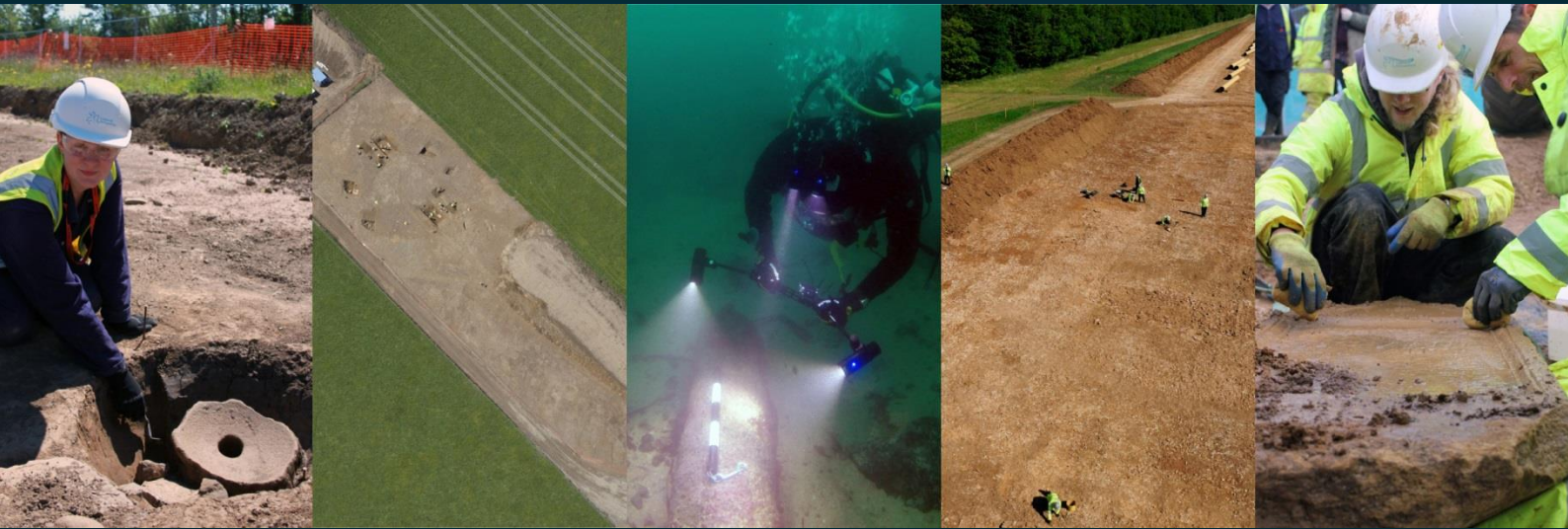


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SUMMARY

Project Name: Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire

Location: Farnham, Hampshire

NGR: 480543 141815

Type: Watching Brief

Date: 6-10 November 2017

Planning Reference: SDNP/13/05902/FUL

Location of Archive: Farnham Museum

Site Code: RBWF17

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundwork associated with the construction of nine dwellings at Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during the groundwork programme, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In November 2017 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for CgMs Consulting Ltd on behalf of Metis Homes at Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire (centred at NGR: 480543 141815; Figure 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent for the construction of nine dwellings (Planning ref: SDNP/13/05902/FUL).
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2017) and approved by Neil Adam, Senior Archaeologist for Hampshire County Council (HCC), Archaeological Advisor to the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNP). The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014) and HCC's *Archaeology and Planning: Guidance for Contractors* (HCC 2013).

The site

- 1.3 The development area measures approximately 0.44ha, and currently comprises pasture sloping from 120m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the west down to 117m in the east. The site is rectangular with a trackway leading off to the east linking the site with Back Lane.
- 1.4 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as the Gault Formation - Mudstone. This is Sedimentary Bedrock formed approximately 100 to 112 million years ago in the Cretaceous Period. The Local environment would previously have been dominated by shallow seas.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Although the site lies within a general area of archaeological interest, (both Roman and prehistoric remains having been recorded in the wider landscape), recent developments in close proximity to the site revealed no evidence of archaeological activity.



3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives of the archaeological works were:

- to monitor groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record all significant buried archaeological deposits revealed on the site during the course of the development groundworks;
- at the conclusion of the project, to produce an integrated archive for the project work and a report setting out the results of the project and the archaeological conclusions that can be drawn from the recorded data.

4. METHODOLOGY

4.1 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2017). Although informed a little tardily, an archaeologist was subsequently present during the majority of overburden strip (across much of the proposed footprint) to natural (Figure 2).

4.3 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Andover. Subject to the agreement of the legal landowner site archive will be deposited with Farnham Museum. A summary of information from this project, set out within Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. RESULTS (FIGURES 2-3)

5.1 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed within the natural (which comprised red/brown silt/clay) during the groundwork programme. The spoil heaps were also scanned for finds but none were identified which pre-dated the modern period.



6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the wider area of the site (see archaeological background above), the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundwork. The absence of archaeological deposits within the site correlates with the results of previous archaeological works within the immediate vicinity of the site.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Adam Howard and Tim Sperring. The report was written by Ray Kennedy. The illustrations were prepared by Esther Escudero. The archive has been compiled by Zoe Emery, and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Ray Kennedy.

8. REFERENCES

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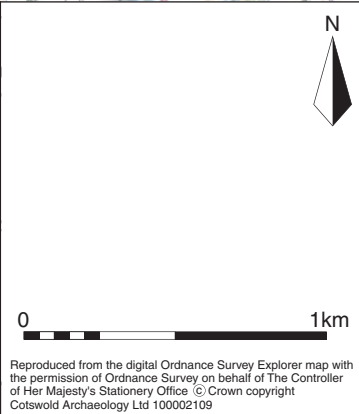
APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No.	Context No.	Type	Fill of	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Dark grey compact silty clay with occasional brick inclusions			0-0.30	
1	101	Layer		Natural	Mid yellow silty compact silty clay			0.30-0.85	
1	102	Cut		Feature	Cut of modern feature				modern
1	103	Fill	102	Fill	Blackish brown sandy clay with rubble inclusions				
2	200	Layer		Made ground	Dark blackish brown friable silty sand, with hardcore inclusions			0-0.68	
2	201	Layer		Disturbed Natural	Light reddish brown with occasional patches of grey soft sandy clay. Brick and rubble inclusions			0.68-0.78	
2	202	Cut		Feature	Cut of modern water service, brick lined		1.5	1.2	
2	203	Layer		Natural	Mid reddish brown soft sandy clay			0.78+	



APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of nine dwellings at Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire. No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.	
Project dates	6-10 November 2017	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire	
Study area (M ² /ha)	0.44ha	
Site co-ordinates	390068 162869	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	N/A	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Ray Kennedy	
Project Supervisor	Adam Howard and Tim Sperring	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.) Farnham Museum	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		N/A
Paper		Context sheets, matrices etc
Digital		Database, digital photos etc
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology), 2017, <i>Land to the Rear of Blossoms, Wychwood, Holt Leigh and April Cottage, Back Lane, Bucks Horn Oak, Farnham, Hampshire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> . CA typescript report 17674		



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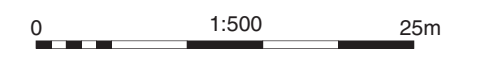
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- Site boundary
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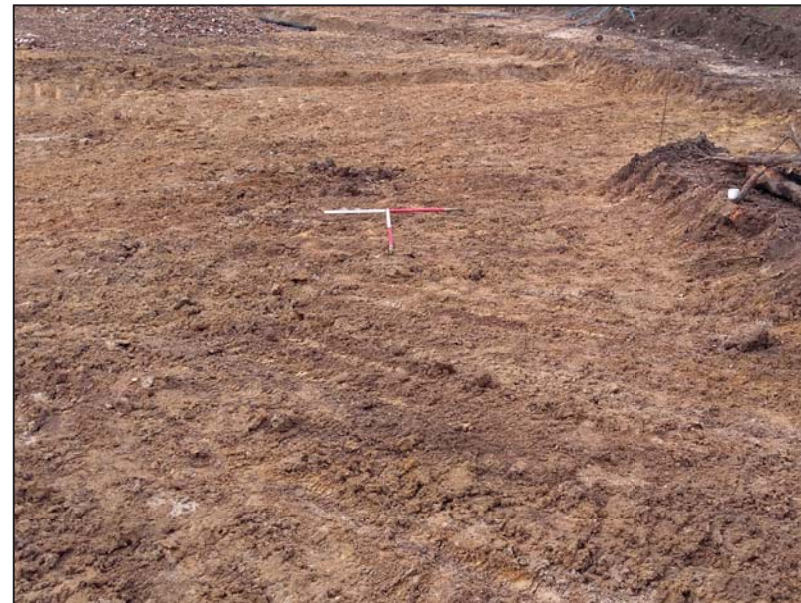
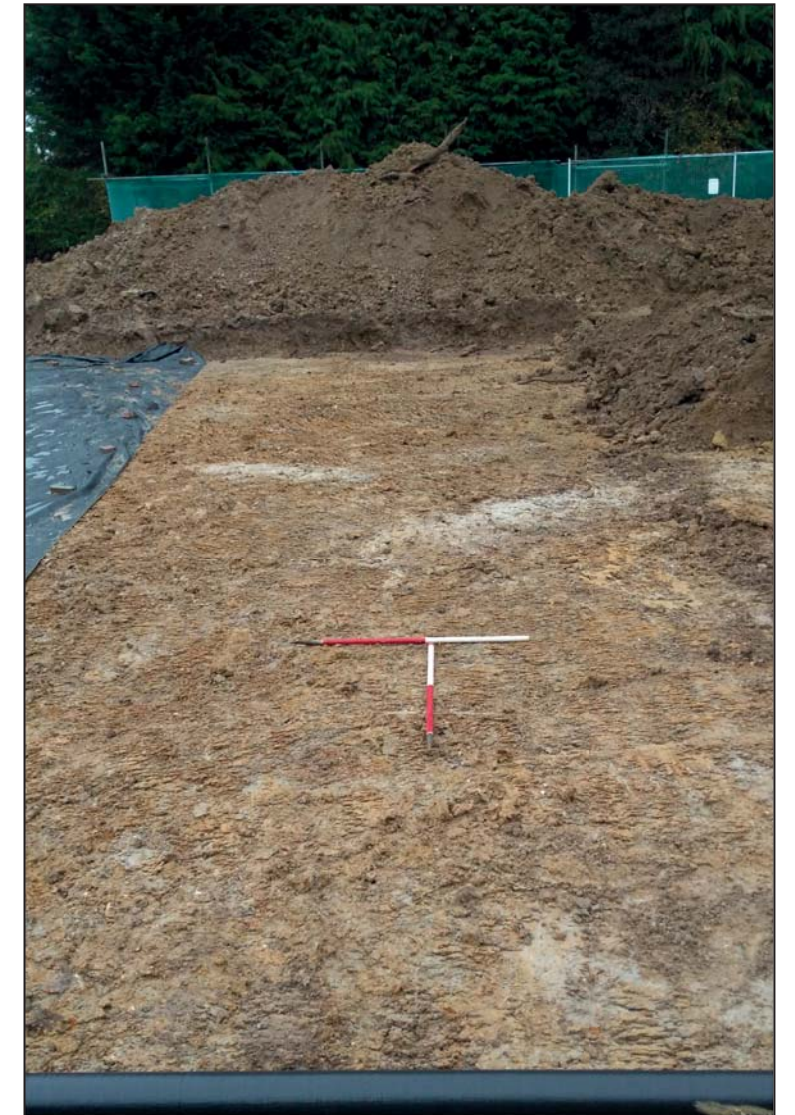
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