

**ESSEX HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY  
AND HISTORY**

**SUMMARY SHEET**

<b>Site name/Address:</b> Shenfield Hall, Barn, Hall Lane, Shenfield, Essex.	
<b>Parish:</b> Shenfield	<b>District:</b> Brentwood
<b>NGR:</b> TQ 6053 9625	<b>Site Code:</b> BWSH07
<b>Type of Work:</b> Historic analysis of barn	<b>Site Director/Team:</b> Elphin Watkin
<b>Date of Work:</b> Site work April 2007 Report July 2007	<b>Size of Area Investigated:</b> One acre approx.
<b>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</b> N/A	<b>Funding source:</b> Owner
<b>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</b> No	<b>Related EHER No.s:</b> N/A
<b>Final Report:</b> Yes	
<b>Periods Represented:</b> Seventeenth to twentieth century with possible reuse of fifteenth century material.	
<p><b>SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS:</b></p> <p>The barn stands on an ancient manorial site but the earliest surviving material appears to date from the fifteenth century reused in a rebuild of the earlier part of the barn in the seventeenth century from maybe more than one barn. The surviving timber barn built from oak and having a plain clay tile roof is a large aisled structure now of seven bays having lost two bays in the late twentieth century. Three bays from the south suggest a rebuilding in the seventeenth century with three bays attached to the north of these in the eighteenth century and a final bay to the north in the nineteenth century which has lost further attachments, shown on earlier maps, by the early twentieth century. It has a surviving earlier porch at the southern end originally central to the five bays of the seventeenth century rebuild. A further porch to the north is in the central bay of the eighteenth century build. Neither retain original doors and the opening of the northern porch has been lowered. This porch built with a projecting hipped roof had a pigeon loft set under the eaves level but other than the box supports no trace survives. The southern porch has had knees inserted into the opening frame and has been converted from a gabled to a half hipped roof. The barn originally for grain has been steadily converted for animal use over a long time period with the addition of numerous smaller doors and windows. No opposing doors survive, that to the south has a rebuilt aisle wall and the opening frame for the north doors is now panelled in with the brick plinth built up. A good barn but with no outstanding features other than showing changes in carpentry and use.</p>	
<b>Previous Summaries/Reports:</b>	
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<b>Author of Summary:</b> Elphin Watkin	<b>Date of Summary:</b> 20th July 2007