

WATCHING BRIEF

**VICARAGE COURT,
SOUTHMINSTER,
ESSEX**

APRIL 2005



Essex County Council

FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY UNIT

ESSEX HERITAGE CONSERVATION RECORD SUMMARY

Site Name & Address: Vicarage Court, off Vicarage Close, Southminster	
Parish: Southminster	District: Maldon
NGR: TQ 9580 9955	Site Code: SOUVC 05
Type of Work: Watching brief	Site Director/Group: Mark Germany, Essex County Council Field Archaeology Unit
Date of Work: 13/4/05	Size of Area Investigated: 0.25ha
Location of Finds/Curating Museum: Colchester	Funding Source: Briwood Developments Ltd
Further Work Anticipated? No	Related HCR Nos:
Final Report: Essex Archaeology and History (Summary)	
Periods Represented: Modern	
<p>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</p> <p>The watching brief took place in advance of the construction of houses, immediately north of 'The Old Vicarage' (Figure 1). It observed the removal of the topsoil, and inspected the underlying natural clay, silt and gravel for archaeological features and finds. No archaeological features or finds were detected. The topsoil was 0.05m to 0.15m deep. Modern features and disturbance occurred in the south and west parts of the development area. The modern disturbance and the shallow depth of the topsoil suggested that the site had been previously stripped and reinstated, possibly during the construction of two adjacent schools.</p>	
Previous Summaries/Reports: None	
Author of Summary: Mark Germany	Date of Summary: 14/4/05



Fig.1. Site Location

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