

**Bleach Farm, Wissett**  
**WSS 001**  
**Planning application no. W/17845/2**  
**Archaeological Monitoring Report 2005/108**  
**OASIS ID No. 8909**

***Introduction***

Conditional planning consent for an extension to Bleach Farm, Wissett, required a programme of archaeological monitoring. The site is centred on TM 3737 7956 and is located on a ridge c.40m OD overlooking a valley of a tributary of the River Blyth to the south. The site lies within a large moated site of probable medieval date, and which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM no. 30575). There is potential for the foundations to reveal occupational debris associated with any earlier activity on the site.

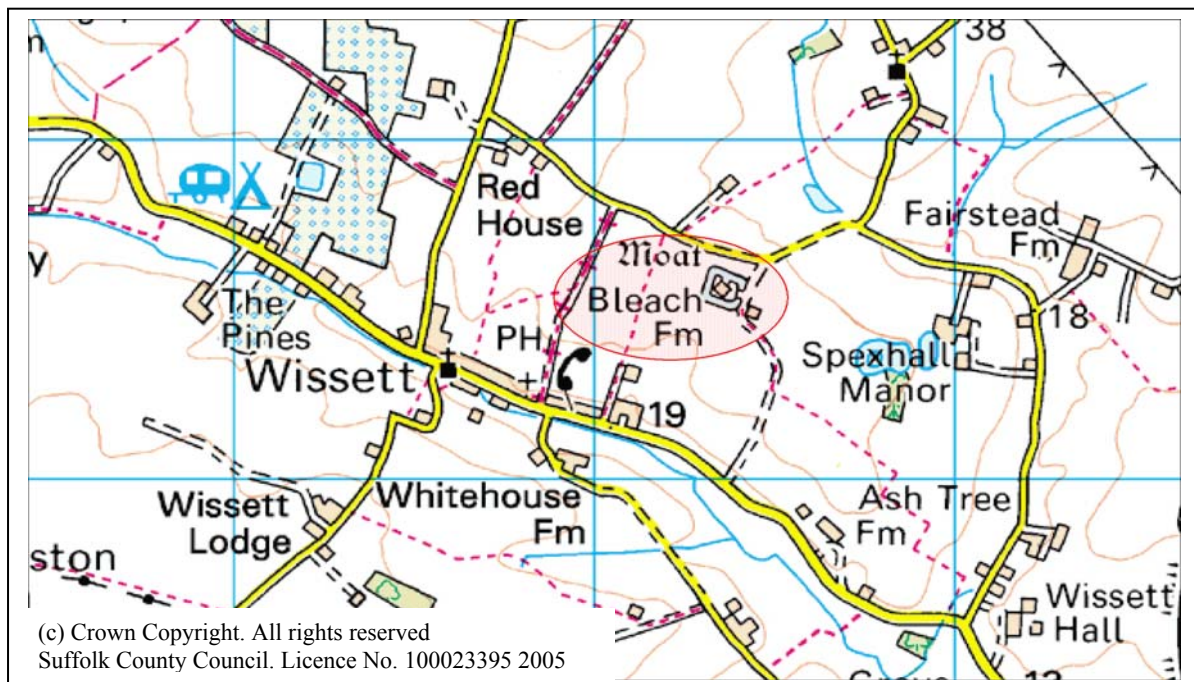


Figure 1: Site location

***Methodology***

One visit was 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 for a small extension to the northern side of Bleach Hall. The site was recorded under the SMR code WSS 001. A Brief and Specification for the archaeological work was produced by Bob Carr of the SCCAS Conservation Team. The monitoring work took place during May 2005 and was commissioned by the owner, Mr. R. Stoddard. The monitoring archive is held in the county SMR in Bury St. Edmunds.

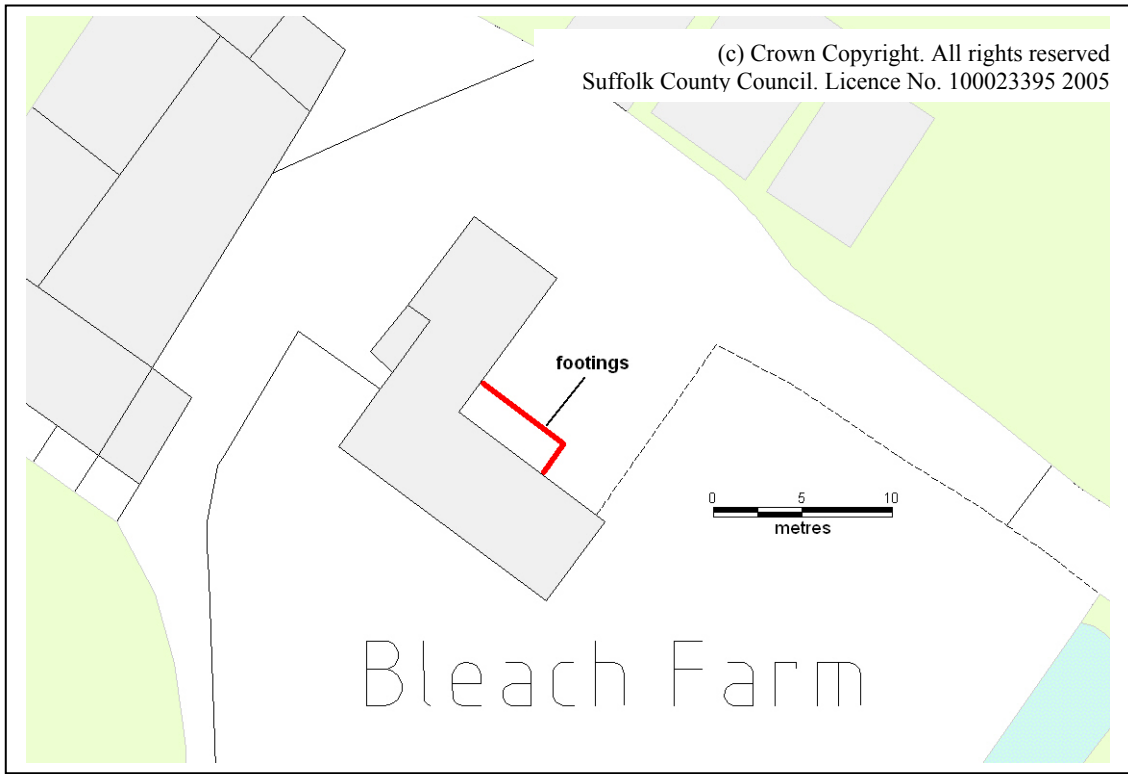


Figure 2: Location of footings

**Results**

The trenches were cut to a depth of c.600mm, revealing the composition of the soil in the exposed sections. The topsoil was some 200mm thick and comprised a dark brown loamy clay mixed with post-medieval brick and tile rubble. This sealed the natural subsoil, a pale brown chalky clay. No archaeological interventions or atrefactual evidence was observed in the course of the monitoring

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Plate 1: View of the excavated footing trench