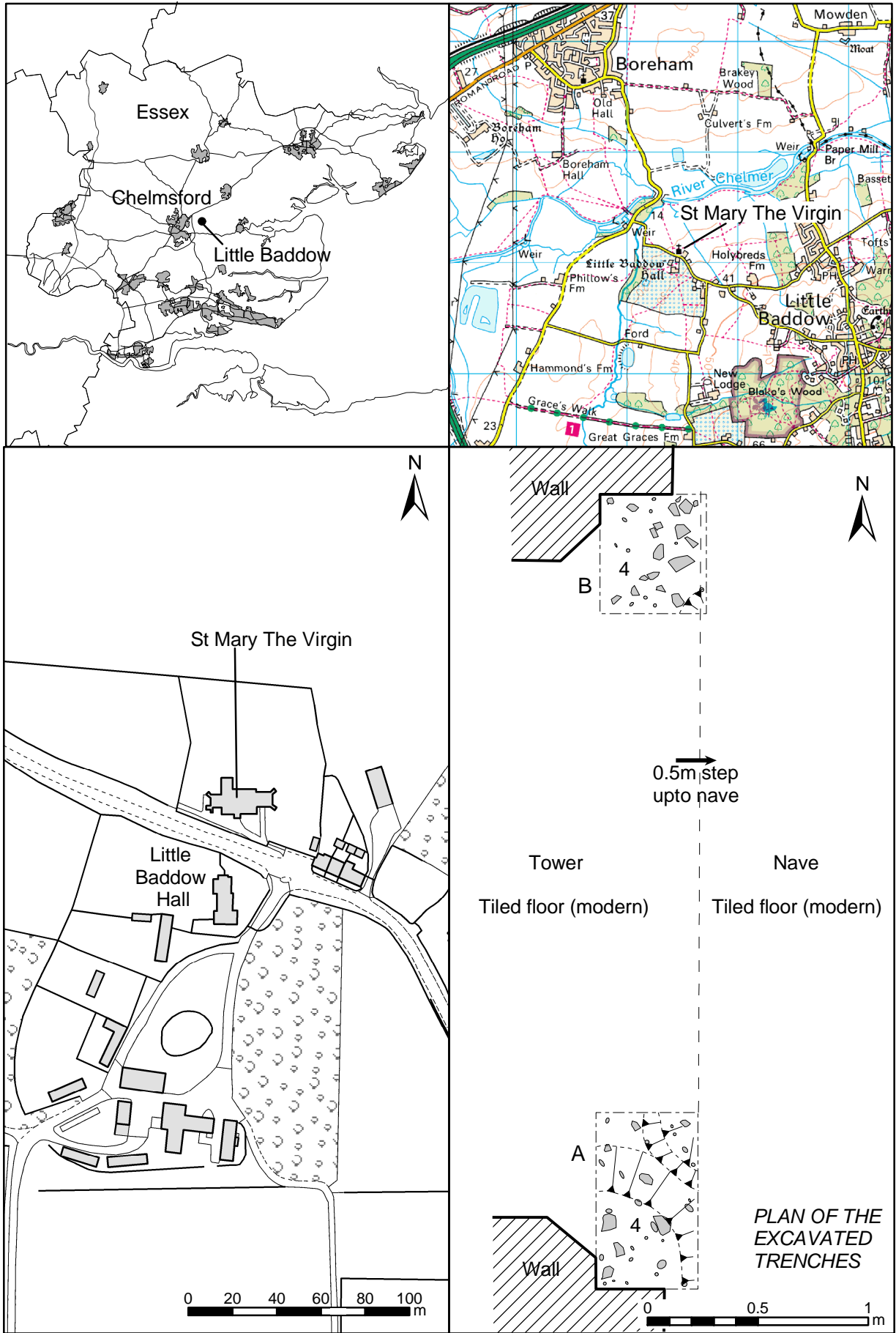


ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD SUMMARY

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| Site Name & Address: St Mary the Virgin, Little Baddow | |
| Parish: Little Baddow | District: Chelmsford |
| NGR: TL 7644 0807 | Site Code: LBSM 06 |
| Type of Work: Monitoring and recording | Site Director/Group: Mark Germany, Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit |
| Date of Work: 26/7/06 | Size of Area Investigated: 0.7m ² |
| Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Chelmsford | Funding Source: Little Baddow Parochial Church Council |
| Further Work Anticipated? No | Related HCR Nos: 5589 |
| Final Report: <i>Essex Archaeology and History</i> (Summary) | |
| Periods Represented: Medieval Post-medieval Modern | |
| SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: | |
| <p>The archaeological fieldwork comprised the hand excavation of two small post-pits (Fig. 1, A and B). The post-pits lay beneath the open arch between the nave and the tower, and were intended to hold and secure a large wooden screen. Post-pit A measured 0.8m by 0.45m, and post-pit B 0.48m by 0.55m.</p> <p>Both post-pits revealed an identical sequence of deposits and structures. The surface of the earliest deposit was at a depth of 0.17m and was the foundation for the walls of the tower. It sloped down away from the walls and comprised flint nodules and gravel in a hard matrix of brownish-white lime-based mortar (Fig. 1, context 4). The deposit was not excavated.</p> <p>The next deposit in the sequence was pale brownish-yellow silt-sand and gravel. It contained infrequent fragments of peg-tile and three small pieces of medieval tile. The upper surface of one of the medieval tiles was coated with a greenish-brown glaze. Unfortunately, the fragments were too small to ascertain if they were roof or floor tiles.</p> <p>The latest deposits were a thin layer of modern concrete and aggregate, and a modern tiled floor.</p> | |
| Previous Summaries/Reports: None | |
| Author of Summary: Mark Germany | Date of Summary: August 2006 |



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Fig.1. Location plan