

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN  
FRYERNING  
ESSEX**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING**



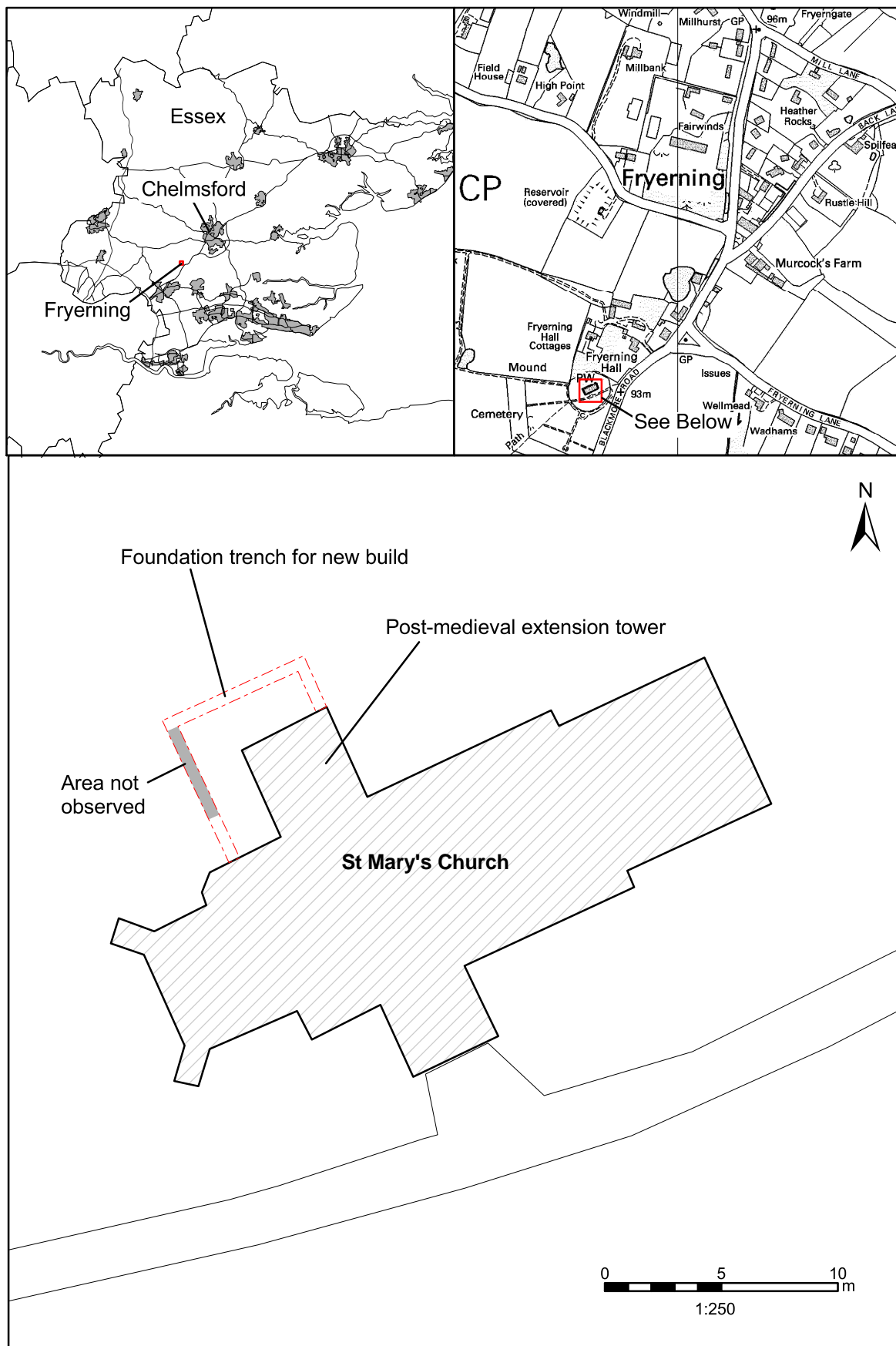
Essex County Council

**FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT**

**February 2008**

## ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

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| <b>Site name/Address:</b> Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Fryerning   |   |
| <b>Parish:</b> Ingatestone and Fryerning   | <b>District:</b> Chelmsford   |
| <b>NGR:</b> TL 63840 00117   | <b>Site Code:</b> INSM 08   |
| <b>Type of Work:</b> Watching Brief  | <b>Site Director/Group:</b> Mark Germany, Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit |
| <b>Date of Work:</b> 6/2/08  | <b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 5.3m <sup>2</sup>                                   |
| <b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b><br>Chelmsford  | <b>Client:</b> Fryerning Parochial Church Council                                     |
| <b>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</b> No  | <b>Related EHR Nos.:</b> 739 to 742   |
| <b>Final Report:</b> Essex Archaeology and History (Summary)   |   |
| <b>Periods represented:</b> Post-medieval Modern   |   |
| <p><b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b></p> <p>Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit monitored the excavation of foundation trenches for an extension on the north side of the nave of the parish church of St Mary the Virgin (Fig. 1). The trenches had vertical sides and measured 0.5m wide and 1.5m deep. The monitoring took place in accordance with an archaeological brief, produced by the Essex County Council Historic Environment Management team.</p> <p>The excavation trenches revealed topsoil/grave earth above an undisturbed natural deposit of brownish yellow/orange silt clay sand and gravel. No human remains were encountered, other than a small fragment of skull. The topsoil/grave earth comprised dark greyish brown friable clay silt and gravel. It lay up to 0.6m deep and contained occasional pieces of peg-tile. A dump of peg tile, granite kerb stones, iron guttering and modern concrete, more than 1.5m deep, was encountered in the section of trench near the north-east corner of the tower. No finds or human remains were retained.</p> |   |
| <b>Previous Summaries/Reports:-</b> None   |   |
| <b>Author of Summary:</b> Mark Germany   | <b>Date of Summary:</b> February 2008   |



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Fig.1. Site location and block plan