

**An Archaeological Watching Brief  
On Land at 24 Rattle Road, Westham, Pevensey, East  
Sussex**

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## **Abstract**

*An archaeological watching brief was carried out on land at 24 Rattle Rd, Pevensey, East Sussex (NGR 563517 104551). The site lies c. 800m east of Pevensey Castle, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, (SAM 27013). A previous archaeological evaluation had been conducted at the site (ASE 2006) which had discovered the remains of a gully containing Roman and medieval pottery.*

*The watching brief recorded the remains of a further six archaeological features. Two pits (104 & 105), two post holes (107 & 114) and two linear features (109 & 112) were recorded across the site mostly within the newly excavated wall footing trenches. Two features were of probable Romano-British date and may have been associated with a Roman settlement known to have existed in the area. Artefacts recovered from the topsoil and subsoil across the site indicate some, albeit limited, activity on the site from the Roman through to the post-medieval periods.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), a division of the University College London, Centre for Applied Archaeology (UCLCAA), was commissioned by Rene Godfrey to undertake an archaeological evaluation of land at 24 Rattle Rd, Pevensey, East Sussex prior to the construction of a detached dwelling (NGR 563517 104551) (Fig. 1).
- 1.2 Outline planning permission has previously been granted by Wealden District Council (ref. WD/2006/1212/O) for the construction of a detached dwelling on land to the west of 24 Rattle Road, Westham. Due to the archaeological potential of the site, the County Archaeologist, East Sussex County Council (ESCC) advised the local planning authority that a condition (Condition 3) be attached to the outline planning permission.
- 1.3 Greg Chuter, Archaeological Consultant (ESCC) recommended a programme of archaeological work. The first stage (Stage 1) of this work called for an Archaeological Evaluation prior to the determination of full planning permission. Further detailed work was stipulated if the Stage 1 investigations revealed significant archaeological remains. The resultant Stage 1 fieldwork comprised a single trench excavated within the footprint of the proposed development. This revealed one gully of probable Romano-British date in addition to the recovery of pot sherds from the Roman and medieval periods from the subsoil.
- 1.4 Detailed planning permission has subsequently been granted by Wealden District Council for the construction of the detached dwelling on land to the west of 24 Rattle Road (Planning Ref. WD/2006/2983/F) and the creation of a new vehicular access to 24 Rattle Road (Planning Ref: WD/2006/2399/F).
- 1.5 The County Archaeologist, ESCC was consulted by Wealden District Council and in light of the known archaeological potential of the site and the results of the Stage 1 works, recommended that the area affected by the proposals should be the subject of a programme of [Stage 2] archaeological works in line with advice given in PPG16 (the Government's advice on *Archaeology and Planning*). Condition 2 of the planning permission therefore states that:

*No development shall take place within the area indicated until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*
- 1.6 The County Archaeologist recommended that an archaeological watching brief be maintained during groundworks associated with the

development. A subsequent Written Scheme of Investigation for these works was prepared by ASE and approved by Casper Johnson, County Archaeologist, ESCC.

- 1.7 The general aim of the archaeological work was to monitor any intrusive ground work in order to ensure that any features, artefacts or ecofacts of archaeological interest exposed and affected by the excavations are recorded and interpreted to appropriate standards.
- 1.8 The following intrusive groundworks were subject to archaeological monitoring:
  - Creation of a new driveway to No. 24 Rattle Road
  - General ground reduction / intrusive site clearance of the development area to the west of 24 Rattle Road
  - Excavations for new foundations and services
- 1.9 The British and Geological Survey Sheet 319 (1: 50 000 map) shows the site lies on Tunbridge Wells Sand. The site occupies a position of higher ground (c. 2m) above the levels of the marshes. The previous land use was the garden of 24 Rattle Rd, which lies to the west of the house.
- 1.10 The fieldwork was undertaken by Paul Riccoboni and Jon Sygrave (Senior Archaeologists) and Deon Whittaker (Archaeologist). The project was managed by Neil Griffin (Project Manager) and Louise Rayner (Post-excavation Manager).

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The site is located c. 800m east of the Scheduled Ancient Monument of Pevensey Castle (SAM 27013) (Fig. 1). A brief outline of the castle was detailed in the WSI (ASE 2007) and is repeated here with due acknowledgement. The monument includes the *Anderita* Saxon Shore fort, traces of later Norman defences, an enclosure castle, a 16<sup>th</sup> Century gun emplacement and World War II defences situated on a low spur of sand and clay which now lies around 2km north west of the present East Sussex coastline at Pevensey. During the Roman and medieval periods the spur formed a peninsula projecting into a tidal lagoon and marshland, but coastal deposition and land reclamation have gradually built up the ground around it so that it is now completely land-locked.
- 2.2 Of particular relevance was the discovery of a possible secondary Roman road between Rattle Road and Springfield Close (HER Record No. TQ60 SW31 MES 5037. Fig 1 No. 1). An excavation in this area uncovered the remains of a shale Roman table top (HER Record No. TQ 60 SW 30 MES5036. Fig. 1 No. 2). The discovery of the Romano-British ditch during the Stage 1 works (Riccoboni 2006) suggested that further features of this date may exist in other areas of the site. The HER record (TQ 60 SW 30 MES5036) indicates that a possible Roman settlement may have been destroyed here in the 1960s during development work.
- 2.3 Other recent fieldwork projects carried out within Pevensey include work undertaken at Pevensey & Westham CE School in 2004 (James and Barber 2004). The site comprised of a series of major boundary ditches separating the medieval settlement from the marshes to the south, together with evidence for a small timber framed structure. This site is 500m to the east of 24 Rattle Road.
- 2.4 A field evaluation of land at Pevensey Church Farm, 1.2km east of the site (Greatorrex 2000) revealed substantial in situ structures and associated floor layers. The recovered artefactual evidence currently suggests the survival here of more than one large building dating to the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

### **3. ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY**

- 3.1 The objectives of the watching brief were to ensure that features of archaeological interest were properly examined and recorded, and to therefore establish if there were any archaeological deposits at the site which may be affected by the proposed development. Particular attention was given to the extent, character, height below ground level, condition, date and significance of the deposits.
- 3.2 The groundwork comprised the excavation of a new driveway which involved ground reduction of over c. 0.90m in depth. A series of wall footing trenches were also excavated c. 0.60m in width and c. 1m in depth (Fig 2).
- 3.3 The trenches were excavated by a 7 tonne 360° tracked excavator fitted with a 1.5m wide toothless bucket during general ground reduction and a 0.60m wide toothless bucket during the excavation of wall footing trenches. All excavations took place under the constant supervision of staff from Archaeology South East.
- 3.4 All encountered archaeological deposits, features and finds were recorded according to accepted professional standards in accordance with the Specification using standard Archaeology South-East context record sheets.
- 3.5 A full photographic record of the work was kept (black and white prints, colour slides and digital) and will form part of the site archive. The archive is presently held at the Archaeology South-East (under site code: RRW 06) offices at Portslade and will be offered to a suitable local museum in due course.
- 3.6 An overall site plan was maintained at a scale of 1:50, sections were drawn at 1: 10. The site was levelled with respect to a Bench Mark on the corner of 99 Rattle Road (9.45m AOD).

## **4. RESULTS**

4.1 The general stratigraphy across the site consisted of the following contexts. Context [100] was a topsoil deposit. Directly beneath the topsoil was context [101], a subsoil deposit of c. 0.25m depth. Beneath the subsoil was context [111], a light orange grey clay silt with a very firm consistency and containing frequent manganese flecks. It is probable that this deposit was formed by water inundation. Context [111] directly sealed most of the archaeological features seen on this site. Beneath deposit [111] was the natural mid brown yellow silt clay.

### **4.2 Wall footing trenches (Fig 2)**

4.2.1 Cut [107] was 0.50m in width and 0.15m in depth (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4; Section 1) and was cut through layer [111] and cut into the natural substrate [102]. It had concave sides and a gently rounded base. This feature was a possible post hole which was filled by [108], a mid brownish grey, silty clay of a firm consistency. Three sherds of pottery dated between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries and one flint were recovered.

4.2.2 Sealed beneath layer [111], and cut into the natural substrate, [102], was feature [105] (Fig. 3; and Fig. 4; Section 6). This was a partially exposed, probable circular feature with concave sides and a gently rounded base measuring c. 1.6m in depth and c. 2m in width. It was filled by [106], a mid greyish brown silty clay of a firm consistency. This fill contained three sherds of pottery dated to the Romano-British period.

4.2.3 Sealed beneath layer [111], and cut into the natural [102], was a linear shaped feature [109] (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4; Section 2) orientated approximately east-west. It was 0.70m in width and 0.23m in depth and had concave sides forming a gently rounded base. It was filled by context [110], a mid brownish grey silty clay which contained occasional manganese specks and two sherds of Roman pottery. One sample was taken from this fill <1001> but did not produce any environmental remains.

4.2.4 Sealed beneath layer [111] and cut into the natural [102] was cut [112] (Fig. 3; and Fig. 4; Section 3), this was a linear shaped feature with concave sides and a gently rounded base. It measured 0.60m in width and 0.28m in depth and had a single, a mid brownish grey silty clay fill, [113], containing occasional manganese flecks. No finds were recovered. This feature was likely to have been a continuation of the ditch [109] identified to the west.

4.2.5 Sealed beneath layer [111], and cut into the natural [102] was cut



[114] (Fig 3 and Fig. 4; Section 4), a sub circular shaped feature. This was 0.20m in width and 0.20m in depth. It had concave sides forming a rounded base. This feature was interpreted as the cut of a probable post hole. It was filled by [115], a mid-dark brownish grey silty clay of a firm consistency. This fill contained some burnt clay. No other finds were recovered.

- 4.2.6 Sealed beneath layer [111], was cut [116] (Figure 3; Figure 4; Section 5), a partly exposed oval feature 0.50m in width and 0.50m in depth. This feature had concave sides and a rounded base. It was filled by [117], a mid brownish grey silty clay of a firm consistency which contained manganese flecks throughout.

### **4.3 Ground reduction (Fig.2)**

- 4.3.1 During the general ground reduction across the site in advance of the garage construction, a linear / elongated oval shaped feature (cut [104]) was recorded beneath context [111] (Fig 3 and Fig. 4, Section 7). The feature measured 0.60m in width and 2.5m in length, had concave sides and a gently rounded base. It was filled by [103], a mid brownish yellow fill which contained one sherd of pottery dated to the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Centuries AD. This fill also contained 6 pieces of slag (438g). This feature may have been a tree throw or of natural origin.

## 5. The Finds

- 5.1 A small assemblage of finds was recovered from the watching brief at Rattle Road, Westham. A summary of these can be found in Table 1.

Table 1. Quantification of the finds from the watching brief at 24 Rattle Road, Westham

| Context | Pot | wt (g) | CBM | wt (g) | Bone | wt (g) | Flint | wt (g) | Stone | wt (g) | Fe | wt (g) | Fired clay | wt (g) | Slag | wt (g) |
|---------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|----|--------|------------|--------|------|--------|
| 100     | 7   | 50     | 4   | 62     | 1    | 22     |       |        |       |        | 3  | 48     |            |        |      |        |
| 101     | 13  | 102    | 3   | 92     |      |        |       |        | 1     | 80     | 1  | 24     | 1          | 6      |      |        |
| 103     | 1   | 2      |     |        |      |        |       |        |       |        |    |        |            |        | 6    | 438    |
| 106     | 3   | 4      | 1   | 52     |      |        |       |        |       |        |    |        |            |        |      |        |
| 108     | 3   | 8      | 1   | 12     |      |        | 1     | 74     |       |        |    |        |            |        |      |        |
| 110     | 2   | 16     | 1   | 14     |      |        |       |        |       |        |    |        |            |        |      |        |
| 115     |     |        |     |        |      |        |       |        |       |        |    |        | 9          | 86     |      |        |

### 5.2 Roman Pottery Anna Doherty

- 5.2.1 Only 9 sherds of Roman pottery, weighing 44g, were recovered from the watching brief and most of these were found in mixed contexts together with post-Roman material. Nearly all are undiagnostic bodysherds, in grey or oxidised sandy wares which are likely to have been locally produced and which cannot be closely dated. A grog-tempered sherd from context [101] is likely to be Late Iron Age/ early Roman in date. The only contexts where Roman pottery may not be residual are: context [110], containing a necked jar in a fine grey sandy ware together with a sherd in a similar fine, partially oxidised fabric, and context [106], containing a fine pink fabric with buff surfaces featuring crisp rouletted decoration. The only closely datable sherd is a tiny fragment from context [100] in Oxfordshire red-slipped ware, possibly from the flange of a bowl imitating the samian Dragendorff 38 form, produced between AD270-400. No further work is necessary.

### 5.3 Post-Roman Pottery Elke Raemen

- 5.3.1 The oldest sherd was recovered from [103] and consists of a moderate medium flint-tempered piece dating to the late 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> century. Most medieval sherds, however, were recovered from the topsoil or subsoil. Two pieces of moderate medium to coarse flint-tempered ware date to the late 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> century. The subsoil contained a total of nine sparse fine to medium flint-tempered pieces, dating to the mid 12<sup>th</sup> to mid 13<sup>th</sup> century. The sherds are all from

cooking pots, including a rim with oblique incised line decoration. Two medium sand-tempered pieces, including a jug, date to the first half of the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

5.3.2 Early post-medieval fragments were also recovered from the topsoil. These were a fine sandy earthenware with occasional iron oxide inclusions to 3 mm dates to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Context [108] contained a 16<sup>th</sup> century sandy red earthenware, as well as a glazed red earthenware piece of 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> century date. In addition, a glazed red earthenware bowl fragment dating to the mid 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century was recovered from the topsoil.

5.3.3 The post-Roman pottery assemblage was mainly recovered from top- or subsoil and has no potential for further analysis. No further work is required.

## **5.4 Ceramic Building Material**

Elke Raemen

5.4.1 The excavation produced a number of Roman dated pieces of ceramic building material (CBM). However, none of them are diagnostic of form. All Roman pieces are in a high fired sparse fine sand-tempered fabric with iron oxide inclusions to 2 mm. A possible tegula fragment was recovered from the subsoil. Context [110] contained a possible Roman floor tile or tegula and a possible floor tile was recovered from [106].

5.4.2 Later material is all from topsoil or subsoil. A total of five high fired roof tile fragments in a sparse fine sand-tempered fabric with occasional iron oxide inclusions to 2 mm is of mid 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century date, including a fragment with a square-shaped peg hole. Context [108] contained a fragment in a similar fabric as the tile but is undiagnostic of date or form.

5.4.3 The ceramic building material is too small and undiagnostic of form to have any potential for further analysis. No further work is required.

## **5.5 Fired Clay**

Elke Raemen

5.5.1 Only ten pieces of fired clay were recovered from the site, from which two different fabrics could be established:

Fabric 1: Sparse fine sand-tempered with rare iron oxide inclusions to 2 mm.

Fabric 2: Sparse fine sand-tempered with occasional organic inclusions.

5.5.2 A single amorphous piece was recovered from the subsoil. Context

[115] contained a further nine pieces in fabric 2, including a piece with a wattle mark (diameter 8 mm), which suggests the other eight pieces consist of daub as well.

- 5.5.3 The assemblage is too small to be of any potential for further analysis. No further work needs to be done.

## **5.6 Animal Bone**

Gemma Driver

- 5.6.1 The proximal end of a right, unfused sheep tibia was recovered from context [100]. The fragment displays no signs of butchery. There is no potential for further analysis.

## **5.7 Other Finds**

Elke Raemen

- 5.7.1 A total of four general purpose nail fragments, undiagnostic of date, was recovered from top-and subsoil.
- 5.7.2 A piece of ferruginous Wealden sandstone was recovered from the subsoil, which also contained a flint pebble.
- 5.7.3 In addition, four pieces of undiagnostic iron slag, as well as two pieces of fuel ash slag were recovered from [103].
- 5.7.4 These assemblages are too small to be of any potential for further analysis. No further work is necessary.

## 6. Environmental Sample

Lucy Allott

- 6.1 One sample was taken during the archaeological watching brief to establish the presence of environmental remains and to aid recovery of small archaeological materials from context [110] the fill of a linear feature.
- 6.2 The sample was processed using tank flotation and the residue (heavy fraction) and flot (light fraction) were retained on 500µm and 250µm meshes respectively. The flot and residue were air dried and passed through graded sieves to aid the sorting process. Flots were sorted using a stereomicroscope at magnifications of x10-40. Archaeological and environmental materials from the flot and residue have been recorded and quantified (Table 2)
- 6.3 Small charcoal fragments were observed in the flot and residue of the sample. The fragments are too small to require any further work. Some uncharred roots and an uncharred seed were noted suggesting evidence for a small degree of modern disturbance probably through root penetration. Other environmental remains, such as charred seeds, fauna or molluscs were not present in the sample.
- 6.4 Due to the scarcity of environmental remains no further work is recommended for this sample.

Table 2: Flot and residue quantification (\* = 0-10, \*\* = 11-50, \*\*\* = 51-250)

|                         |             |                |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Sample No.</b>       | <b>1001</b> |                |
| <b>Context No.</b>      | <b>110</b>  |                |
|                         | <b>Flot</b> | <b>Residue</b> |
| <b>Volume (ml)</b>      | 10          |                |
| <b>Total Weight (g)</b> | 6           |                |
| <b>Uncharred %</b>      | 70          |                |
| <b>Sediment %</b>       | 10          |                |
| <b>Charcoal &gt;4mm</b> |             |                |
| <b>Charcoal &lt;4mm</b> | **          | */<2           |

|                                     |   |      |
|-------------------------------------|---|------|
| <b>weed<br/>seeds<br/>uncharred</b> | * |      |
| <b>pottery</b>                      |   | 6/12 |
| <b>cbm</b>                          |   | **/4 |

## **7. DISCUSSION**

7.1 The watching brief was successful in proving that archaeological remains were present on the development site, however, the linear feature that was detected during the evaluation (Stage 1) works was not located during the watching brief (the feature is plotted on Fig. 3). This was almost certainly due to the ephemeral nature of the feature and the narrowness of the wall footing trenches.

### **7.2 Geology**

7.2.1 The natural substrate encountered across the site was a silt clay. This is not incongruous with the underlying Tunbridge Wells Sand which can contain elements of both (Gallois 1965, 27-28). Pevensey lies on the boundary of alluvial deposits, of which there was evidence on site (deposit [111]), overlying the natural geology, [102] (see below).

### **7.3 Romano-British**

7.3.1 Two features [105] and [109] were dated by artefactual evidence to the Romano-British period, both containing pottery and floor tile fragments. These finds may indicate that a Roman building once existed near to this area. However, the relatively small amount of artefacts recovered may derive from secondary processes, such as manuring and perhaps suggests that any such structure was not located in the immediate vicinity.

7.3.2 It is likely that linear feature [109] was the same feature as [112] both being orientated on a similar east-west alignment. This ditch was likely a drainage gully or field boundary and it is not impossible that these ditches formed part of a wider field system. However, the dating evidence was fairly limited (just two sherds from ditch [109]) and it is difficult to be absolutely certain that the features were infilling during this period. The gully found during the evaluation may also be part of this ditch system as it appears to be aligned at right angles to ditches [109] / [1112], (Fig. 3 [1/004]). Although not dated, post hole [114] may have been associated with this ditch as it lay adjacent to it. Wattle marks on the burnt clay recovered from its fill may suggest that there was a daub-walled structure in the vicinity.

7.3.3 Pit [105] was of unclear function and it is therefore difficult to say whether it was part of an agricultural / pastoral landscape or more directly associated with a nearby settlement.

7.3.4 The Roman-British remains discovered during the watching brief and previous evaluation are fairly limited and difficult to accurately characterise. However, there are in keeping with the existing HER records and provide further evidence of the occupation of this area in the Roman period.

### **7.4 Post Roman -Medieval**

- 7.4.1 The other finds from the topsoil and subsoil across the site indicate that there was some activity at least during these periods of which manuring for agricultural purposes is perhaps the most likely.

**7.5 Post Medieval**

- 7.5 Finds from the post hole [107] which was cut through layer [111], were dated between the 16-18<sup>th</sup> centuries AD. This would suggest that any feature sealed by this layer is earlier than 16<sup>th</sup> Century in date. Given the proximity of the alluvial deposits to the immediate south of the site and the history flooding and land reclamation of Pevensey (Dully 1966, 26-46) it is not surprising that such a deposit should be present.

**7.6 Undated**

- 7.6.1 Two features were undated, pit [116] which was probably man made and feature [104] which was likely to be of natural inception. There is little that these remains can reveal about the past land use.



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## SMR Summary Form

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| Identification Name and Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 24 Rattle Rd, Westham, Pevensey |               |                  |                    |        |       |
| County, District &/or Borough                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | East Sussex                     |               |                  |                    |        |       |
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| Geology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Tonbridge Wells Sand            |               |                  |                    |        |       |
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| Type of Fieldwork                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Eval.                           | Excav.        | Watching Brief ✓ | Standing Structure | Survey | Other |
| Type of Site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Green Field ✓                   | Shallow Urban | Deep Urban       | Other              |        |       |
| Dates of Fieldwork                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Eval.                           | Excav.        | WB.              | Other              |        |       |
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| Period Summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Palaeo.                         | Meso.         | Neo.             | BA                 | IA     | RB    |
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| <b>Project details</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Project name                           | 24 Rattle Road, Westham, Pevensey, East Sussex                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Short description of the project       | <p><i>An archaeological watching brief was carried out on land at 24 Rattle Rd, Pevensey, East Sussex (NGR 563517 104551). The site lies c. 800m east of Pevensey Castle, a Scheduled Ancient Monument, (SAM 27013). A previous archaeological evaluation had been conducted at the site (ASE 2006) which had discovered the remains of a gully containing Roman and medieval pottery.</i></p> <p><i>The watching brief recorded the remains of a further six archaeological features. Two pits (104 &amp; 105), two post holes (107 &amp; 114) and two linear features (109 &amp; 112) were recorded across the site mostly within the newly excavated wall footing trenches. Two features were of probable Romano-British date and may have been associated with a Roman settlement known to have existed in the area. Artefacts recovered from the topsoil and subsoil across the site indicate some, albeit limited, activity on the site from the Roman through to the post-medieval periods.</i></p> |
| Project dates                          | Start: 21-05-2007 End: 08-06-2007                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Previous/future work                   | Yes / No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Any associated project reference codes | RRW06 - Sitecode                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Any associated project reference codes | WD/2006/2983/F - Planning Application No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Any associated project reference codes | WD/2006/2399/F - Planning Application No.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Type of project                        | Recording project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Site status                            | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Current Land use                       | Other 5 - Garden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Monument type                          | DITCH Roman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| Monument type             | PIT Roman                                                                      |
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| Monument type             | PIT Medieval                                                                   |
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| Monument type             | POST HOLE Post Medieval                                                        |
|                           |                                                                                |
| Significant Finds         | POTTERY Roman                                                                  |
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| Significant Finds         | POTTERY Medieval                                                               |
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| Significant Finds         | POTTERY Post Medieval                                                          |
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| Significant Finds         | SLAG Medieval                                                                  |
|                           |                                                                                |
| Investigation type        | 'Watching Brief'                                                               |
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| Prompt                    | Planning condition                                                             |
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| <b>Project location</b>   |                                                                                |
| Country                   | England                                                                        |
| Site location             | EAST SUSSEX WEALDEN PEVENSEY 24 Rattle Road,<br>Westham, Pevensey, East Sussex |
|                           |                                                                                |
| Postcode                  | BN24 5DQ                                                                       |
|                           |                                                                                |
| Study area                | 20.00 Square metres                                                            |
|                           |                                                                                |
| Site coordinates          | TQ 63517 04551 50.8167926353 0.321534789737 50 49 00 N 000<br>19 17 E Point    |
|                           |                                                                                |
| Height OD                 | Min: 7.50m Max: 8.00m                                                          |
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| <b>Project creators</b>   |                                                                                |
| Name of Organisation      | Archaeology South East                                                         |
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| Project brief originator  | Archaeology South East                                                         |
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| Project design originator | Archaeology South-East                                                         |
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| Project director/manager  | Neil Griffin                                                                   |

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| Project supervisor            | Paul Riccoboni                                                                                        |
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| Type of sponsor/funding body  | Client                                                                                                |
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| <b>Project archives</b>       |                                                                                                       |
| Physical Archive recipient    | Local Museum                                                                                          |
|                               |                                                                                                       |
| Physical Contents             | 'Animal Bones','Ceramics','Environmental','Worked stone/lithics'                                      |
|                               |                                                                                                       |
| Digital Archive recipient     | Local Museum                                                                                          |
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| Digital Contents              | 'Stratigraphic'                                                                                       |
|                               |                                                                                                       |
| Digital Media available       | 'Text'                                                                                                |
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| Paper Archive recipient       | Local Museum                                                                                          |
|                               |                                                                                                       |
| Paper Contents                | 'Animal Bones','Ceramics','Environmental','Stratigraphic','Survey'                                    |
|                               |                                                                                                       |
| Paper Media available         | 'Survey ','Unpublished Text','Context sheet','Diary','Drawing','Photograph','Plan','Report','Section' |
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| <b>Project bibliography 1</b> |                                                                                                       |
| Publication type              | Grey literature (unpublished document/manuscript)                                                     |
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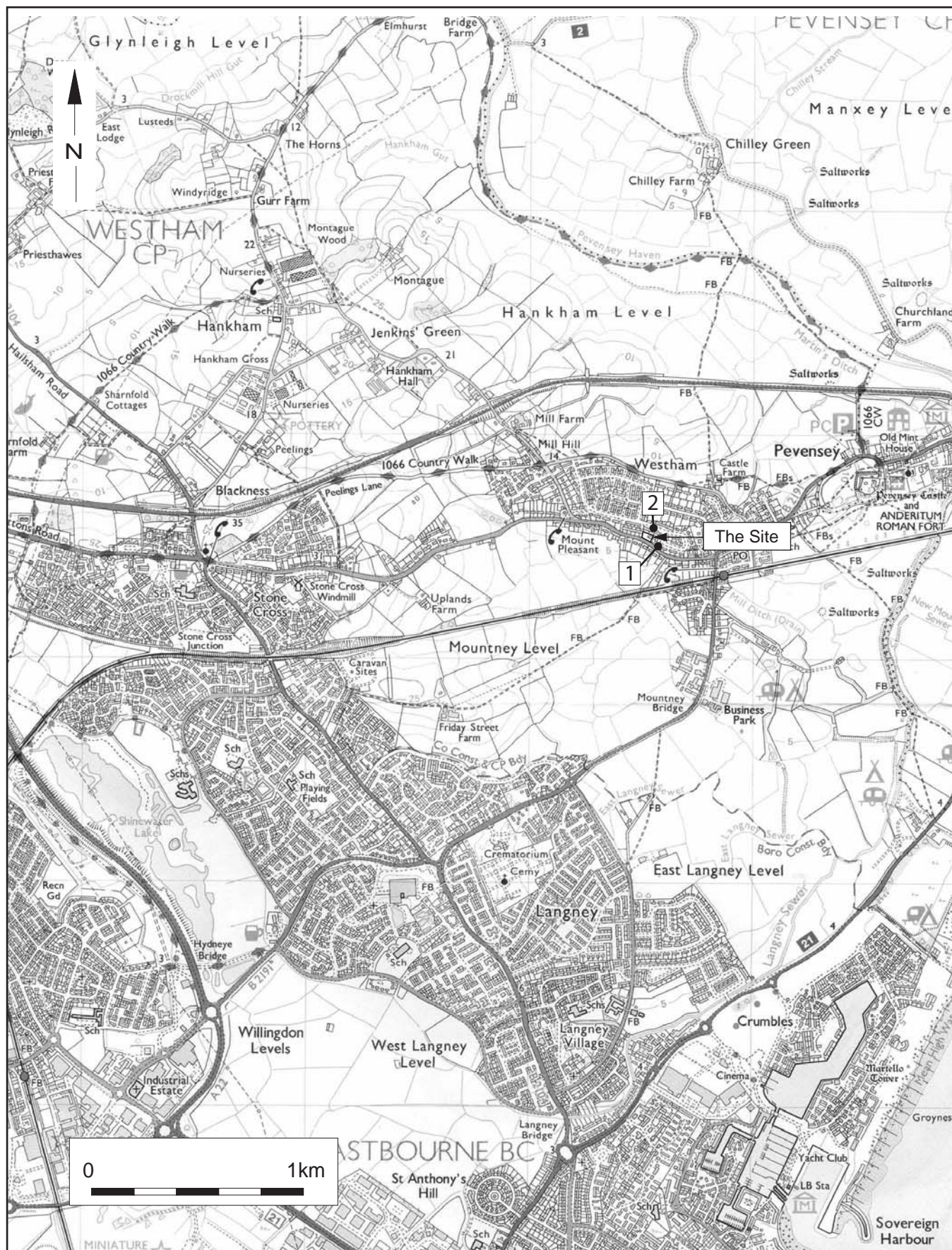
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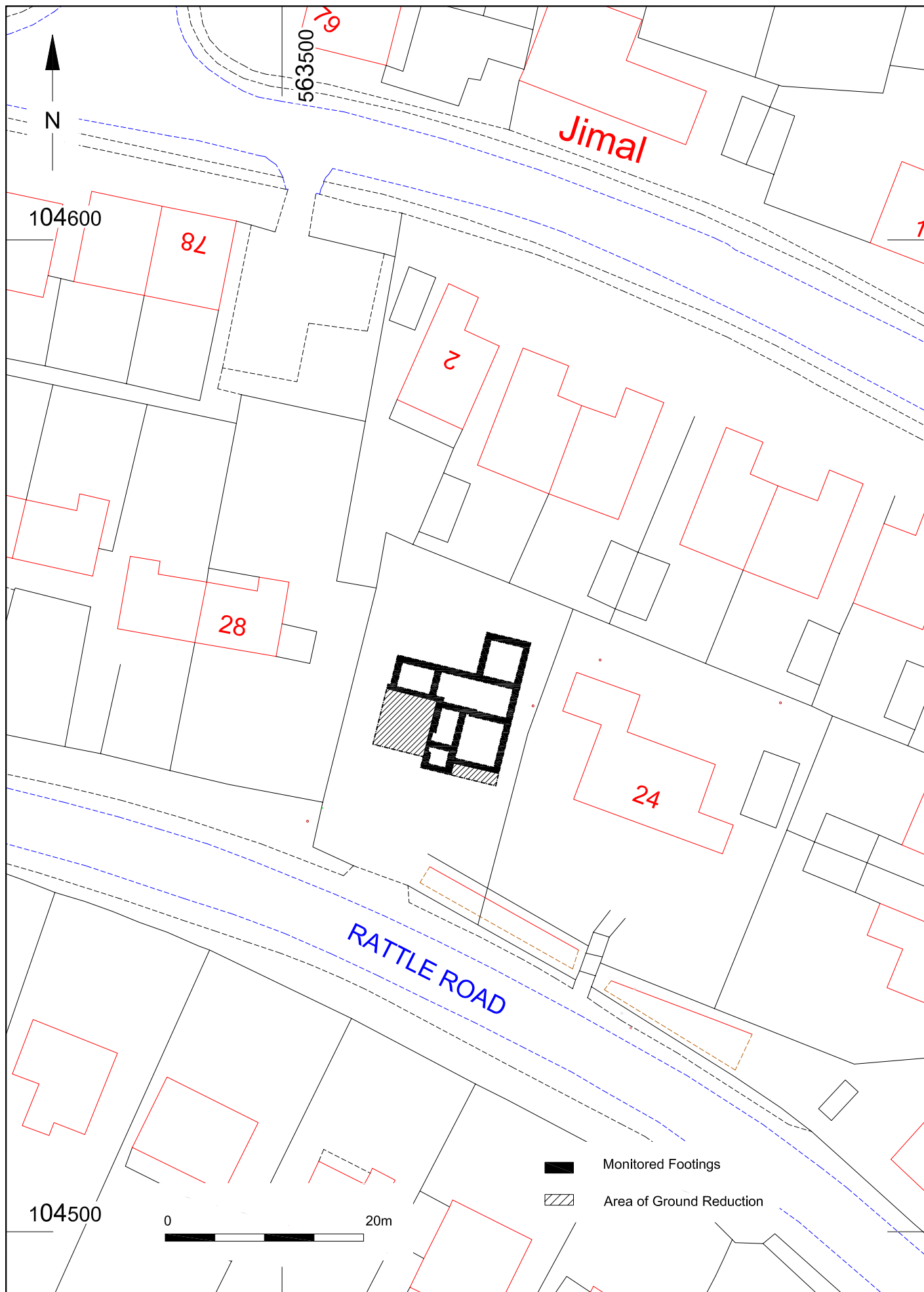
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