

ESSEX HERITAGE CONSERVATION RECORD/ESSEX ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORY

SUMMARY SHEET

<i>Site name/Address:</i> The Old Forge, Hop Poles Public House, Bedlar's Green, Great Hallingbury, Essex. CM22 7JT	
<i>Parish:</i> Great Hallingbury	<i>District:</i> Uttlesford District Council
<i>NGR:</i> TL 5237 2031	<i>Site Code:</i> LHOFF 08
<i>Type of Work:</i> Historic Analysis	<i>Site Director/Team:</i> Elphin & Brenda Watkin
<i>Date of Work:</i> July 2008	<i>Size of Area Investigated:</i> 80 sq. metres
<i>Location of Finds/Curating Museum:</i> N/A	<i>Funding source:</i> Developer
<i>Further Seasons Anticipated?:</i> No	<i>Related EHCR No.s:</i> None
<i>Final Report:</i> Yes	
<i>Periods Represented:</i> Nineteenth & twentieth centuries.	
SUMMARY OF FIELDWORK RESULTS: The survey was a condition of approval for a change of use to the Old forge building. It is a brick and tile building with full gabled ends. The building appears to date from the late nineteenth century by the materials and methods used in its construction. The tiled roof is possibly secondary as it is noted as having a slate roof when sold in 1923. It comprises a main gabled front unit and a continuous rear lean-to with access doors at each end. The main range has double doors to the western area, fitted out originally for the tethering of horses. The main central area open through to the lean-to is entered by a stable type door still with one original catch. A closed and ceiled room to the east is entered by a door from the central area. The building was almost certainly built by the Hallingbury Estate and shows the quality of finish often found in estate buildings. The gable end to the road is finished in diamond diaper patterns using flared headers. Flemish bond brickwork is used for the main faces of the building with Monk bond to the rear elevation. Very little remains of its life as a forge, a chimney stack much rebuilt at the bottom, an area of heavily boarded flooring and enough space behind the hearth position for a bellows and very little else. A good little building but one that has successfully disguised its previous use by the removal of most fittings for its use as a store.	
<i>Previous Summaries/Reports:</i> None	
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