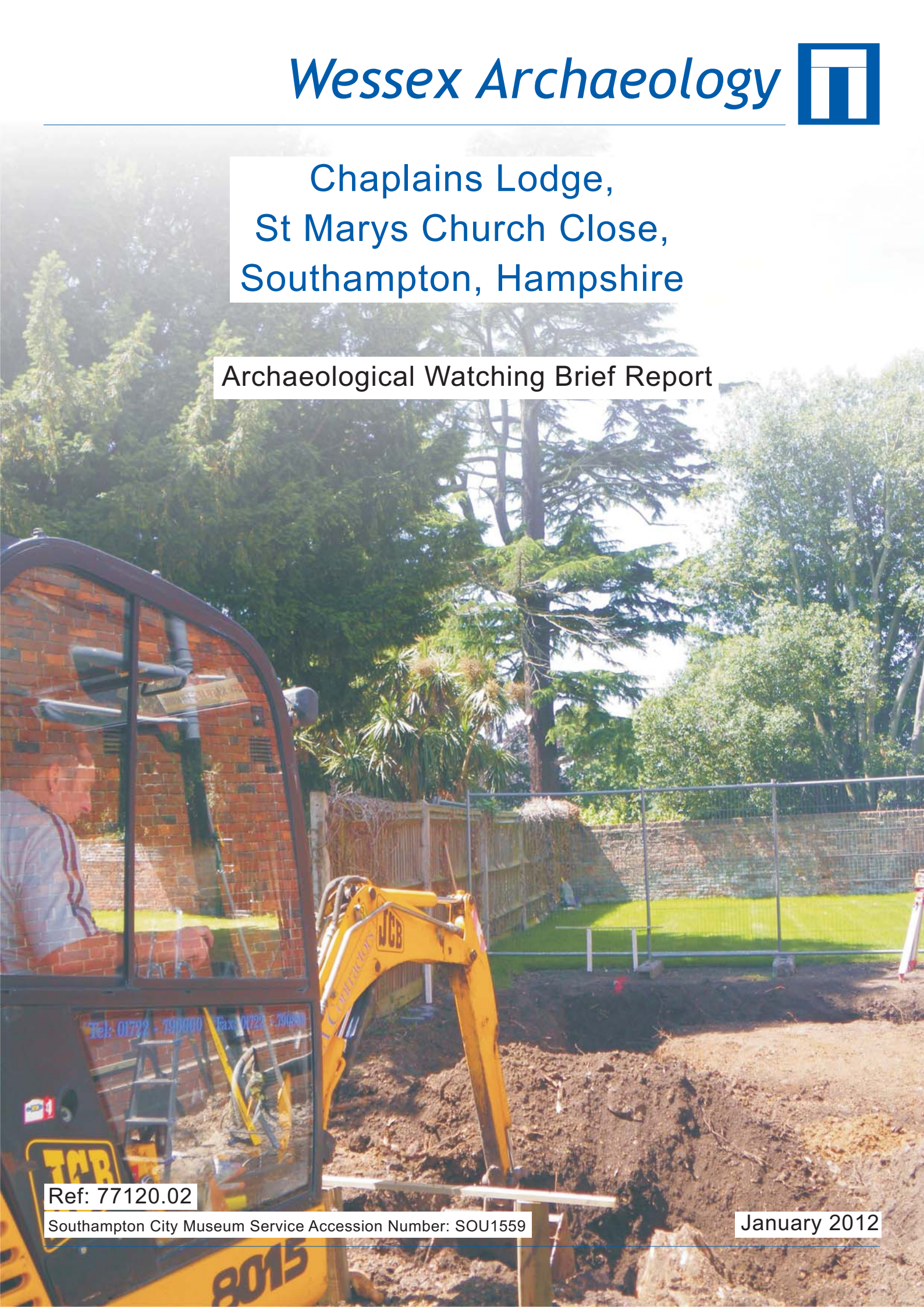




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Summary

Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Hall and Ensom Chartered Surveyors acting on behalf of the Diocese of Winchester, to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks for an extension at Chaplains Lodge, St Mary's Close, Swathling, Southampton, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 443953 115431.

The site lies immediately adjacent to St Mary's Church and the watching brief was required as a condition of planning consent granted by Southampton City Council to ensure an archaeological watching brief was undertaken during the initial stages of development.

The watching brief consisted of the monitoring of groundworks associated with the topsoil stripping and the excavation of footings for the proposed extension. Although the site is situated in the vicinity of St Mary's Church, no archaeological features, finds or deposits were observed during the fieldwork.

The fieldwork was undertaken in June 2011.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 Wessex Archaeology was commissioned by Hall and Ensom Chartered Surveyors on behalf of The Diocese of Winchester (the Client), to undertake an archaeological watching brief during groundworks undertaken for the construction of an extension at Chaplains Lodge, St Mary's Close, Swaythling, Southampton, centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 443953 115431 (hereafter 'the Site') (**Figure 1**).

1.1.2 The works included a proposed single storey side extension and alterations to provide a home office with external access and a separate WC.

1.1.3 The watching brief was required as part of the planning permission issued to the Client by Southampton City Council (Planning Reference 10/01190/FUL), the local authority, for the single storey extension to the south elevation (conditions 07 and 08).

1.1.4 A Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) (Wessex Archaeology 2011) covering the scope and methodology of the watching brief was submitted to and approved by Southampton City Council.

1.1.5 The fieldwork was undertaken in June 2011.

1.2 Site location, topography and geology

1.2.1 The Vicarage (Chaplain's Lodge), is located approximately 4km to the north of Southampton City Centre within the parish of South Stoneham. It lies within boundaries formed by Wessex Lane, St Mary's Church Close and Woodmill Lane. The Site lies to the south-east of South Stoneham House and grounds, and south-west of St Mary's Church.

1.2.2 The underlying solid geology is Valley gravels overlying Eocene London clay. Alluvium, probably brickearth, is also recorded as a drift deposit in the area (Geological Survey of Great Britain 1987, Sheet 315).

2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

2.1.1 A full archaeological and historic background is provided in *Chaplains Lodge, St. Marys Church Close, Southampton: Written Scheme of Investigation* (Wessex Archaeology 2011) and shall not be repeated here.

2.1.2 In summary, the Site potentially lies close to part of a Roman road that may run through the western edge of the South Stoneham area. Swathling has its origins in the Saxon period and a Late Saxon settlement was found at the Montefiore New Halls of Residence site (Crockett 1996).

- 2.1.3 St Marys Church is a Grade I Listed Building and lies immediately adjacent to Chaplains Lodge, and represents one of two remaining medieval churches in Southampton. The building retains a chancel of 12th century date, the nave being 13th century and the west tower late 15th century.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1.1 The aim of the archaeological watching brief was to establish within the constraints of the sampling strategy the presence or absence, location, extent, date, character, condition, significance and quality of any surviving archaeological remains within the Site.

4 METHODOLOGY

- 4.1.1 All works were carried out in accordance with the methodology set out within the WSI. All fieldwork was conducted in accordance with the guidance and standards outlined in the Institute for Archaeologists *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation* (IfA 2008).
- 4.1.2 Works comprised archaeological monitoring by a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist of made ground/topsoil during ground works. The watching brief was maintained throughout initial stripping until it was clear that the potential for archaeological remains to be exposed had been exhausted. Where practicable and without causing unreasonable delay to the works programme, excavations were halted whilst investigations were carried out by Wessex Archaeology staff.
- 4.1.3 The fieldwork comprised the monitoring of the excavation of the foundation trenches for the building extension. The trenches extended out from the southern side of the current building and formed a 'U'-shaped, rectangular arrangement formed by three trenches (**Figure 1, Plate 2**). The trenches were excavated using a 1.5 tonne 360° tracked excavator employing a 0.8m toothless ditching bucket. The trenches were dug to a depth of 1.2m.
- 4.1.4 Recording was undertaken using Wessex Archaeology's *pro forma* record sheets. Representative soil profile sections of the trenches were drawn at a scale of 1:10. A digital photographic record was maintained throughout the fieldwork, illustrating both the detail and the general context of the Site as a whole.

5 RESULTS

- 5.1.1 No archaeological features or deposits were observed during the course of the watching brief. Natural geology was encountered at the base of each of the trenches.
- 5.1.2 The following is a generalised stratigraphic sequence seen across the entirety of the Site. Representative sections were recorded, drawn and photographed (**Figure 2, Plate 1**).
- 5.1.3 The topsoil **101** was generally 0 – 0.6m in depth and was represented by a dark brown grey silty clay loam with rare inclusions. Sporadic modern ceramic building material and tile fragments (not recovered) were noted. This overlay subsoil **102** (0.6 – 0.9m), comprising a mid grey brown clay with

rare inclusions, and possibly represents an alluvial deposit. Natural sandy clay **103** (0.9m +) was observed at the base of each trench.

6 FINDS

6.1.1 No artefacts were recovered during the watching brief.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL

7.1.1 No archaeological features or deposits suitable for environmental sampling were identified during the course of the work.

8 CONCLUSIONS

8.1.1 Despite the proximity of the medieval church, no archaeological features or deposits were recorded during the course of the watching brief. The soil sequence across the development area was largely in tact with little evidence of any truncation or modern disturbance.

9 ARCHIVE

9.1 Preparation and Deposition

9.1.1 The complete project archive will be prepared in accordance with Wessex Archaeology's Guidelines for Archive Preparation and in accordance with Guidelines for the preparation of excavation archives for long-term storage (UKIC 1990). Details of the watching brief will also be entered into the online "Oasis" database maintained by the Archaeological Data Service (ADS). A copy of OASIS entry will be included in the written report.

9.2 The Archive

9.2.1 The watching brief project archive consists of:

- One A4 file containing the paper records and drawings
- Digital data (site photographs, Word and pdf files)

9.2.2 The archive is currently held at the offices of Wessex Archaeology in Salisbury under the WA project code **77120**. On completion of the project, the archive will be deposited with Southampton museum, under the accession code **SOU1559**.

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9.4 Security Copy

- 9.4.1 In line with current best practice, on completion of the project a security copy of the paper records will be prepared, in the form of microfilm. The master jackets and one diazo copy of the microfilm will be submitted to the National Monuments Record Centre (Swindon), a second diazo copy will be deposited with the paper records at the Museum, and a third diazo copy will be retained by Wessex Archaeology.

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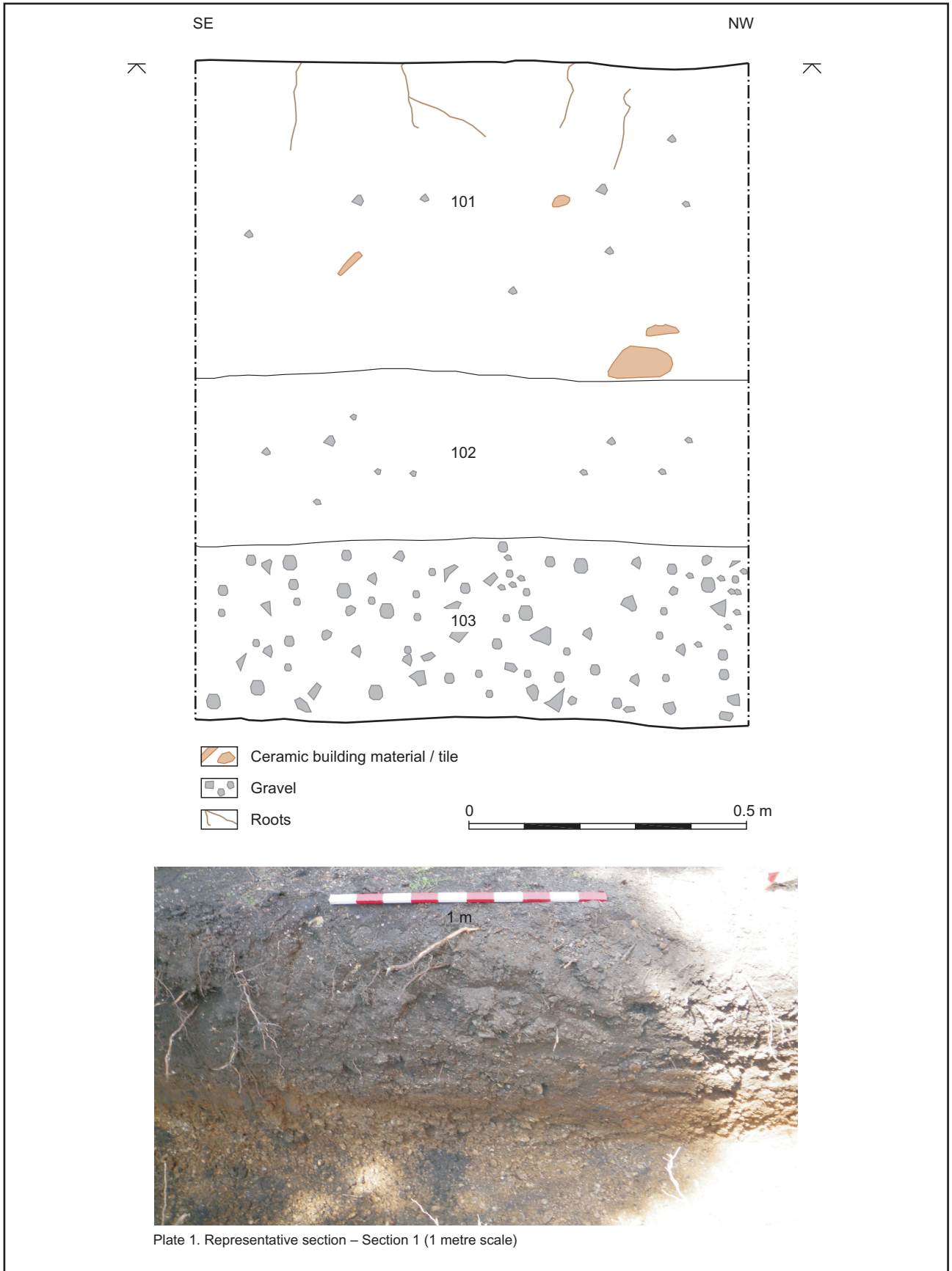
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