

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND EXCAVATION

**FAIRACRE
NEWMARKET ROAD
GREAT CHESTERFORD
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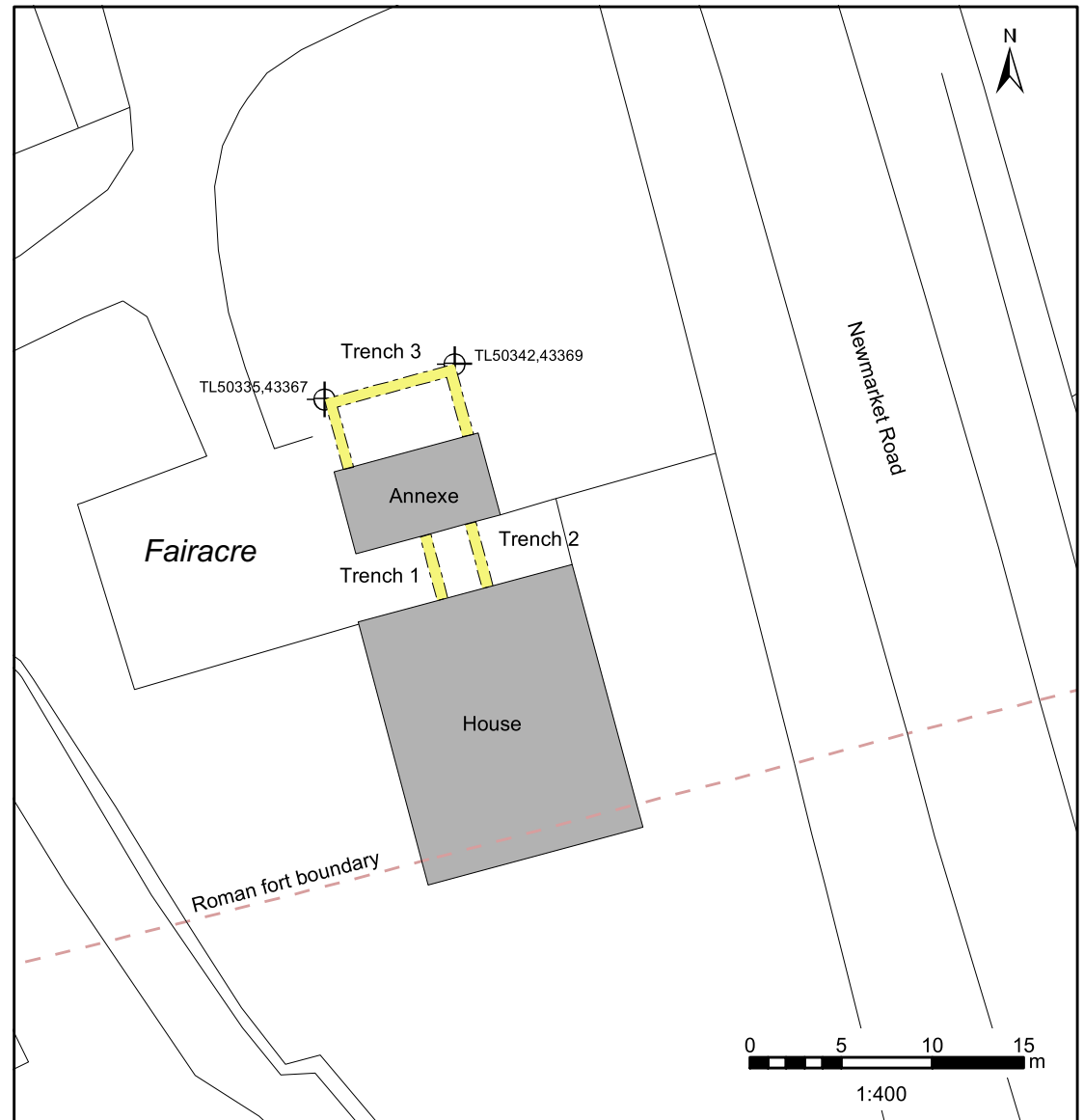
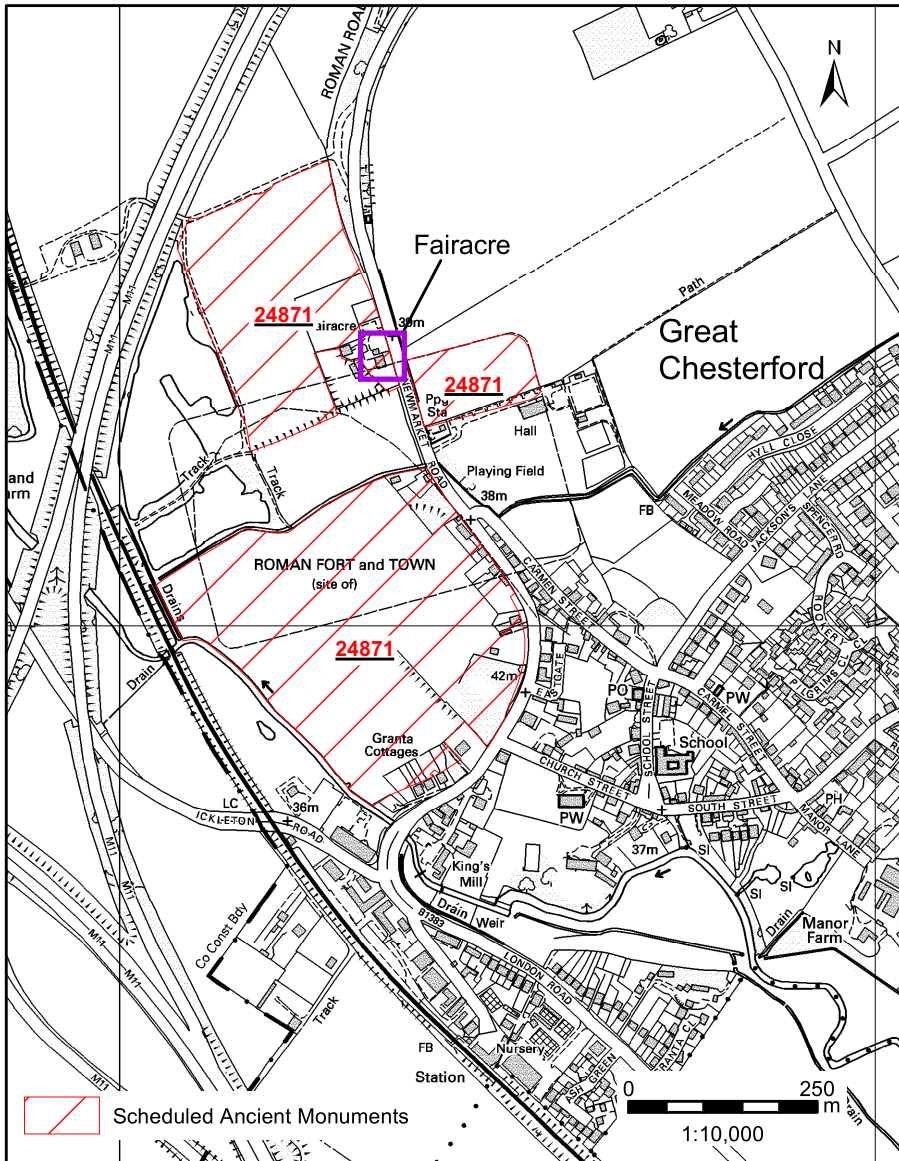
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SUMMARY SHEET

Site name/Address: Fairacre, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford, Essex CB10 1NS	
Parish: Great Chesterford	District: Uttlesford
NGR: TL 503433	Site Code: GC47
Type of Work: monitoring & recording	Site Director/Group: T. Ennis, ECC FAU
Date of Work: 16-18 June 2009	Size of Area Investigated: 30 sq m and 10sq m
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Saffron Walden	Funding source: Client
Further Seasons Anticipated?: Yes	Related HER No.s: 4942, 13911, 13915, 13928, 13930
Final Report: EAH summary	OASIS Ref: essexcou1-60991
Periods Represented: Roman, modern	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:	
<p>The property of Fairacre is located partly within the early Roman fort and just north of the later Roman walled town. Roman and Saxon cemetery remains have been excavated to its west and a lead coffin (EHER 13930) previously found during gravel quarrying in its southern part. Much of the property lies within the area of Scheduled Ancient Monument 24871.</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring was carried out on groundworks associated with the construction of a link between the existing house and annexe (Trenches 1 & 2) and an 'orangery' extension on the north wall of the annexe (Trench 3). This work did not reveal any significant below-ground remains. Inspection of general clearance and contractors' excavation of foundation trenches, the latter cut to a depth of c.1.0m, exposed only natural deposits comprising variable sands and sandy clays. The footprint of the annexe link was heavily disturbed by modern services. Eleven sherds of unstratified mid to late Roman pottery were collected from the overlying topsoil at both locations, along with a fragment of modern flowerpot and a piece of unworked stone. Some of the pottery from the annexe link trenches is more closely datable to the mid 2nd - mid 3rd centuries.</p> <p>Construction of a 'garden room' extension on the east side of the main house, to be carried out at a future date, will also be subject to archaeological monitoring.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: none	
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Fig.1. Trench location plan (area of archaeological monitoring)