

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
LITTLE YELDHAM
ESSEX**

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RECORDING

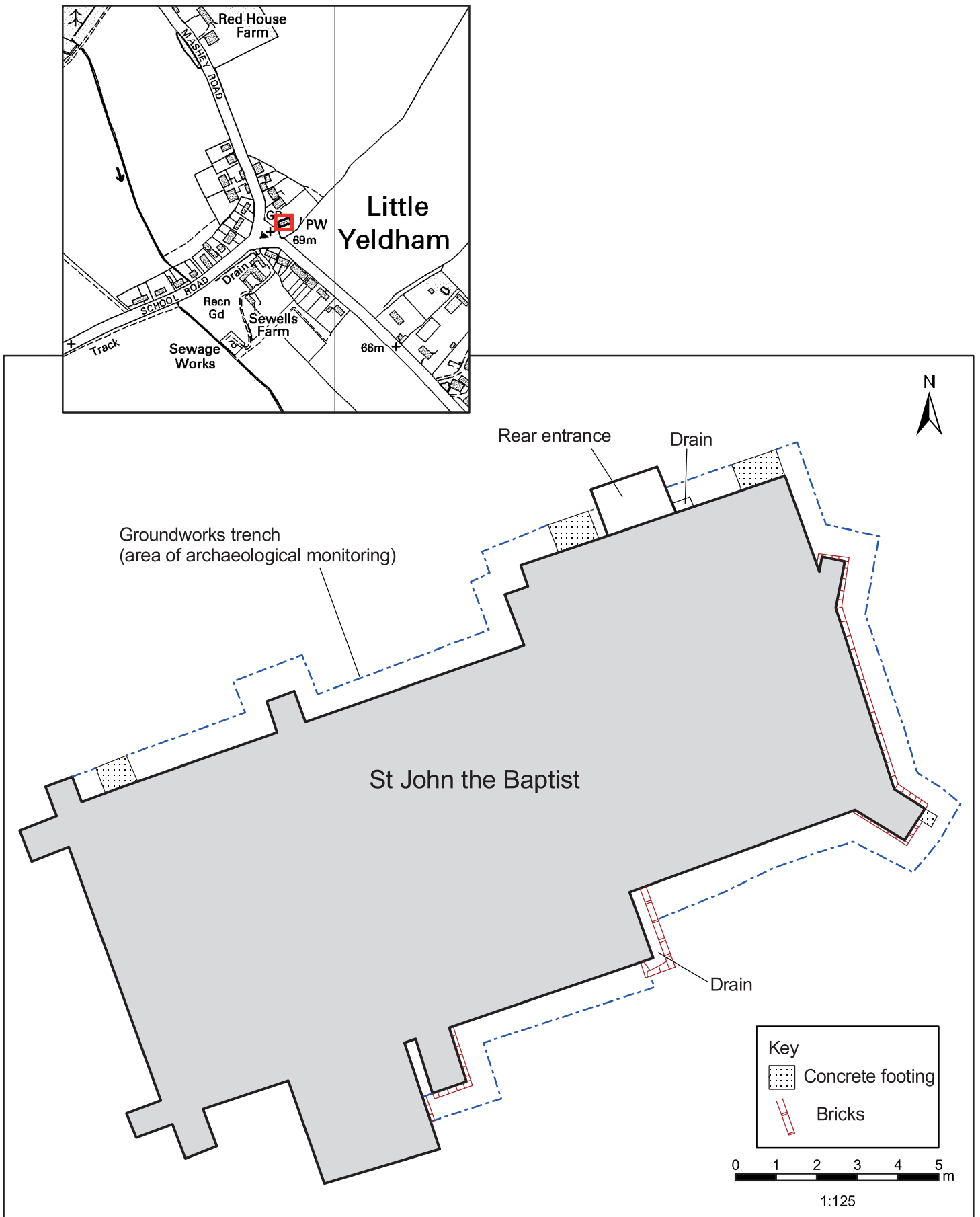


Essex County Council

**FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT
September 2009**

ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD SUMMARY

Site name/Address: St John the Baptist Church, Little Yeldham	
Parish: Little Yeldham	District: Braintree and Bocking
NGR: TL 7792 3956	Site Code: LYSJ09
Type of Work: Archaeological monitoring and recording	Site Director/Group: Phillippa Sparrow, ECC Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 02/09/09 – 09/09/09	Size of Area Investigated: 50m x 0.70m trench surrounding the north, south and east sides of the church.
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Braintree	Client: Friends of St John the Baptist Church
Further Seasons Anticipated?: No	Related EHR Nos.: 6807, 6808, 6809, 28373
Final Report: Summary in Essex Archaeology and History	OASIS Ref: essexcou1-63959
Periods represented: Medieval Post-medieval Modern	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:	
<p>An archaeological monitoring and recording investigation was conducted during the construction of a French drain surrounding the north, south and east walls of St John the Baptist Church, Little Yeldham, Essex (Fig. 1). The archaeological work was recommended and monitored by the Essex County Council Historic Environment Management Team and was conducted in accordance with an archaeological condition placed upon planning consent.</p> <p>The objective of the evaluation was to determine the presence or absence of any archaeological remains, including any finds or features associated with the early medieval history of the church and any burial evidence.</p> <p>The trench was excavated manually by the contractor at the foot of the church walls. Its dimensions were a maximum of 50m x 0.8m x 0.6m. No archaeologically significant finds or features were present. The trench did not extend deeper than the topsoil so no graves were disturbed nor original footings exposed. Modern alterations to the church were evident as cuts, backfilled with the removed topsoil. The addition of several buttresses, the porch and a large portion of the north-east side of the church during the Victorian and modern periods was identified by the presence of a layer of brick, tile and concrete foundations.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports:- None	
Author of Summary: Phillippa Sparrow	Date of Summary: September 2009



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Fig.1. Location of archaeological monitoring at St John the Baptist's Church