

**An Archaeological Watching Brief  
at  
Birchington Primary School,  
Thanet  
Kent**

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## **Abstract**

An Archaeological Watching Brief was maintained during the ground works at Birchington Primary School, Thanet, Kent (NGR 630363 168723). The work was undertaken between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and was commissioned by Neilcott Special Works. The Watching Brief entailed the observation of ground works consisting of the stripping of the topsoil over an area measuring 183.50m<sup>2</sup> and the excavation of 42 pad holes each measuring between 0.60m by 0.60m by 1.00m and 0.80m by 0.80m by 1.00m. These works were being undertaken in advance of the erection of prefabricate units.

The underlying natural, chalk bedrock, was encountered at 1.00m beneath current ground level. Above the natural there was made ground of varying thickness (1.00m maximum to 0.60m minimum) and topsoil of soft brown grey sand silt of a constant thickness (0.20m). No archaeological deposits were encountered during these works.

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## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Site Background**

1.1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), a division of University College London Centre for Applied Archaeology (UCLCAA), were commissioned by Neilcott Special Works to undertake an archaeological watching brief on ground works consisting of the stripping of the topsoil over an area measuring 183.50m<sup>2</sup> and the excavation of 42 pad holes each measuring between 0.60m by 0.60m by 1.00m and 0.80m by 0.80m by 1.00m at Birchington Primary School, Thanet, Kent (NGR 630363 168723), henceforth called the site (Figure 1). The pad holes were located to fit a predetermined pattern (Figure 2).

1.1.2 The site lay in a plot of land to the east of the school buildings currently in use as a lawn area. It was bounded to the north and east by a residential development, the south by a car park and the west by Birchington Primary School.

### **1.2 Planning Background**

The ground works were undertaken in advance of the development of the site for a Children's Centre. The site lies within an area of some archaeological potential. Therefore, a programme of archaeological works was commissioned to observe these ground works.

### **1.3 Scope of the Report**

1.3.1 This document details the results of the works undertaken in response to the condition placed upon the redevelopment works by Adam Single of the Heritage Conservation Group at Kent County Council and in accordance with the specification produced by the Heritage Conservation Group.

1.3.2 The fieldwork was undertaken by David Fallon (Field Officer) and Greg Priestly Bell (Field Officer). The project was managed by Giles Dawkes (Project Manager) and Louise Rayner (Post-Excavation).

## **2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

2.1 The medieval village of Birchington has its origins in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. However, there is evidence of activity within the vicinity of Birchington from the Neolithic onwards. An archaeological evaluation in 1992 to the west of the site concluded that quarrying for brickearth had nullified any archaeological potential in this area but that the area of the site may have remained untouched by this quarrying. Therefore, there was a potential for archaeological remains to survive.

2.2 A 500m search of the Kent County Council Historic Environment Record identified sixteen archaeological records within a 500m radius of the site (Fig.1). These results are tabulated below:

No	HER No	Type	Date	Description	NGR
1	MKE 6342	Find Spot	Late Bronze Age	Flint Scraper	TR 2985 6853
2	MKE 7782	Find Spot	Roman	Ring	TR 30 69

3	MKE 7783	Find Spot	Iron Age	Coin	TR 30 69
4	MKE 7784	Find Spot	Early Medieval	Coin	TR 30 69
5	MKE 7791	Find Spot	Late Bronze Age/ Iron Age	Palstaves/Bowl	TR 3026 6686
6	MKE 7798	Find Spot	Iron Age	Coins	TR 3080 6846
7	MKE 7809	Monument	Roman	Cremation Burial	TR 30 69
8	MKE 7842	Find Spot	Medieval	Finds	TR 306 686
9	MKE 8000	Monument	Bronze Age	Ring Ditch	TR 300 683
10	MKE 15604	Monument	Late Neolithic/ Bronze Age	Ring Ditch/ Pits	TR 3005 6912
11	MKE 16694	Monument	Post-Medieval	Lime Kilns	TR 3031 6860
12	MKE 16700	Monument	Post-Medieval	Brickworks	TR 3022 6872
13	TR 36 NW 394	Place	Medieval	Birchington Village	TR 30249 69063
14	TR 36 NW 402	Monument	Post-Medieval	Well	TR 3033 6909
15	TR 36 NW 431	Monument	Post-Medieval	Walls	TR 30309 69086
16	MKE 39376	Monument	Post-Medieval	Pillbox	TR 3030 6920

Table 1: Summary of HER Data

### 3.0 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The general aim of the archaeological work was to ensure that any artefacts or ecofacts of an archaeological interest encountered during the ground works were located and recorded to appropriate standards. Specifically, the main aims of the archaeological works was to establish the location, extent and date of any ground disturbance present and to ascertain at what depth any archaeological or potential archaeological horizons were encountered.
- 3.2 The ground works comprised the minimal mechanical stripping of the topsoil so that only the sod was removed before the pad holes were excavated. This was accomplished by an eight tonne 360° excavator using a 1.00m smooth bladed grading bucket. A series of 42 pad holes (Fig.4) measuring between 0.60mx0.60mx1.00m and 0.80mx0.80mx1.00m were then excavated using a 0.60m toothed trenching bucket (Figs 3-5).
- 3.3 All ground works were monitored by a member of Archaeology South-East staff.

#### **4.0 EXCAVATION AND RECORDING TECHNIQUES**

- 4.1 The stripping of the topsoil and the excavation of the pad holes was carried out by the ground works subcontractor. The pad holes were spaced throughout the footprint of the proposed development (Fig. 2). The pad holes measured between 0.60mx0.60mx1.00m and 0.80mx0.80mx1.00m.
- 4.2 A log of the work was kept using standard Archaeology South-East Watching Brief Record forms, a representative sample of the pad holes was recorded on standardized ASE Test Pit Record Forms and a digital photographic record taken of the works.

#### **5.0 RESULTS**

- 5.1 The chalk bedrock was present at a depth of 1.00m beneath current ground level. There had been significant disturbance of the site prior to these works. Consequently there was 1.00m of made ground in the north east of the site, 0.20m of soft mid brown grey sand silt topsoil and 0.60m of made ground in the south east and 1.00m of made ground in the northwest. It was through these deposits that the pad holes were excavated.
- 5.2 The natural deposits constituted the archaeological horizon and nothing of an archaeological interest was observed in them. Nor was any disturbance of the natural deposits observed on the site.
- 5.3 Nothing of an archaeological interest was observed in any of the 42 pad holes.

#### **6.0 CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 The aims of the Watching Brief have been addressed by these works and the information recovered.
- 6.2 The ground works did not encounter any archaeological remains and no artefacts or ecofacts of an archaeological interest were recovered during these works.

## Appendix 1

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**OASIS ID: archaeol6-49885**

#### Project details

Project name	An Archaeological Watching Brief at Birchington Primary School Thanet
Short description of the project	Monitoring of the excavation of 64 pad holes for pre-fabricated school building
Project dates	Start: 05-08-2008 End: 06-08-2008
Previous/future work	No / Not known
Type of project	Research project
Monument type	NONE
Monument type	NONE
Significant Finds	NONE
Significant Finds	NONE
Investigation type	'Watching Brief'
Prompt	Research

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	KENT THANET BIRCHINGTON Birchington Primary School
Postcode	CT7 0AS
Study area	147.50 Square metres
Site coordinates	TR 630363 168723 50.8905469653 1.740710236550 50 53 25 N 001 44 26 E Point

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### Project creators

Name of Organisation	Archaeology South-East
Project brief originator	Kent County Council
Project design originator	Archaeology South-East
Project director/manager	Giles Dawkes
Project supervisor	David Fallon
Type of sponsor/funding body	Client

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### Project archives

Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Local Museum
Digital Contents	'none'
Digital Media available	'Images raster / digital photography','Text'
Paper Archive recipient	Local Museum
Paper Contents	'none'
Paper Media available	'Unpublished Text'



### Project bibliography 1

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## Appendix 2

### Kent County Council Monument Full Report

**12/09/2008**

**Number of records: 16**

#### ***Birchington Archaeology***

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
<b>Type</b>		
<u>TR 26 NE 10 - MKE6342</u>	Late bronze age flint scraper, found in Quex view Road, Birchington	Find Spot

A possible late bronze age flint scraper found in 1954 in the back garden of a bungalow in Quex View Road, Birchington. The artefact was last known to be in the possession of its finder but present whereabouts could not be traced.

#### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FINDSPOT (Late Bronze Age - 1000 BC to 701 BC)  
Evidence FIND

#### ***Description and Sources***

##### **Description**

[TR 29856853] Flint scraper (poss. Late Bronze Age(a)) found in the back garden of a bungalow in Quex View Road, Birchington, by F.W. Leek, Builder, 45, Quer Raod, Westgate, in June 1954. In possession of finder.(1) Mr. Leek retired and left the district several years ago. His present whereabouts could not be traced. Enquiries in Quex View Road were unsuccessful (2). Additional references (3,4).

##### **Sources**

- (1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. British Museum.
- (2) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Corr. 6" (J. Coy, 11.12.56).
- (3) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. F1 CFW 04-OCT-63
- (4) Bibliographic reference: Field report for monument TR 26 NE 10 - October, 1963.

##### ***Location***

##### **National Grid Reference**

TR 2985 6853 (point) TR26NE Point

##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

##### **Address/Historic Names**

Quex View Road, Birchington

##### ***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

##### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 26 NE 10  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 466888  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

##### ***Land Use***



- (2) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Archaeol Journ Vol 50 1893 282-3 (F Haverfield)
- (3) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Literary Gazette 1860 166
- (4) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Memories de la Soc des Antiquaries de la France 10 1889 366 (Mowat)

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 30 69 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 4  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 469136  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes**

Landuse Coastland above high water

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Finds**

FKE1667 RING (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD) GOLD

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 4 - **Site Name** Roman ring, Birchington

GORDON, M.S. - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler

**Maritime Information**

**Vessel Type** **Port of Registration** **Departure Port**

**Destination Port**  
Not entered Unknown Unknown  
Unknown

**Manner of Loss** **Propulsion** **Construction**

**Construction Material** Unkno

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**Length** **Depth** **Date of Loss**

**Nationality**  
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**Breadt** **Tonnage:** **Cargo List**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

CLARKE, ARTHUR - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler  
RIVET, ALBERT LIONEL FREDER - Rumley, Peter J. Compiler

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 5 - **Site Name** An iron age gold quarter stater coin of  
Cunobeline from  
Birchington

**Maritime Information**

<b>Vessel Type</b>	<b>Port of Registration</b>	<b>Departure Port</b>
<b>Destination Port</b>		
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Unknown		
<b>Manner of Loss</b>	<b>Propulsion</b>	<b>Construction</b>
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wn		
<b>Length</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Date of Loss</b>
<b>Nationality</b>		
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**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 6 - **Site Name** Silver coins (sceattas) from  
Birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
<b>Type</b>		
TR 36 NW 6 - MKE7784	Silver coins (sceattas) from Birchington	Find Spot

Four Silver coins (sceattas) were previously found in Birchington. Three of the coins are silver whilst the fourth was thought to be brass. One of the silver sceattas is on display in Maidstone Museum.

**Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Early Medieval/Dark Age - 410 AD to 1065 AD)  
Evidence FIND

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Silver coins (sceattas) from Birchington are in the Mayer Collection, Liverpool One coin is featured by Smith (a) :- obv. Bust to right; before it, AEPA in runes; behind it A. Rev. A beaded square, containing the letters TT. (1,2) Four sceattas, three silver and one brass plated, from Birchington. One silver sceatta, is on exhibition in Maidstone Museum. (a) given by Mrs. Edwards. (3) Birchington, Kent. One sceatta class D type 8 (Frisian) in the Maidstone Museum, Nicholls gift, ex

**Sources**

- (1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. VCH Kent 1, 1908, 384 (RA Smith)
- (2) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Archaeol Cant 8, 1872, 164, 172 (DH Haigh)
- (3) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Coll. Antiquaries 1, 64, pl.xxiii, figs. 2-4 (CR Smith)
- (4) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Maidstone Museum Archaeol Gazetteer (in progress)

- Anon. Undated
- (5) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. F1 ASP 25-NOV-63
- (6) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. BAR 128 Sceattas in England and on the Continent 1984, 247 (D Hill and DM Metcalf)
- (7) Bibliographic reference: Field report for monument TR 36 NW 6 - November, 1963.

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 30 69 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 6  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 469138  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes**

Landuse Coastland above high water

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Finds**

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 6 - **Site Name** Silver coins (sceattas) from Birchington

Edwards. (4)FKE825 COIN (Early Medieval/Dark Age - 410 AD to 1065 AD)

**Associated Events/Activities**

EKE3588 Field observation on TR 36 NW 6 (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

GORDON, M.S. - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler  
PHILLIPS, ALAN S. - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler

**Maritime Information**

<b>Vessel Type</b>	<b>Port of Registration</b>	<b>Departure Port</b>
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<b>Destination Port</b>		
Not entered	Unknown	Unknown
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<b>Construction Material</b>		Unkno
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<b>Nationality</b>		

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**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 13 - **Site Name** bronze age hoard found in early iron age bowl,

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
<b>Type</b>		
<u>TR 36 NW 13 - MKE7791</u>	bronze age hoard found in early iron age bowl,	Find Spot
	Hoard of 14 bronze palstaves in Elron age bowl fd 1904 - frag of bronze spearhead fd later	

### ***Monument Types and Dates***

FINDSPOT ((at some time) Late Bronze Age to Late Iron Age - 1000 BC to 42 AD)

### ***Description and Sources***

#### **Description**

[TR 30766866] Late Bronze Age Hoard (NAT) (1) Fourteen late Bronze Age palstaves (no two from the same mould) were found in an earthenware bowl in 1904 in Southend Brickfield approx 700ft from the west corner of the Girls' National School and 510ft from the south-west corner of No. 1 Dedringa, Birchington. There is little doubt that the bowl "really belongs to the earliest culture of the Early Iron Age, and is a stray relic from a continental centre, where the Hallstatt phase already obtained". This seems to be a personal hoard. (2-4) This hoard and bowl are on exhibition in the Powell Cotton Museum, Quex Park, together with a fragment of a bronze spearhead found in the same area at a later date. The area is now levelled and in use as a school playing field. (5) Birchington 14 palstaves found inside globular urn, 3 ft below the surface in Southend brickfield. The urn is flat bottomed with thin walls and slightly everted neck. Dark brown-black in colour with a row of double roundels set as decoration above a band of six grooved lines. The urn would seem to belong to Calkin's Type II. The palstaves consist of twelve Class 3 group 1 palstaves, one class 1 narrow bladed palstave and one class 1 group 5b palstave. (6) See authorities 2,3, and 4. (7) Trial trenches excavated on site of school (centred TR30306865) by Trust for Thanet Archaeology in 1992 revealed no additional evidence of bronze age occupation (or any other archaeological features). Conclusion was that 19thC brickearth excavation has removed the horizon in which the hoard was found. (8)

#### **Sources**

- (1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. OS 6" 1961
- (2) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Antiquaries Journ 4, 1924, 220-6 (illust) (PHG Powell-Cotton, OGS Crawford et al)
- (3) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Proc Prehist Soc 15, 1949, 114-15 (CM Piggott)
- (4) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Archaeol of Kent 1930, 101 (illust) (RF Jessup)
- (5) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. F1 CFW 01-OCT-1963
- (6) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. BAR 31 (2) The Production and Distribution of Metalwork in the Middle Bronze Age in Southern Britain
- (7) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Isle of Thanet Archaeol Unit Sites and Mons. Archive 1988, Record No 70



(8) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. D Eve 21-FEB-1995 Kent SMR

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 3026 6866 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 13  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 469157  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 13 - **Site Name** bronze age hoard found in early iron age bowl,

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Finds**

FKE1068 HOARD (Late Bronze Age - 1000 BC to 701 BC)  
FKE2084 AXE (Late Bronze Age - 1000 BC to 701 BC)  
FKE3161 BOWL (Iron Age - 800 BC to 42 AD)

**Associated Events/Activities**

EKE4625 PARK LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL (Event - Interpretation. Ref: EI 36506)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

BORRILL, HUGH MARTYN W. - RCHME Southampton Compiler  
Eve, David Jackson - Kent County Council Compiler  
GORDON, M.S. - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler  
HARDIE, CAROLINE J. - RCHME Southampton Compiler  
WARDALE, CYRIL FRANCIS - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 20 - **Site Name** Iron age coin hoard, Quex Park, Birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
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TR 36 NW 20 - MKE7798	Iron age coin hoard, Quex Park, Birchington	Find Spot
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In 1853, whilst trenching for planting in Quex Park, a hoard of some 600 iron age tin coins, containing at least 23 varieties, was found. The coins were packed in two tiers, in a (presumably wooden) container about 9 inches long, 4 inches wide and 3 inches deep, buried about 18 inches below the surface; they appear never to have been used. It is thought that an even larger hoard was found about the same time in the Quex area.

### **Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT ((at some time) Iron Age - 800 BC? to 42 AD?)

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

In 1853, whilst trenching for planting in Quex Park, a hoard of some 600 iron age tin coins, containing at least 23 varieties, was found to the right of the gate leading into the pleasure grounds NW of the mansion, opposite to the footpath leading to the village; the old lane leading from Acol to Birchington passes near the spot. The coins were packed in two tiers, in a (presumably wooden) container about 9 inches long, 4 inches wide and 3 inches deep, buried about 18 inches below the surface; they appear never to have been used. It is thought that an even larger hoard was found about the same time in the Quex area, for in 1853 a number of similar coins came into the hands of Mr. Rolfe of Sandwich, six varieties of which are figured by Evans (Class I). (1,2) The exact findspot of this hoard cannot be identified but it must have been in the general area centred at TR 30806846 Only about 40 specimens survive, on exhibition in the Powell-Cotton Museum, Quex Park; no further information on the balance, nor of the hoard which Evans features, was obtained. (3) TR 307686 (accurate to within 50m only) iron age remains discovered here in 1893. Site no 71. (4) Two hoards of coins have been found at Birchington. Clinch (5) suggests that the coins may have been made of tin or a tin alloy and roughly cast. The usual device on such coins is a representation of a helmeted head in profile on the obverse and on the reverse a figure of a bull. He cites examples studied by Evans, a British coin of tin, an uninscribed gold coin, and an Eppillus. (5)

Additional Information (7).

#### **Sources**

- (1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. A History of the Ville of Birchington 1893, 3-4 (J.P. Barrett)
- (2) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. A.B.C. 125 (plate H) & supplmt. 484 (J. Evans)
- (3) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. F1 CFW 01-OCT-63
- (4) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Thanet. The Arch. Heritage c.1982, 8 (Thanet Dist. Council & Isle of Thanet Arch. Unit)
- (5) Monograph: Page, W. (ed). 1908. The Victoria History of the Counties of England: Kent Volume I. V.C.H. 1, 1908, 330, 334 (G. Clinch)
- (6) Bibliographic reference: Field report for monument TR 36 NW 20 - October, 1963.
- (7) Unpublished document: Trust For Thanet Archaeology. 1997. A Proposed Development of Land at Park Road/Canterbury Road, Birchington: The Archaeological Implications.

#### **Location**

##### **National Grid Reference**

TR 3080 6846 (point) TR36NW Point

##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 20 -      **Site Name** Iron age coin hoard, Quex Park, Birchington

Thanet Archaeological Trust SMR - TSMR 528

Active

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 20

Active

Monarch Uid - 469176

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

***Associated Finds***

FKE1123    COIN HOARD (Iron Age - 800 BC to 42 AD)      TIN

***Associated Events/Activities***

EKE3600    Field observation on TR 36 NW 20 (Event - Survey)

***Associated Individuals/Organisations***

HARDIE, CAROLINE J. - RCHME Southampton      Compiler

WARDALE, CYRIL FRANCIS - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division      Compiler

WARDALE, CYRIL FRANCIS - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division      Compiler

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 31 -      **Site Name** Roman cremation burial, Birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
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TR 36 NW 31 - MKE7809	Roman cremation burial, Birchington	Monument
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A large urn containing burnt human bones and a small 2nd century jar were found in Birchington Bay in 1915. These finds are not thought to be in Ramsgate Museum and no further information on their present location was available.

***Monument Types and Dates***

CREMATION (Roman - 43 AD? to 409 AD?)

***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Brichington-on-Sea. A large urn containing burnt human bones and a small C2nd jar, in Ramsgate Museum, were found in Birchington Bay in 1915. (1) Not in Ramsgate Museum and no further information obtained on exact provenance or present whereabouts. (2)

**Sources**

(1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. VCH Kent vol 3 1932 146 (R F Jessup, M V Taylor & C F C Hawkes)

(2) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. F1 CFW 01.10.63

(3) Bibliographic reference: Field report for monument TR 36 NW 31 - October, 1963.

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 30 69 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 31  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 469205  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Associated Finds**

Fke6710	CINERARY URN (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	POTTERY
Fke6711	JAR (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	POTTERY
Fke6712	HUMAN REMAINS (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)	BONE

**Associated Events/Activities**

EKE3609 Field observation on TR 36 NW 31 (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 31 - **Site Name** Roman cremation burial, Birchington

GORDON, M.S. - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler  
WARDALE, CYRIL FRANCIS - Ordnance Survey Archaeology Division Compiler

**Maritime Information**

<b>Vessel Type</b>	<b>Port of Registration</b>	<b>Departure Port</b>
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**Destination Port**

Not entered  
Unknown

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Unknown

**Manner of Loss**

**Propulsion**

**Construction**

**Construction Material**

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**Depth**

**Date of Loss**

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**Cargo List**

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**Longitude**

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**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 64 - **Site Name** Medieval finds, near Quex Park, Birchington

<b>SMR Number Type</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
TR 36 NW 64 - MKE7842	Medieval finds, near Quex Park, Birchington	Monument

Medieval finds were previously found close to Quex Park. No further information about the discovery or the present location of the artefacts was available.

***Monument Types and Dates***

FINDSPOT ((at some time) Medieval - 1066 AD? to 1539 AD?)

***Description and Sources***

**Description**

TR 306686. Located to the nearest fifty metres. Medieval finds. Site no. 70. (1)

**Sources**

(1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Thanet Arch Heritage c1982 8 (Thanet Dist Council & Isle of Thanet Arch Unit)

***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

TR 306 686 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 64  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 469274  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

***Finds - None recorded***

***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

***Associated Individuals/Organisations***

HARDIE, CAROLINE J. - RCHME Southampton Compiler

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 223 - **Site Name** Ring ditch cropmark features, Birchington

<b>SMR Number Type</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
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TR 36 NW 223 - MKE8000 Ring ditch cropmark features, Birchington Monument  
Two single ditched ring ditch cropmarks possibly the remains of two bronze age barrows. Evidence suggests the features are plough damaged. Identified from aerial photographs.

**Monument Types and Dates**

BARROW? ((at some time) Bronze Age - 2350 BC? to 701 BC?)  
RING DITCH ((at some time) Bronze Age - 2350 BC? to 701 BC?)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

TR 300683. Cropmarks of barrows. Cropmarks revealed by aerial photographs suggest the presence of at least 2 ploughed off Bronze Age barrows. (1) Thanet cropmark plot shows 2 single-ditched, ring ditches at TR 2998 6820. (2)

**Sources**

- (1) Bibliographic reference: OS Card / NAR index entry. Isle of Thanet Arch Unit Sites and Mons Archive 1988  
Rec no 286
- (2) Miscellaneous Material: Trust for Thanet Archaeology. Thanet SMR, cropmark plot..

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 300 683 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 223  
Active  
Monarch Uid - 469432  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

BORRILL, HUGH MARTYN W. - RCHME Southampton Compiler  
Brockway, Claire - Rumley, Peter J. Compiler

**Maritime Information**

Vessel Type	Port of Registration	Departure Port
Destination Port		
Not entered	Unknown	Unknown
Unknown		

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 223 -      **Site Name** Ring ditch cropmark features, Birchington

<b>Manner of Loss</b>	<b>Propulsion</b>	<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Construction Material</b>			Unkno
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**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 371 -      **Site Name** Prehistoric features, Westfield Road, Birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
<b>Type</b>		
<u>TR 36 NW 371 - MKE15604</u>		Prehistoric Monument
features, Westfield Road, Birchington		

The remains of a ploughed out ring ditch cropmark were subject to an archaeological evaluation in 1991. Only two possible pits and the traces of a ditch were found. A watching brief at the site in 1994 revealed post medieval copper alloy objects but also a fragment of a bronze double edged blade. This was dated to the late bronze age. Fieldwalking evidence from the area suggests a prehistoric date - possibly in the late neolithic or early bronze age.

***Monument Types and Dates***

DITCH ((at some time) Late Neolithic to Late Bronze Age - 3000 BC? to 701 BC?)  
PIT ((at some time) Late Neolithic to Late Bronze Age - 3000 BC? to 701 BC?)

***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Arch. evaluation 1991 investigated the site of cropmarks- ploughed out ring ditches, but only found evidence of a vestige of ditch and 2 possible pits. These are interpreted as deep pits within the 1-time enclosure which has been eradicated by agriculture and wind erosion. Fieldwalking evidence suggests a PR presence- Neo/EBA. (1) A 1994 watching brief located PM CU alloy objects and a fragment of bronze double-edged blade, LBA in date. (2)

**Sources**

- (1) Miscellaneous Material: Not applicable. SMR Kent uncatalogued index entry. Arch. evaluation of land at Westfield Rd, Trust for Thanet arch. 1991.
- (2) Miscellaneous Material: Not applicable. SMR Kent uncatalogued index entry. Arch. watching brief, Westfield Rd. Trust for Thanet arch. 1994.

***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

TR 3005 6912 (point)                              TR36NW                              Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish	BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT
County	KENT
District	THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 371

Active

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 237

Active

SAR - 28

Active

Monarch Uid - 1030427

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

***Finds - None recorded***

***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 371 -      **Site Name** Prehistoric features, Westfield Road, Birchington

***Associated Individuals/Organisations***

Brockway, Claire - Rumley, Peter J.

Compiler

***Maritime Information***

**Vessel Type**

**Port of Registration**

**Departure Port**

**Destination Port**

Not entered

Unknown

Unknown

Unknown

**Manner of Loss**

**Propulsion**

**Construction**

**Construction Material**

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**Length**

**Depth**

**Date of Loss**

**Nationality**

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**Tonnage:**

**Cargo List**

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**Longitude**

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**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 351 -      **Site Name** Site of former Limekilns, near Caravan Park, Park Avenue,

Birchington

**SMR Number**  
**Type**

**Site Name**

**Record**

TR 36 NW 351 - MKE16694

former Limekilns, near Caravan Park, Park

Site of  
Monument

Avenue, Birchington

Post-medieval Limekilns marked on the 3rd edition Ordnance Survey map of c.1095-1922. The outline of these kiln is



depicted on the 4th edition map of c.1931-1940. No further information was available.

***Monument Types and Dates***

CHALK PIT ((at some time) Post Medieval to Modern - 1540 AD? to 1940 AD?)

LIME KILN ((at some time) Post Medieval to Modern - 1540 AD? to 1940 AD?)

***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Kilns mentioned only on OS 6" 3rd ed map (1908). Not present on modern maps. (1)

**Sources**

(1) Chart: N/A. Kent SMR Quarry Industries Survey. KCC 286

***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

TR 3031 6860 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT

County KENT

District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 351

Active

SAR - 28

Active

Monarch Uid - 1032485

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

***Finds - None recorded***

***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

***Associated Individuals/Organisations***

KOENIG, NICOLA - Rumley, Peter J. Compiler

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 349 - **Site Name** Site of former Brickworks near Caravan  
Park, Park avenue,  
Birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
<b>Type</b> <u>TR 36 NW 349 - MKE16700</u>		Site of Monument
former Brickworks near Caravan Park, Park avenue, Birchington		

A post-medieval Brickworks was formerly located near Quex Park in Birchington. It is marked on the 3rd edition Ordnance

Survey map of c.1905-1922. The boundary is visible on the 4th edition map of c.1931-1940.

**Monument Types and Dates**

BRICKWORKS ((at some time) Post Medieval to Modern - 1540 AD? to 1940 AD?)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

Named as 'Brickworks' on OS 6" 3rd ed map (1908). No other reference. (1)

**Sources**

(1) Chart: N/A. Kent SMR Quarry Industries Survey. KCC 287

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 3022 6872 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT

County KENT

District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

National Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 349

Active

SAR - 28

Active

Monarch Uid - 1032491

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

KOENIG, NICOLA - Rumley, Peter J. Compiler

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 394 - **Site Name** Birchington medieval village

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
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TR 36 NW 394 -	Birchington medieval village	Place
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The village of Birchington has early medieval origins. It's name, in old English; bierce hyll tun, or Birch Hill Farmstead dates from the early part of this period. Although part of the church (TR 36 NW 14) dates to the later 12th century, the village is first documented in 1274, and in 1337 became a limb of the Cinque Port of Dover.

**Monument Types and Dates**

SETTLEMENT ((between) Early Medieval/Dark Age to Modern - 1050 AD? to 2050 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

The village of Birchington has early medieval origins. It's name, in old English; bierce hyll tun, or Birch Hill Farmstead dates from the early part of this period. Although part of the church (TR 36 NW 14) dates to the later 12th century, the village is first documented in 1274, and in 1337 became a limb of the Cinque Port of Dover.(1)

**Sources**

(1) Unpublished document: Trust For Thanet Archaeology. 1997. A Proposed Development of Land at Park Road/Canterbury Road, Birchington: The Archaeological Implications.

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 30249 69063 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 394  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments**

TR 36 NW 14 All Saint's Church Geographical

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Cakebread, Stuart - Kent County Council Compiler  
PERKINS, D - Trust for Thanet Archaeology Surveyor  
Trust for Thanet Archaeology Surveyor

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 402 - **Site Name** Brick lined well shaft, Smugglers Restaurant, Birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
TR 36 NW 402 -	Brick lined well shaft, Smugglers Restaurant, Birchington	Monument

A watching brief to the rear of the Smugglers restaurant, revealed a brick lined well in the vicinity of a demolished toilet building. Possibly associated with the 18th century phase of construction and use of the Smugglers Restaurant building.

**Monument Types and Dates**

WELL ((at some time) Post Medieval - 1700 AD? to 1900 AD?)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A watching brief to the rear of the Smugglers restaurant, revealed a brick lined well in the vicinity of a demolished toilet building. The report suggests that the well is associated with the 18th century phase of construction and use of the Smugglers Restaurant building. The well was over 20m deep, but no dating material was recovered from it and it was due to be backfilled as part of the new construction works [1].

**Sources**

- (1) Unpublished document: Trust for Thanet Archaeology. 2002. Watching brief at the rear of the Smugglers Restaurant, 212 Canterbury Road, Birchington, Kent.

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 3033 6909 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 402  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities**

Eke9036 Land to the rear of the Smugglers Restaurant, 212 Canterbury Road, Birchington, Kent (Event - Survey)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Booth, F.M.A - Trust for Thanet Archaeology	Surveyor
Mayfield, Andrew - Kent County Council	Compiler
Trust for Thanet Archaeology	Surveyor

**SMR Number** TR 36 NW 431 - **Site Name** post-medieval wall 214 canterbury road birchington

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
TR 36 NW 431 - Type	post-medieval wall 214 canterbury road birchington	Monument
	two red brick walls forming a right-angle, bonded with pale yellow fine mortar. Possible	

georgian/victorian structure.

**Monument Types and Dates**

WALL ((at some time) Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

**Description and Sources**

**Description**

two red brick walls forming a right-angle, bonded with pale yellow fine mortar. Possible georgian/victorian structure.

**Sources**

Unpublished document: Canterbury Archaeological Trust. 2004. archaeological evaluation at 214 canterbury road, birchington.

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TR 30309 69086 (point) TR36NW Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT  
County KENT  
District THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Sites & Monuments Record - TR 36 NW 431  
Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities**

Eke9423 archaeological evaluation at 214 canterbury road birchington (Event - Interpretation)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations**

Crittenden, Laura - Kent County Council	Compiler
Greenhow, Ashley J - Kent County Council	Compiler
Shand, Grant - Canterbury Archaeological Trust	Author
Canterbury Archaeological Trust	Excavator

**SMR Number** MKE39376 **Site Name** PILLBOX

<b>SMR Number</b>	<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Record</b>
<b>Type</b> Mke39376	PILLBOX	Monument
Pillbox [Sector 7].		

**Monument Types and Dates**

PILLBOX (Modern - 1939 AD to 1945 AD)

***Description and Sources***

**Description**

Birchington.Pillbox [Sector 7].

**Sources**

Unpublished document: . List of Pillboxes and Defended Houses.

***Location***

**National Grid Reference**

TR 3030 6920 (point)

TR36NW

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

BIRCHINGTON, THANET, KENT

County

KENT

District

THANET, KENT

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

***Designations, Statuses and Scorings***

**Associated Legal Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

Defence of Britain - 14627

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

***Land Use***

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

***Related Monuments - None Recorded***

***Finds - None recorded***

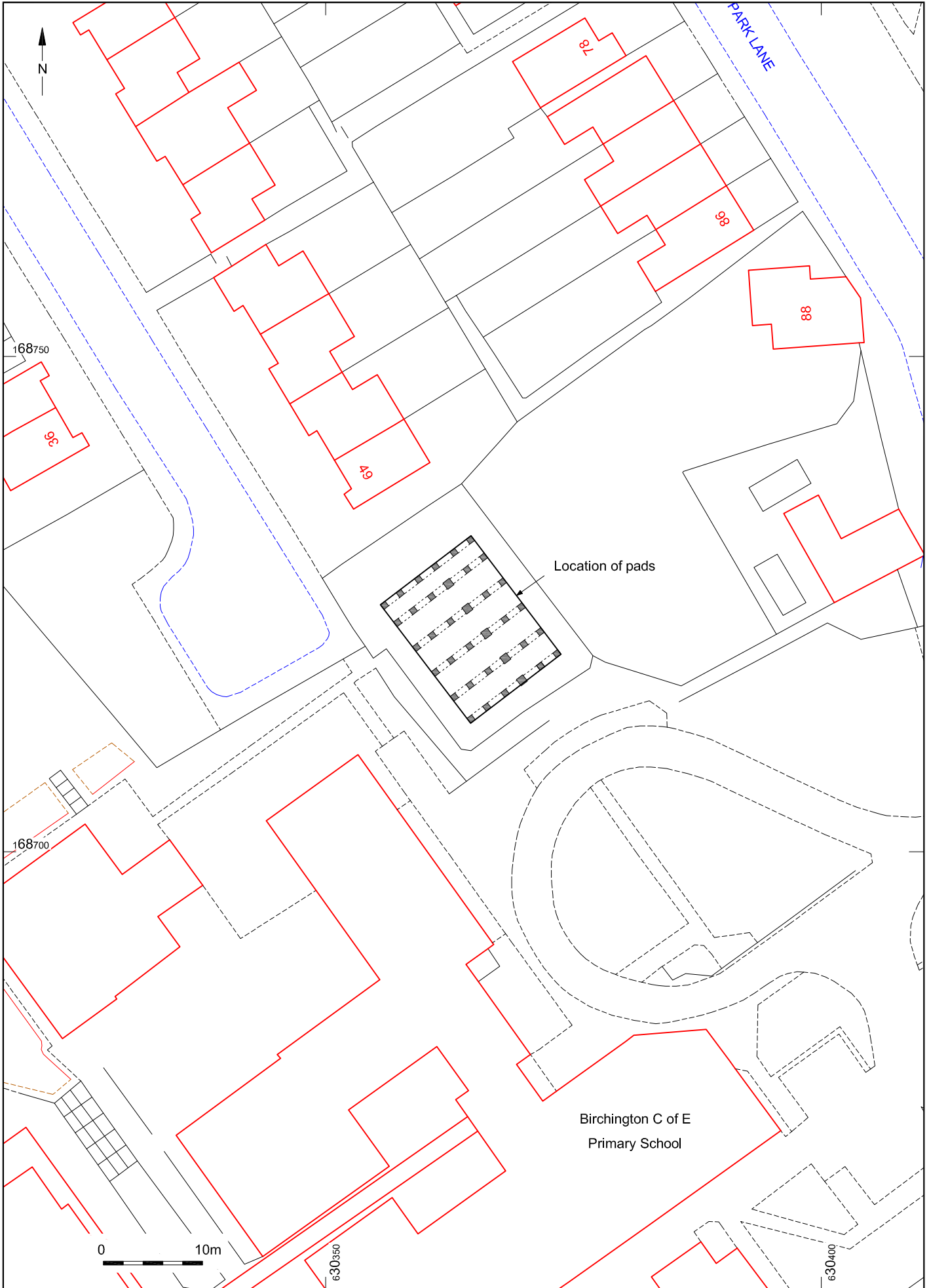
***Associated Events/Activities - None recorded***

***Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded***



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Figure 3: The Site



Figure 4: Pad Holes



Figure 5: Pad Hole Section

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