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**New Netball Court, Charterhouse School,
Godalming, Surrey**

Archaeological Evaluation

by Andy Taylor

Site Code: CHS19/04

(SU 9567 4520)

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October 2019

Summary

Site name: New Netball Court, Charterhouse School, Godalming, Surrey

Grid reference: SU 9567 4520

Site activity: Evaluation

Date and duration of project: 24th October 2019

Project coordinator: Tim Dawson

Site supervisor: Andy Taylor

Site code: CHS 19/04

Area of site: c.0.2 hectares

Summary of results: No deposits or finds of any archaeological interest were observed. The site is considered to have no archaeological potential

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Farnham Museum in due course.

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Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological field evaluation carried out on the site of a new Netball Court, Charterhouse School, Godalming, Surrey (SU 9567 4520) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Mr Nick Seymour, of S & C Slatter Ltd, Stephen's Yard, Enborne, Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 0HA

Planning permission (WA/2019/1262) has been sought from Waverley Borough Council for the construction of a new netball court. A field evaluation has been requested in order to inform the planning process with regard to any archaeological implications, and permit the formulation of a mitigation strategy if required.

This is in accordance with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF 2019), and the Borough Council's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Mr Nick Truckle, Archaeological Officer with Surrey County Council, advisers to the Borough on matters relating to archaeology. The fieldwork was undertaken by Andy Taylor and Cosmo Bacon on the 24th October 2019 and the site code is CHS 19/04. The archive is presently held at Thames Valley Archaeological Services, Reading and will be deposited with Farnham Museum in due course.

Location, topography and geology

The site is located *c.*2.5km north of Godalming within the grounds of Charterhouse School (Fig. 1). It is located on a roughly rectangular plot of land that was part of a former putting green (Fig. 2). The southern part of the site has been landscaped and slopes down to existing tennis courts. The northern edge of the site has a bank, most likely created as a result of the tennis court construction. The underlying geology is mapped as Bargate Sand (BGS 1976), which was observed in all trenches and the site lies at a height of *c.*100m above Ordnance Datum.

Archaeological background

The archaeological potential of the site has been highlighted in a desk-based assessment (Rouard 2019). In summary, there are no known archaeological deposits on the site itself but there are a range of sites and finds within the school grounds dating from Late Iron Age and Roman times. Excavation a few hundred metres to the east located a number of pits of Middle Iron Age date (Whittingham and Edwards 2018). Closer to the site, but also to the east, Roman settlement remains have been excavated indicative of a settlement (Hall 1999).

Objectives and methodology

The purpose of the evaluation was to determine the presence/absence, extent, condition, character, quality and date of any archaeological deposits within the area of development.

The specific research aims of this project are:

- to determine if archaeologically relevant levels have survived on this site;
- to determine if archaeological deposits of any period are present; and
- to allow the preparation of a mitigation strategy if necessary.

Three trenches were to be dug, each measuring 20m long and between 1.6m and 2m wide. A sufficient sample of any identified deposits would be investigated to satisfy the aims outlined above. The trenches were dug by a small 360° type machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket, under constant archaeological supervision. All spoilheaps were monitored for finds.

Results

Three trenches were dug as close as possible to their intended positions, although a live water pipe resulted in some slight repositioning (Fig. 3).

A complete list of trenches giving lengths, breadths, depths and a description of sections and geology is given in Appendix 1.

Trench 1 (Pl. 1)

This trench was aligned close to N-S and measured 20.50m long and 0.70m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.15m of topsoil overlying 0.25m of subsoil. This overlay 0.25m of a red brown silty sand overlying yellow brown sand natural geology (Fig. 4). No features of archaeological interest were observed nor finds recovered.

Trench 2 (Pl. 2)

This trench was aligned E-W and measured 20.80m long and 0.60m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.10m of topsoil overlying 0.20m of subsoil. This overlay 0.30m of a red brown silty sand overlying yellow brown sand natural geology. No features of archaeological interest were encountered nor finds recovered.

Trench 3 (Pl. 3)

This trench was aligned WNW-ESE and measured 20.40m long and 0.70m deep. The stratigraphy consisted of 0.15m of topsoil overlying 0.25m of subsoil. This overlay 0.30m of a red brown silty sand overlying yellow brown sand natural geology. A possible linear feature was noted at the SE end of the trench, although upon investigation this appeared to be modern disturbance. No finds or features of archaeological interest were present.

Finds

No finds of an archaeological nature were recovered.

Conclusion

Despite the site's potential for archaeological remains to be present, no deposits or finds of any archaeological significance were encountered. Undisturbed natural geology was encountered suggesting that little previous landscaping from earlier development had occurred. The site is considered to have no archaeological potential

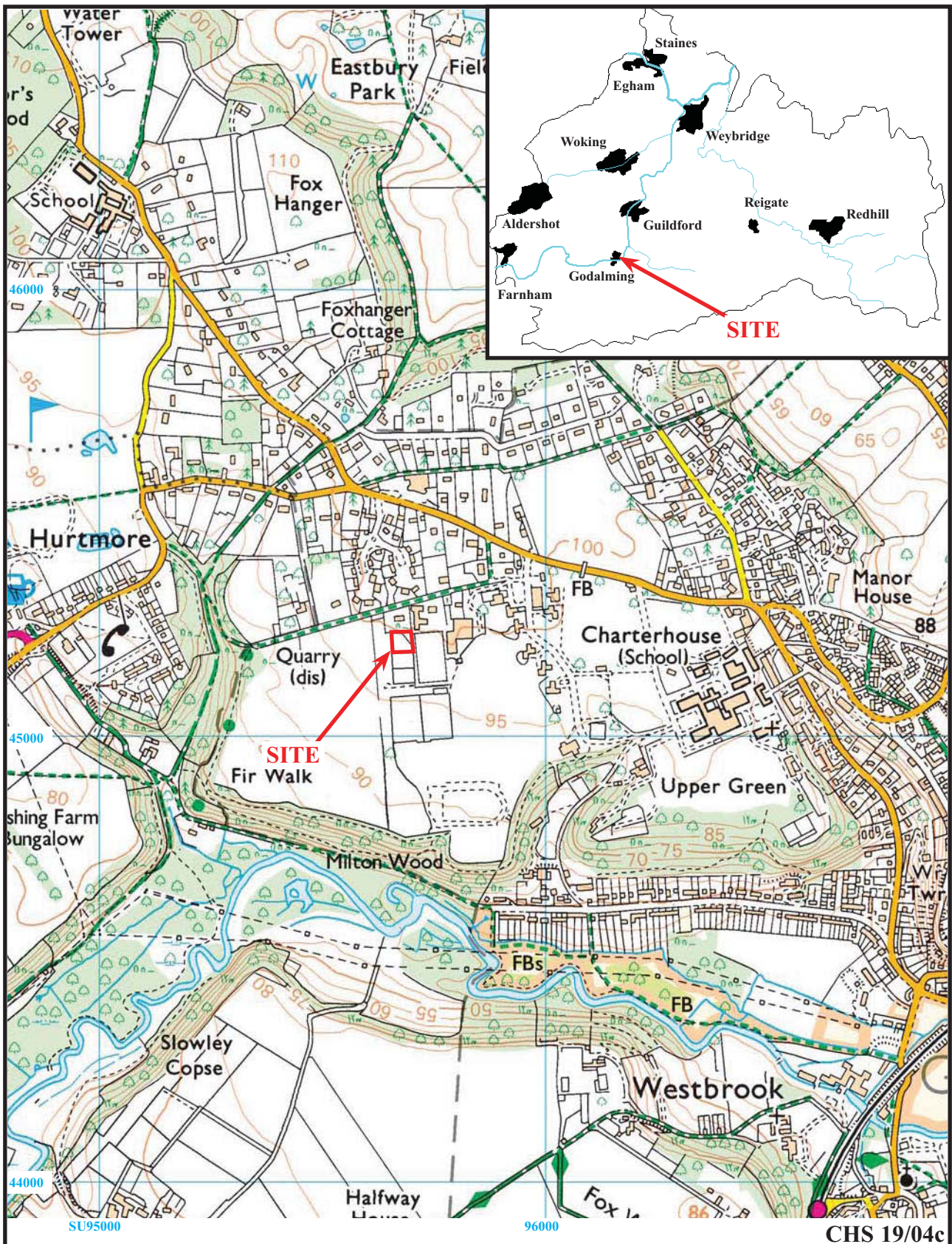
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APPENDIX 1: Trench details

0m at S or W end

<i>Trench</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Breadth (m)</i>	<i>Depth (m)</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1	20.50	1.60	0.70	0-0.15m topsoil; 0.15m-0.40m subsoil; 0.40m-0.65m red brown silty sand; 0.65m-0.70m+ yellow brown sand natural geology. [Pl. 1]
2	20.80	1.60	0.60	0-0.10m topsoil; 0.10m-0.30m subsoil; 0.30m-0.60m red brown silty sand; 0.60m+ yellow brown sand natural geology. [Pl. 2]
3	20.40	1.60	0.70	0-0.15m topsoil; 0.15m-0.40m subsoil; 0.40m-0.70m red brown silty sand; 0.70m+ yellow brown sand natural geology. [Pl. 3]

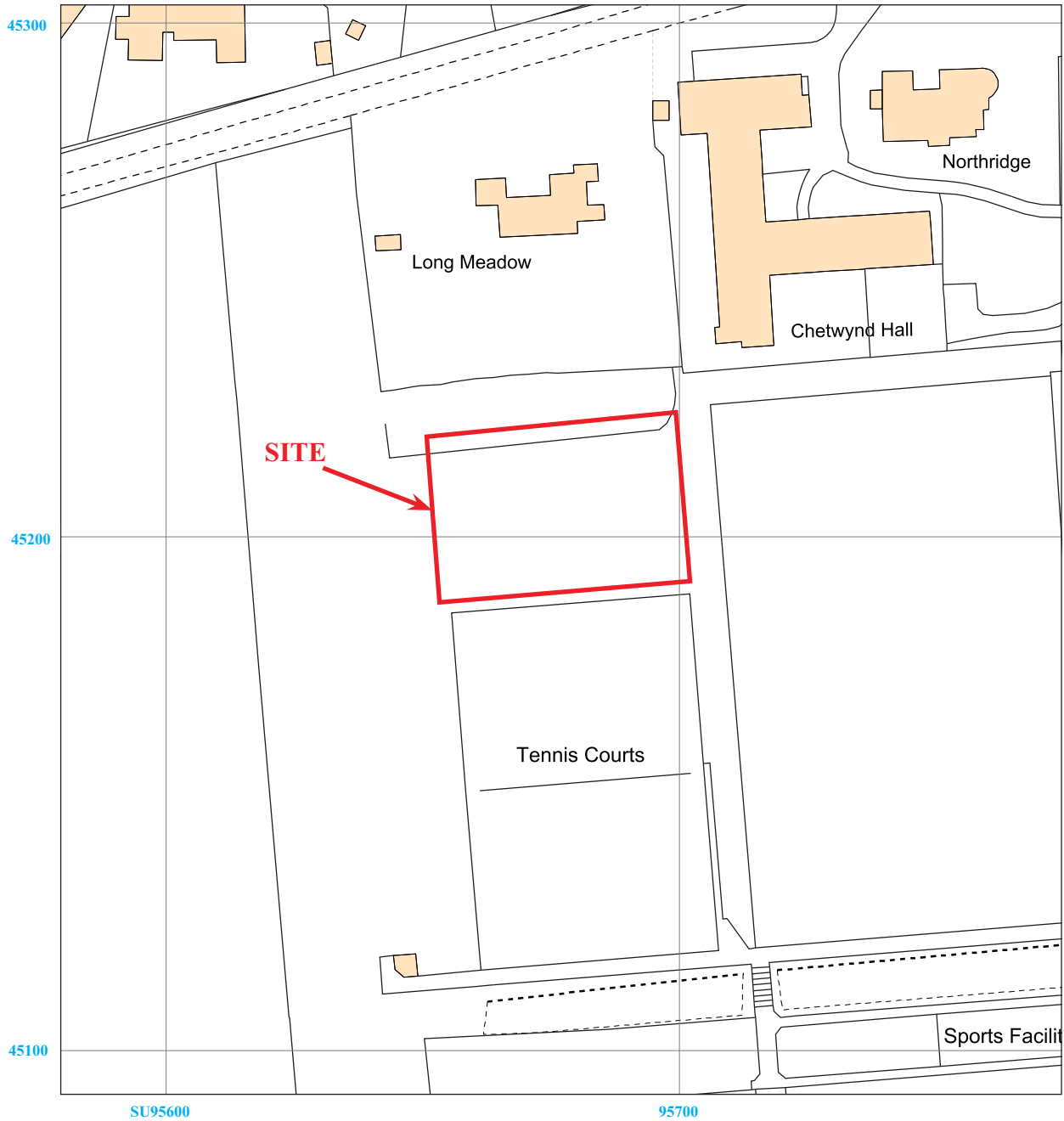


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Figure 1. Location of site within Charterhouse in Godalming and Surrey.

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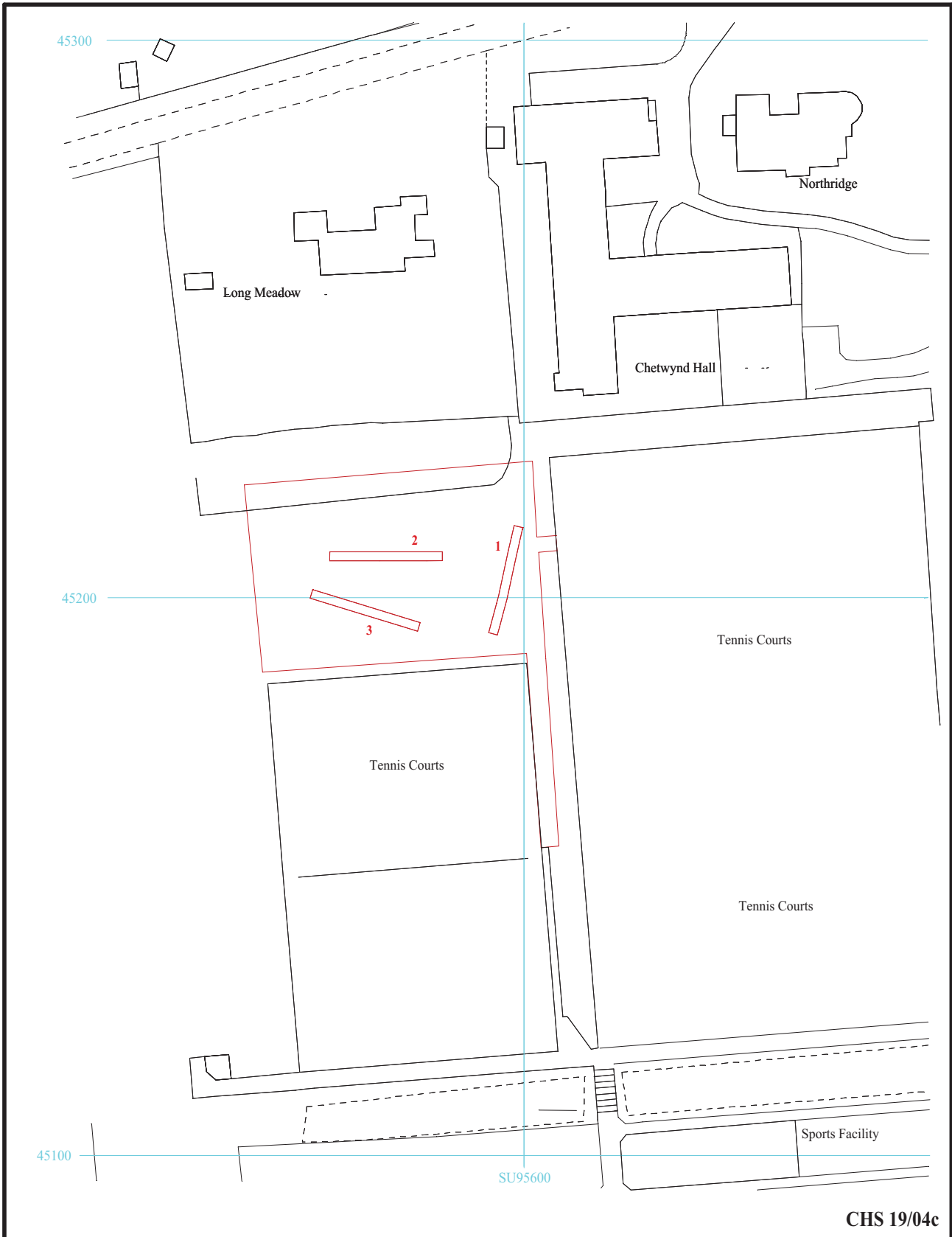
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Figure 2. Detailed location of site.

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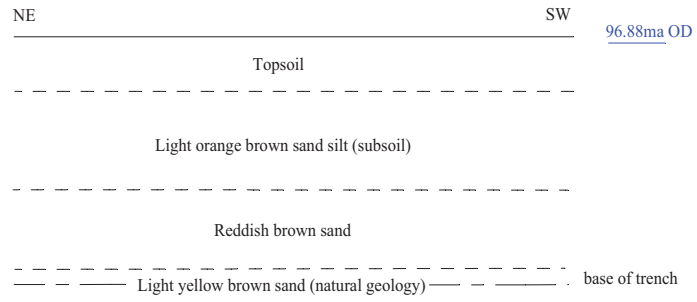
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Figure 3. Location of trenches.



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Trench 1



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Figure 4. Representative section.



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Plate 1. Trench 1, looking N, Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.5m.



Plate 2. Trench 2, looking W, Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.5m.

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Plates 1 and 2.**

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Plate 3. Trench 3, looking NW, Scales: 2m, 1m and 0.5m.

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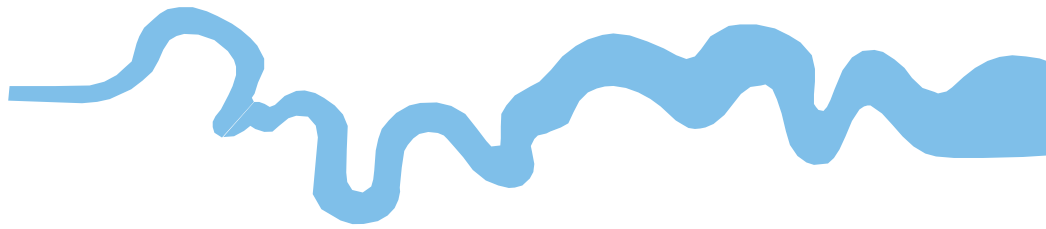
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Plate 3**

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TIME CHART

	Calendar Years
Modern _____	AD 1901
Victorian _____	AD 1837
Post Medieval _____	AD 1500
Medieval _____	AD 1066
Saxon _____	AD 410
Roman _____	AD 43 AD 0 BC
Iron Age _____	750 BC
Bronze Age: Late _____	1300 BC
Bronze Age: Middle _____	1700 BC
Bronze Age: Early _____	2100 BC
Neolithic: Late	3300 BC
Neolithic: Early	4300 BC
Mesolithic: Late	6000 BC
Mesolithic: Early	10000 BC
Palaeolithic: Upper	30000 BC
Palaeolithic: Middle	70000 BC
Palaeolithic: Lower	2,000,000 BC





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