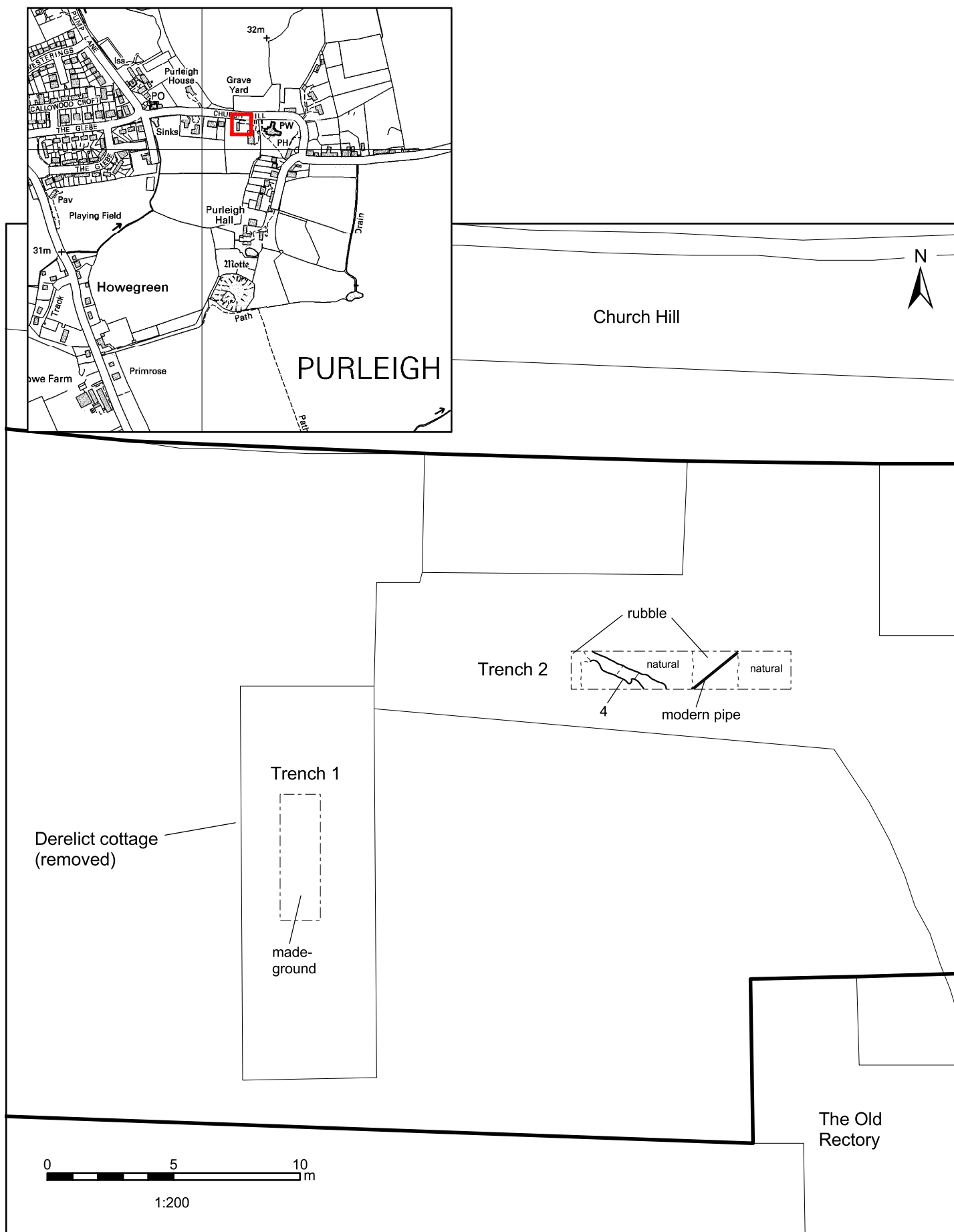


## EHER SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Site Name/Address:</b> The Old Rectory, Church Hill, Purleigh, Essex	
<b>Parish:</b> Purleigh	<b>District:</b> Maldon
<b>NGR:</b> TL 84080 02050	<b>Site Code:</b> PUOR08
<b>Type of Work:</b> Evaluation	<b>Site Director/Group:</b> Adrian Scruby, ECC FAU
<b>Date of Work:</b> 15/10/2008	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> 22.4 sqm
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> Colchester & Ipswich Museum	<b>Funding Source:</b> Client
<b>Further Work Anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER Nos:</b> 7831, 7931, 7710, LBS 117415
<b>Final Report:</b> EAH Summary	<b>OASIS ID:</b> essexcou1-50894
<b>Periods Represented:</b> undated, modern	
<p><b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b></p> <p>Two trial trenches were excavated on land at the Old Rectory, Church Hill, Purleigh, in response to a brief produced by the Historic Environment Management team (HEM) of Essex County Council for an archaeological evaluation by trial trenching on the site of a new dwelling and associated landscaping works (Planning ref:).</p> <p>The first trench, measuring 9m x 1.60m, was excavated to a maximum depth of 0.45m on to a buff-brown soft sticky clay (natural). A single, heavily truncated, northwest to southeast orientated ditch [5] ran across the western part of the trench, although the single greenish-grey silt clay fill (4) produced no finds. The central part of the trench was crossed by a metal service pipe.</p> <p>The second trench was located within the footprint of a former cottage and observation of the former footings coupled with the trench clearly demonstrated that the area had been extensively terraced in the 19th century, completely removing any earlier deposits remains.</p> <p>Although the development plot lies in an area of some archaeological significance, close to the medieval parish church, it appears that any archaeological remains which may have been present have been very badly truncated by 19<sup>th</sup> century landscaping/development connected with the construction of the Old Rectory and associated gardens/ outbuildings. Accordingly, the proposed development is unlikely to have any impact upon the archaeological record.</p>	
<b>Previous Summaries/Reports:</b> None	
<b>Author of Summary:</b> Adrian Scruby	<b>Date of Summary:</b> November 2008



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Fig.1. Trench plan