetherden
WDN 012
Planning application no. 632/04
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Introduction

Conditional planning consent for an extension to Redcot, Church Street, Wetherden, required a programme of archaeological monitoring. The site is centred on TM 0084 6284 and lies in what may be the medieval village core, within 50m of the church. There is potential for the site to contain occupational debris associated with any earlier activity on the site.

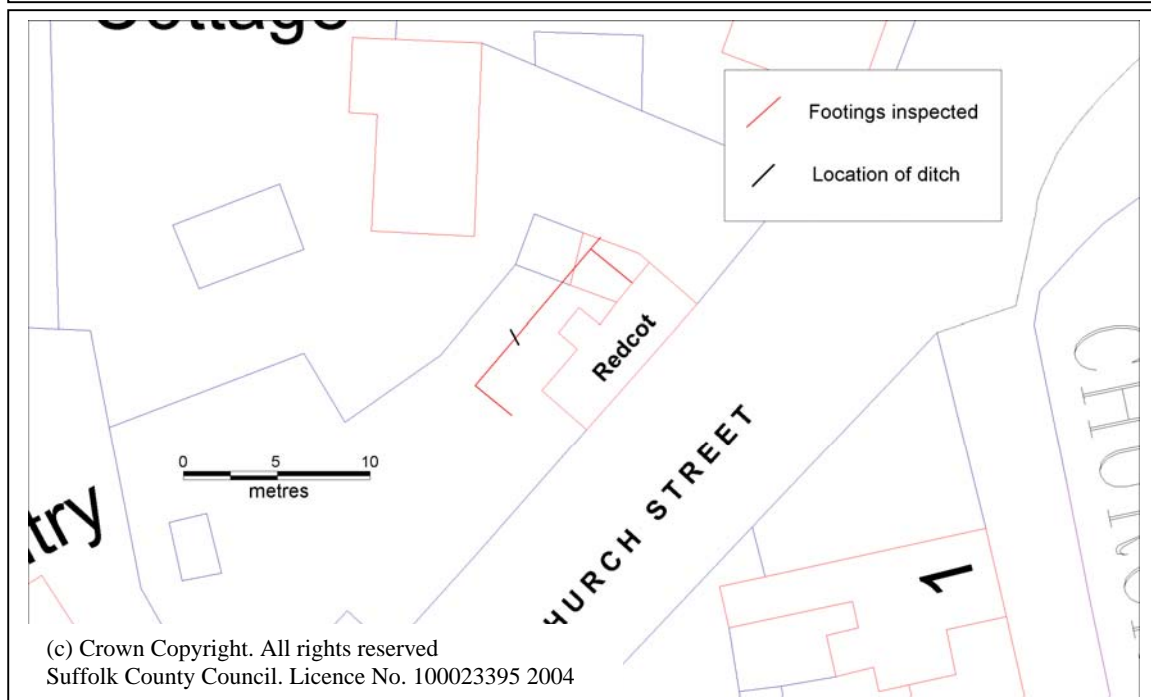
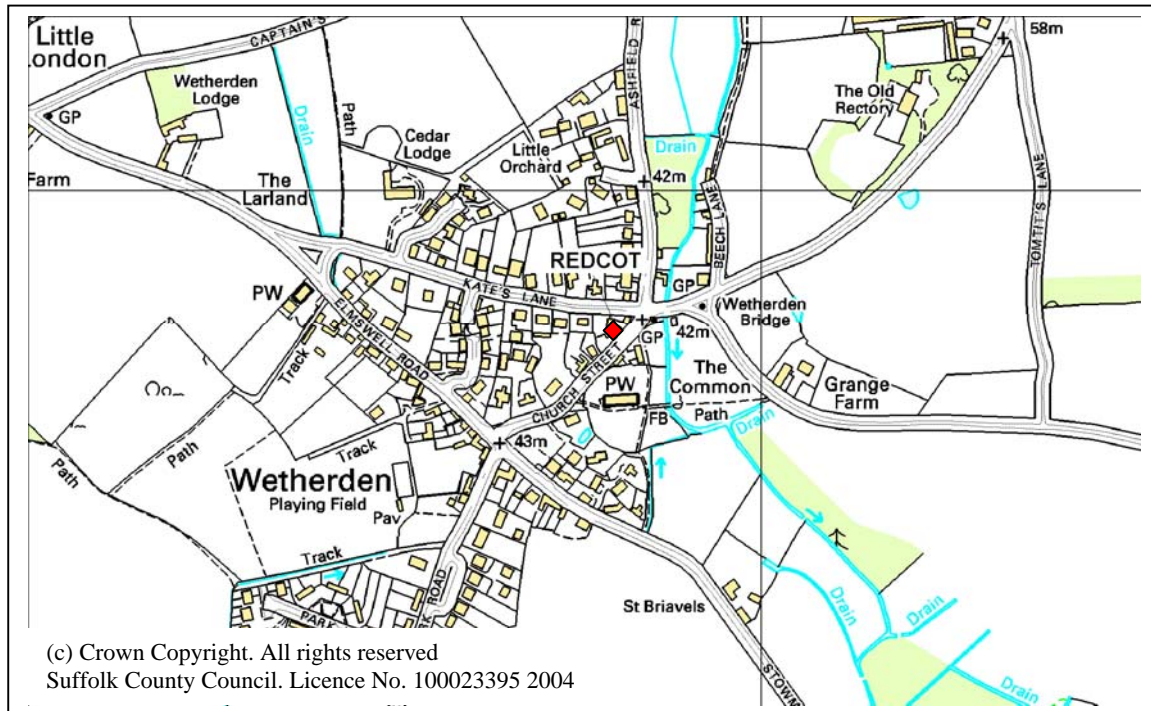


Figure 1: Site location and plan of footings

Methodology

Two visits were made to the site by the Field Projects Team of Suffolk County Council's Archaeological Service (SCCAS) in order to inspect the excavated foundation trenches. The site was recorded under the SMR code WDN 012. A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work was produced by Bob Carr of the SCCAS Conservation Team. The monitoring work took place during November 2004 and was commissioned by the owner, C. Baxter. The monitoring archive is held in the county SMR in Bury St. Edmunds.

Results

Trenching was undertaken to a depth of c.1.20m, revealing the composition of the soil in the exposed sections. The topsoil was some 450mm thick and comprised a dark brown sandy loam. This sealed the natural subsoil, a pale brown chalky clay, which one intervention was observed to cut. This was a ditch aligned approximately NNW to SSE, the base of which was excavated to a depth of c.1.4m and filled by a mid to dark brown clay loam. No datable evidence was recovered from either the ditch or the spoil.

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