

## SOUTH VIEW, CHURCH STREET, LITLINGTON, CAMBS.

HN716

Report No. 456

<b>Site name and address:</b>	South View, Church Street, Litlington, Cambridgeshire		
<b>County:</b>	Cambridgeshire	<b>District:</b>	South Cambridgeshire
<b>Village/town:</b>	Litlington	<b>Parish:</b>	Litlington
<b>Planning reference:</b>	S/2065/07/F	<b>NGR:</b>	TL 31226 42661
<b>Client name and address:</b>	Aldwych Securities Ltd, Smith End Barn, Smith End Lane, Barley, Herts., SG8 8LL		
<b>Nature of work:</b>	Residential	<b>Former land use:</b>	Factory
<b>Site Status:</b>	None	<b>Reason for investigation:</b>	Direction of local planning authority (PPG 16)
<b>Position in planning process:</b>	After full determination (as a condition)	<b>Project brief originator:</b>	Local authority
<b>Size of affected area:</b>	c.144m <sup>2</sup>	<b>Size of area investigated:</b>	c.23m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Site Code:</b>	HN716	<b>Other reference:</b>	ECB2859
<b>Organisation:</b>	Heritage Network	<b>Site Director:</b>	David Hillelson
<b>Project type, methods etc...</b>	Evaluation	<b>Archive Recipient:</b>	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store
<b>Start of work</b>	25/02/08	<b>Finish of work</b>	25/02/08
<b>Related SMR Nos:</b>	n/a	<b>Periods represented:</b>	Post medieval/modern
<b>Oasis UID:</b>	heritage1-38613	<b>Significant finds:</b>	n/a
<b>Monument types:</b>	Wall, pits		
<b>Physical archive:</b>	Pottery, CBM, animal bone, flint, slag, glass		
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b>	n/a		

**Narrative:**

In response to the requirements of the Cambridgeshire Archaeology, Planning and Countryside Advice (CAPCA) section of Cambridge County Council, the Heritage Network was commissioned by Aldwych Securities Limited, to conduct an archaeological evaluation of a development site situated at South View, Church Street, Litlington.

The study area, centred on NGR TL 31226 42661, is situated on the north-east side of Church Street, just to the north-west of its junction with Middle Street. The site was occupied by a factory, part of which has been demolished in advance of the start of development works. The development proposes the construction of a new block comprising three dwellings, with associated car parking, landscaping and services.

The development lies in the historic core of the village of Litlington, less than 250m ESE of the parish church of St Catherine, which dates to the 13th century or earlier, and just to the north-west of a green space which may represent the remnants of an earlier village green.

The manor of Litlington is mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1086, and the County Historic Environment Record (CHER) details evidence of Late Iron Age and Roman occupation within 260m to the south of the site (CHER 01386, 11752 & 17646) including a substantial Roman villa, Saxon and medieval activity within 250m to the west of the site (CHER 15696, 01235 & 14887), and further medieval and post-medieval activity within 450m to the north-west of the site (CHER 01236, 01236A, 01376, 01376A, 10438 & 12144). A Mesolithic mace head and flint implements were recorded within 350m to the south-east of the site.

Two trenches were excavated on the site. Both had c. 0.25m of very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2) silty clay overburden containing frequent rubble, glass and other assorted modern debris. Trench 2 additionally contained a 0.10m thick yellowish brown (10YR 5/4 ) loose clay sand subsoil. Beneath these deposits the white (10YR 8/1) chalky marl natural was observed.

Trench 1 contained a single course of brick walling [101] which appeared to be contained within the existing topsoil. The walling was formed from a mixture of bricks including frogged and unfrogged 19<sup>th</sup> century white

bricks with traces of lime mortar attached, and modern machine-made red bricks with cement mortar attached. The topsoil in this area contained brick and tile fragments, and glass.

Trench 2 contained three features:

- Feature [201] was the base of rectangular pit measuring 0.50 x 0.48m and 0.03m deep. This contained fill (202), a very dark greyish brown (10YR 3/2) clayey silt with frequent chalk and charcoal inclusions, and 3 pieces of metalworking slag.
- Feature [203] was a large cut measuring over 3.60m long, over 1.60m wide and 0.48m deep. It had vertical sides and a flat base and contained fill (204) a light brownish grey (10YR 6/2) soft chalky clay with charcoal and chalk inclusions. Finds from this feature consisted of 1 sherd of modern glazed pottery, 8 fragments of brick and tile, 4 fragments of modern mortar, 1 piece of animal bone, 1 piece of flint, and 1 piece of modern bottle glass.
- A modern rubbish pit was also observed.

## Finds Concordance

Context	Pottery		CBM		Mortar		An bone		Flint		Glass		Slag		Comments
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
101			3	4830											Bricks from wall
102			1	95							1	25			
201													3	70	
204	1	5	8	405	4	77	1	30	1	150	1	10			
Total	1	5	12	5330	4	77	1	30	1	150	1	35	3	70	

The finds recovered from the site suggest that all activity is of Victorian or modern date.

Mark Winter BSC PGDIP  
February 2008

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## PROJECT DETAILS

Project name	South View, Church Street, Litlington
Short description of the project	In response to the requirements of the Cambridgeshire Archaeology, Planning and Countryside Advice (CAPCA) section of Cambridge County Council, the Heritage Network was commissioned by the owners to conduct an archaeological evaluation of a development site situated at South View, Church Street, Litlington. The study area, centred on NGR TL 31226 42661, is situated on the north-east side of Church Street, just to the north-west of its junction with Middle Street. The site was occupied by a factory, part of which has been demolished in advance of the start of development works. The development proposes the construction of a new block comprising three dwellings, with associated car parking, landscaping and services. Two trenches were excavated on the site. Trench 1 contained a single course of brick walling. Trench 2 contained three features: Feature [201] was the base of rectangular pit measuring 0.50 x 0.48m and 0.03m deep. Feature [203] was a large cut measuring over 3.60m long, over 1.60m wide and 0.48m deep. A modern rubbish pit was also observed. The finds recovered from the site suggest that all activity is of Victorian or modern date.
Project dates	Start: 25-02-2008 End: 25-02-2008
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Project reference code	ECB2859 - HER event no.
Project reference code	HN716 - Contracting Unit No.
Type of project	Field evaluation
Current Land use	Industry and Commerce 1 - Industrial
Monument type	WALL Modern
Monument type	PIT Modern
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Methods & techniques	'Sample Trenches'
Development type	Housing estate
Prompt	Direction from Local Planning Authority - PPG16
Position in the planning process	After full determination (eg. As a condition)

## PROJECT LOCATION

Country	England
Site location	CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE LITLINGTON South View, Church Street, Litlington
Postcode	SG8 0RD
Study area	145.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TL 31226 42661 52.0663216049 -0.085390688214 52 03 58 N 000 05 07 W Point
Height OD	Min: 35.00m Max: 35.00m

## PROJECT CREATORS

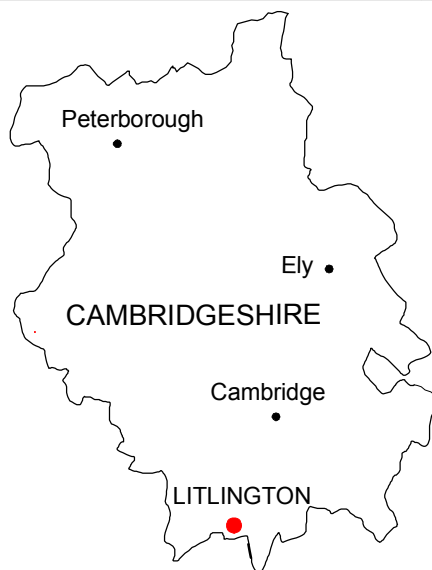
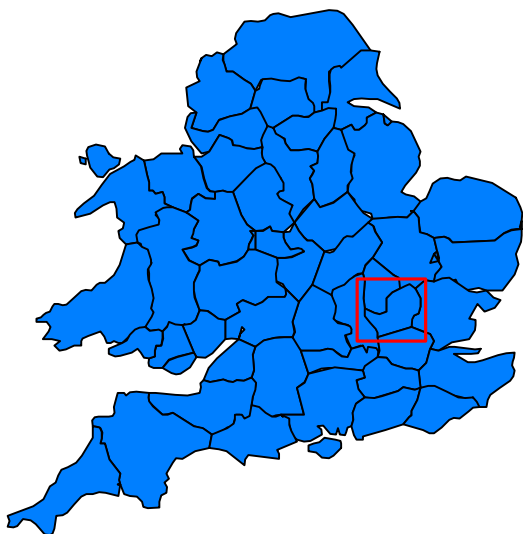
Name of Organisation	Heritage Network
Project brief originator	Local Planning Authority (with/without advice from County/District Archaeologist)
Project design originator	Heritage Network
Project director/manager	David Hillelson
Project supervisor	Mark Winter
Type of sponsor/funding body	Developer
Name of sponsor/funding body	Aldwych Securities Ltd

## PROJECT ARCHIVES

Physical Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store
Physical Archive ID	ECB2859
Physical Contents	'Animal Bones','Industrial'
Paper Archive recipient	Cambridgeshire County Archaeological Store
Paper Archive ID	ECB2859
Paper Contents	'Stratigraphic'
Paper Media available	'Diary','Photograph','Plan','Report','Section','Context sheet'

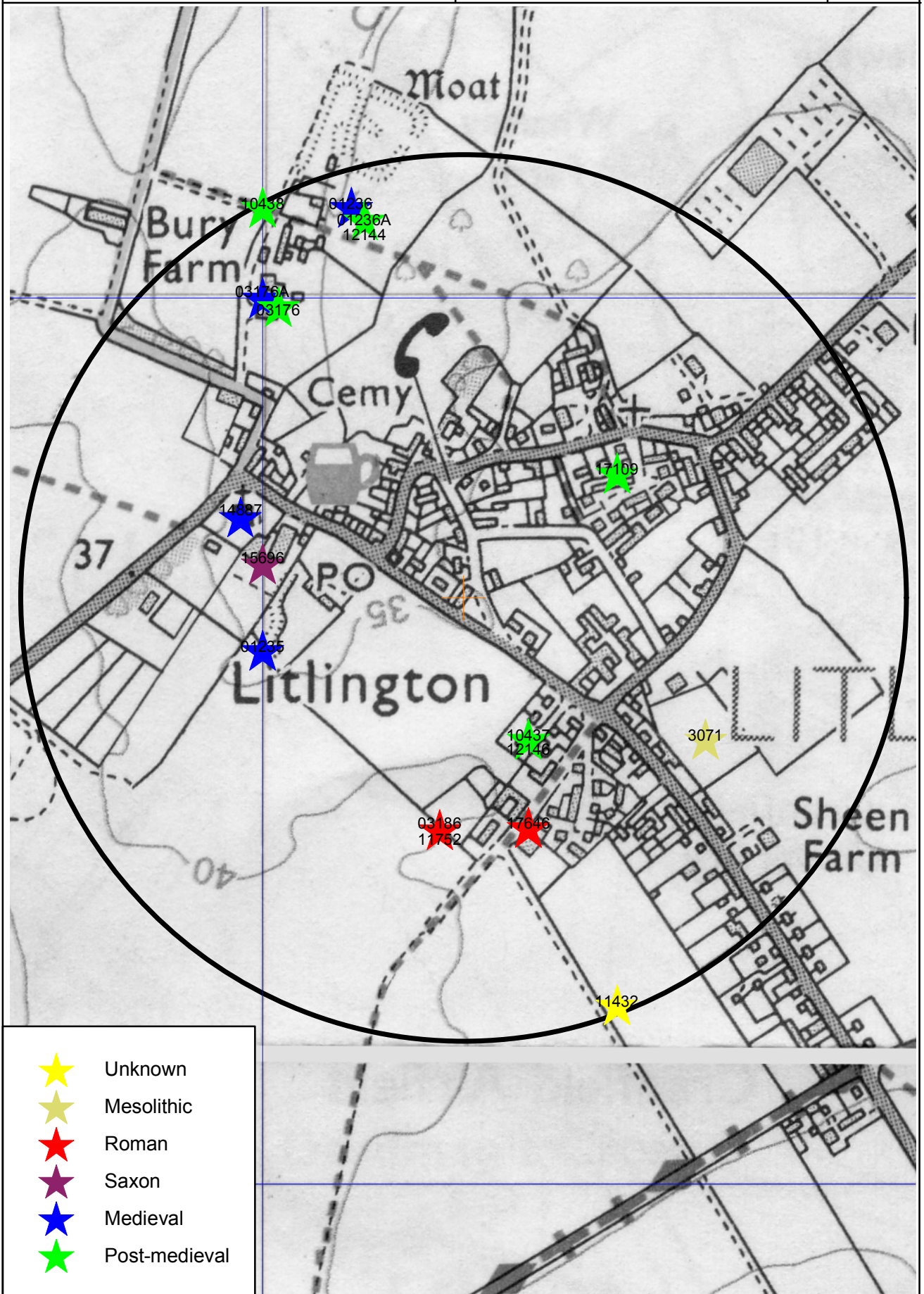
PROJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY 1

Publication type	Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)
Title	South View, Church Street, Litlington: Archaeological Summary
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Site Location

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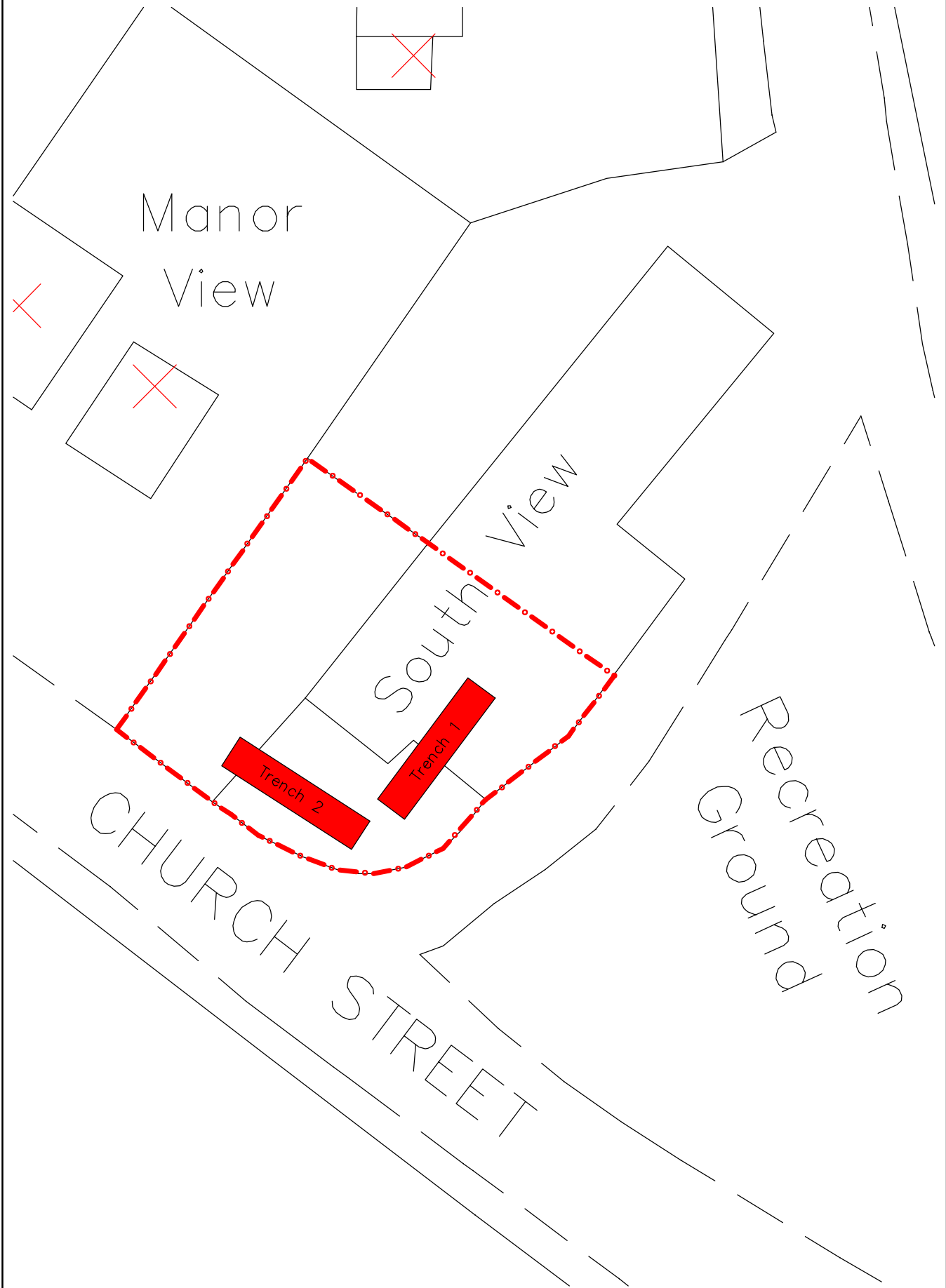


Historic Environment Plot for 500m radius around site

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Figure 2

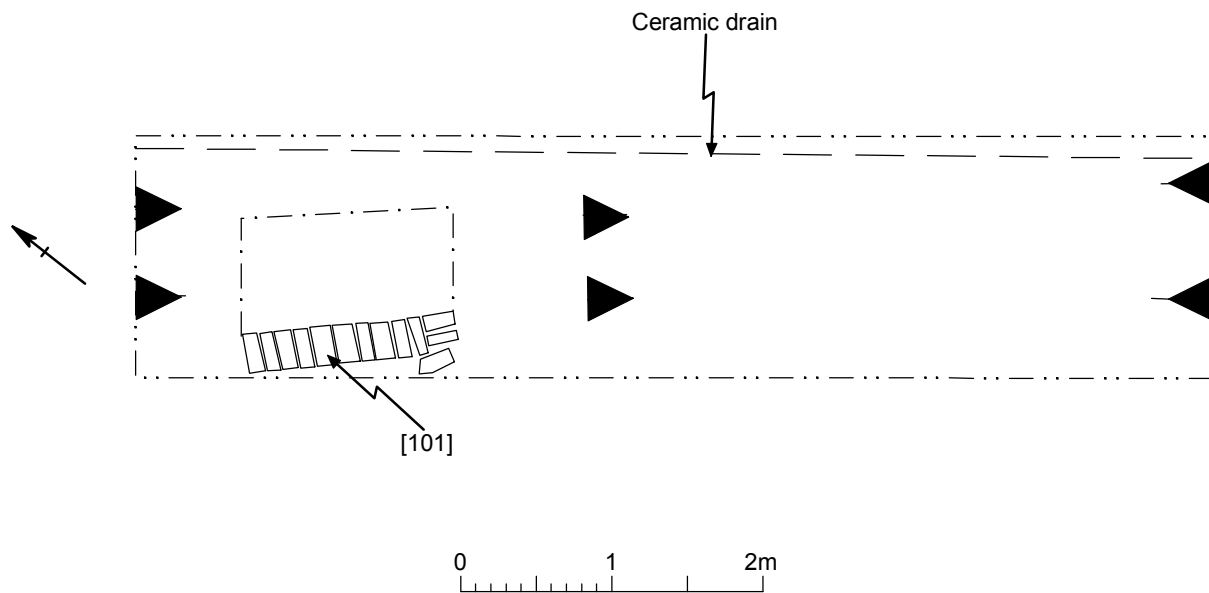


Site Layout

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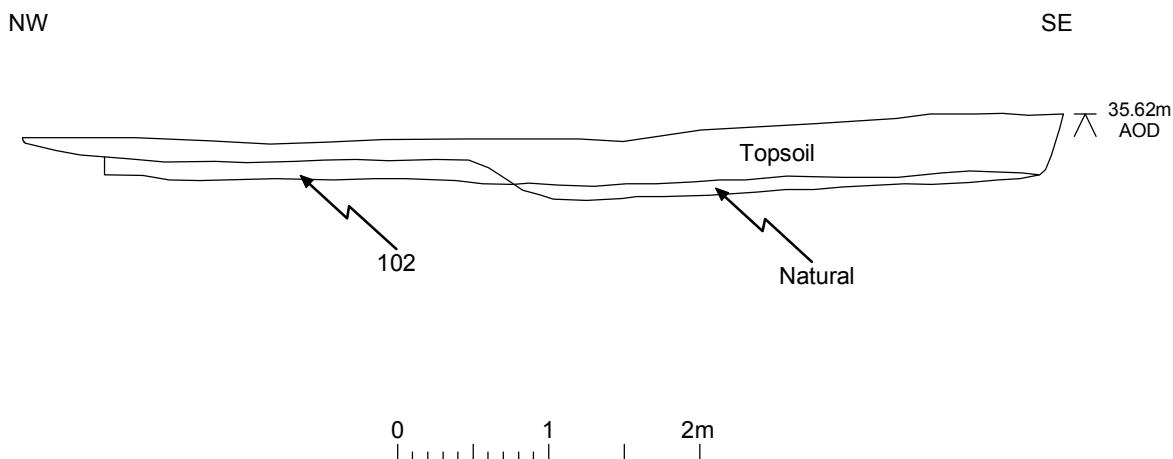
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Trench 1 plan

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Figure 4

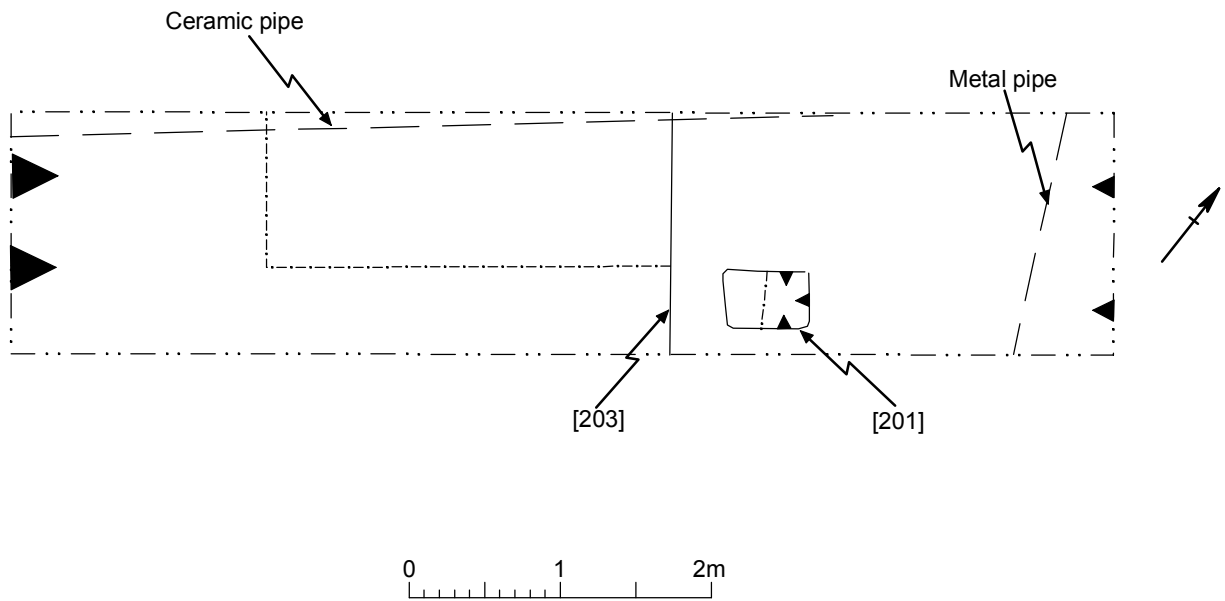


Trench 1, Southeast facing section

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Figure 5

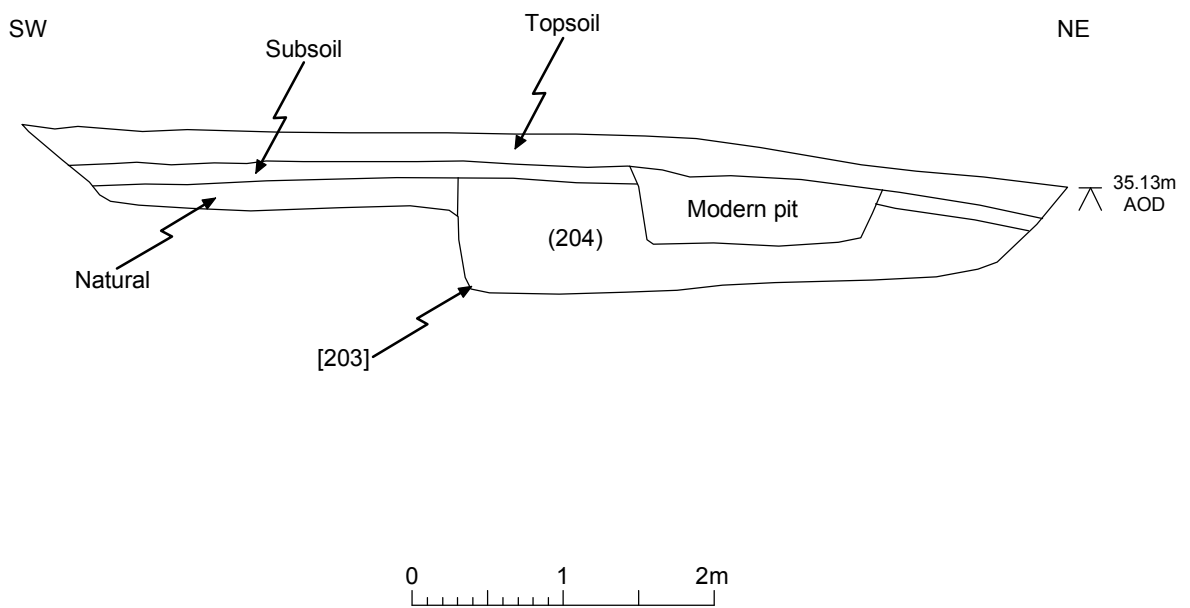




Trench 2 plan

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Figure 6



Trench 2, southwest facing section

Scale 1:50

Figure 7



Plate 1: Trench 1, looking southwest



Plate 2: Trench 2, looking northwest



Plate 3: Wall [101], looking southeast



Plate 4: Feature [102], looking northwest



Plate 5: Pit [201], looking northwest



Plate 6: Feature [203], looking southwest