

Abbey Wood Station Car Park general watching brief

Weekly report for w/e 27th June 2014

24th June 2014

Client: Crossrail

Principal Contractor: Balfour Beatty

MOLA staff on site: Stella Bickelmann, Senior Archaeologist (Tuesday, 24/06/2014)

Work monitored:

Part of the former car park area to the south of Abbey Wood Station was stripped back by machine. This revealed a large circular structure immediately below the tarmac c 5m to the south of the footbridge of Abbey Wood Station.



The structure measured 3.0m N–S by 3.0m E–W and consisted of a substantial square concrete footing and a circular brick superstructure (two courses of unfrogged red bricks on bed bound with white/grey cement mortar). In the centre of the structure was a large upright iron pillar with what seemed to be a broken off cog wheel. Six smaller iron rods lined the inside of the brickwork. The structure was infilled with concrete and rubble.



The structure is very likely to be the base of a Victorian crane, associated with the nearby railway and presumably used for lifting material from the train carriages to the former railway yard.

The removal of tarmac monitored to the south of the brick structure revealed no further finds or features of archaeological significance.