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Hampshire**  
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## SUMMARY

<b>Project Name:</b>	Wield Wood Estate, Upper Wield, Hampshire
<b>Location:</b>	Wield Wood, upper Wield, Hampshire
<b>NGR:</b>	461838 138938
<b>Type:</b>	Evaluation
<b>Date:</b>	09 – 11 April 2018
<b>Planning Reference:</b>	22338/004
<b>Location of Archive:</b>	Hampshire Culture Trust
<b>Site Code:</b>	WWE18

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in April 2018 on land at Wield Wood Estate, Upper Wield, Hampshire. Ten trenches were excavated.

Despite the archaeological potential of the wider area, no archaeological features, finds or deposits were identified or recovered.



## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In April 2018 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation for CgMs Ltd of land at Wield Wood Estate, Upper Wield, Hampshire (centred at NGR: 461838 138938; Fig. 1).
- 1.2 The evaluation was undertaken as a condition of planning permission granted by East Hampshire District Council (EHDC ref: 22338/004) for the erection of a new house and shoot lodge with associated landscaping, parkland and new lakes and re-routing of existing access road following demolition of existing dwelling and commercial food production/abattoir buildings.
- 1.3 The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a detailed *Written Scheme of Investigation* (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by Neil Adam. The fieldwork also followed *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014). It was monitored by Neil Adam and David Hopkins.

### *The site*

- 1.4 The proposed development area lies to the west of the village of Upper Wield, on the edge of the Candover Valley. The estate currently comprises mixed woodland, pasture and arable land, and includes a dwelling within the woodland, bungalow, lodge and various commercial buildings
- 1.5 The underlying bedrock geology of the area is mapped as Newhaven Chalk Formation, with no superficial deposits recorded.

## 2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The archaeological background given below is a succinct summary of the FAS Heritage (2017), Heritage Assessment of the site.

### *Prehistoric*

- 2.2 The site lied within a landscape which contained evidence for prehistoric activity in the form of Neolithic Long Barrows and Bronze Age round barrows. To the northwest of the site lied a pair of barrows, only visible now as cropmarks. A

Neolithic long barrow lies further to the north east of the site, and there is evidence of re-use of the site in the early medieval period.

- 2.3 The only firm evidence of Iron Age activity within the wider area lies to the north of the site, where a fibula was found close to a bowl barrow. LIDAR data showed cropmarks, consisting of enclosures and trackways, likely to represent agricultural activity within the site, and also a wider fieldwork system of unknown date, though it is presumed to be Iron Age. A linear earthwork at the top of the dry valley close to the current house, and a circular earthwork on the slightly elevated land to the east of the woodland has also been identified, though as yet remains uncharacterised.
- 2.4 There is no evidence for Roman activity within the wider vicinity of the site.

### 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the evaluation are to provide information about the archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date, integrity, state of preservation and quality, in accordance *Standard and guidance: Archaeological field evaluation* (CIfA 2014). The evaluation has been designed to be minimally intrusive and minimally destructive to archaeological remains. This information will enable the archaeological advisor to EHDC to identify and assess the particular significance of any heritage asset, consider the impact of the proposed development upon it, and to avoid or minimise conflict between the heritage asset's conservation and any aspect of the development proposal, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

### 4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork comprised the excavation of 10 trenches (1no. 10m trench, 2no. 20m trenches, and 7no. 30m trenches), in the locations shown on the attached plan (Figure 2). The trenches were within five different fields spread across the whole site; due to the presence of standing structures and overhead services respectively, the layout of **Trenches 2** and **3** was moved with the approval of Neil Adam. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid (NGR) co-ordinates using Leica GPS,

scanned for live services by trained Cotswold Archaeology staff using CAT and Genny equipment in accordance with the Cotswold Archaeology *Safe System of Work for avoiding underground services* and surveyed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 4 *Survey Manual*.

- 4.2 All trenches were excavated by mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket. All machine excavation was undertaken under constant archaeological supervision to the top of the first significant archaeological horizon or the natural substrate, whichever was encountered first. Where archaeological deposits were encountered they were excavated by hand in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual*.
- 4.3 Deposits were assessed for their palaeoenvironmental potential in accordance with CA Technical Manual 2: *The Taking and Processing of Environmental and Other Samples from Archaeological Sites*. No any artefact was recovered.
- 4.4 The archive and artefacts from the evaluation are currently held by CA at their offices in Andover.

## 5. RESULTS (FIGURES 2-4)

- 5.1 This section provides an overview of the evaluation results; detailed summaries of the recorded contexts are to be found in Appendix A. **Trenches 2 and 3** were moved due to the presence of standing structures and overhead services respectively.
- 5.2 The natural geology of the site consisted of degraded chalk, and light yellow or red/brown silt/clay. Overlying the natural was a mid-red/brown silt/clay subsoil/coombe deposit between 0.25 and 0.3m thick. Above this was a layer of subsoil, consisting of light grey/brown silt/clay between 0.3 and 0.5m thick. This was sealed in turn by a silt/clay, and clay/silt topsoil, between 0.16 and 0.26m thick.

### ***Trench 8 (Figures 2 & 3)***

- 5.3 Within **Trench 8** two potential features (**805** and **807**) were excavated. Both of these were proven to be tree-throws once excavated.

## 6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1 Despite the high archaeological potential within the wider vicinity of the site (see archaeological background above), no significant archaeology was found during the course of the evaluation.
- 6.2 This is likely due to the location of the site on the slope of three hills, and also within the valley basin, which as a result likely leaves the site prone to flooding. It is likely that the site has been deemed unsuitable for occupation or even cultivation and was likely peripheral seasonally occupied pastoral land.

## 7. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Francesco Catanzaro, assisted by Timothy Sperring, Georgina Johnston, Tim Street and Pawel Jablonski. The report was written by Francesco Catanzaro and Ray Kennedy. The illustrations were prepared by Charlotte Patman. 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.

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## APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Trench No	Context	Type	Fill of	Context Interpretation	Context Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Depth/thickness (m)
1	100	Layer		Topsoil	Mid greyish brown clayey silt. Rare sub angular flints	10	1.8	0.16
1	101	Layer		Natural	Mid Brownish red silty clay. Rare sub angular flints	10	1.8	>0.35
2	200	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Rare sub angular flints.	20	1.8	0.2
2	201	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown sity clay, rare sub angular flints	20	1.8	0.1
2	202	Layer		Natural	White degraded chalk. Rare sub rounded flints.	20	1.8	>0.13
3	300	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown clayey silt. Rare sub angular flints.	20	1.8	0.2
3	301	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown sity clay, rare sub angular flints	20	1.8	0.14
3	302	Layer		Natural	White degraded chalk. Rare sub rounded flints.	20	1.8	>0.09
4	400	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty cclay. Rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.16
4	401	Layer		Subsoil	Light greyish brown silty clay, rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.44
4	402	Layer		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay. Common sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.3
4	403	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish white degraded chalk. Common sub angular flints.	30	1.8	>0.05
5	501	Layer		Topsoil	Mid grey brown silty cclay. Rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.2
5	502	Layer		Subsoil	Light greyish brown silty clay, rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.5
5	503	Layer		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty	30	1.8	0.38

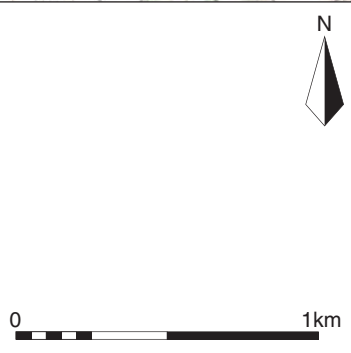
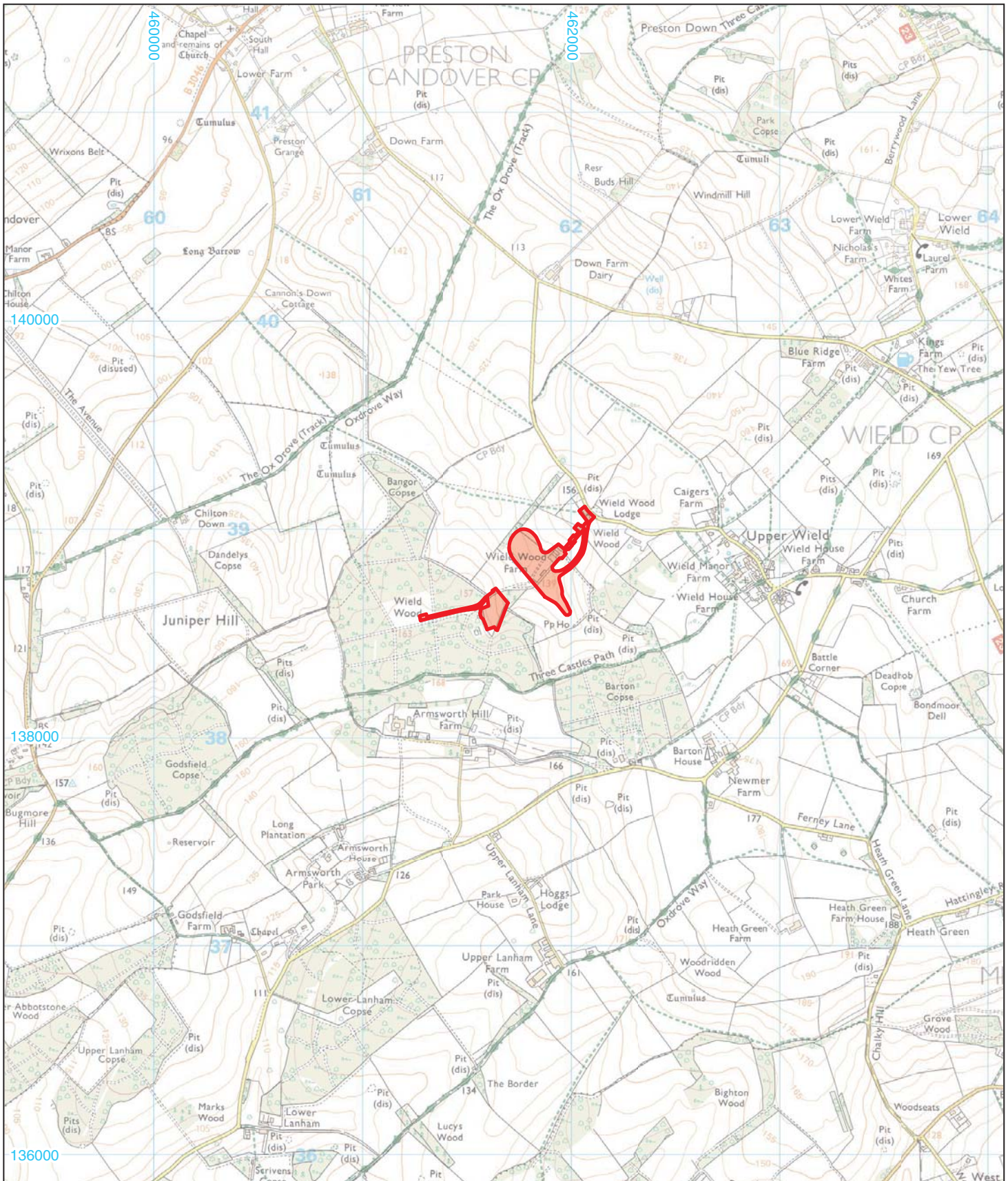
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5	504	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish white degraded chalk. Common sub angular flints.	30	1.8	>0.02
6	600	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay. Moderate sub angular flints.	30	1.85	0.23
6	601	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown sity clay, common sub angular flints	30	1.85	0.3
6	602	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish white degraded chalk. Common sub angular flints.	30	1.85	>0.12
6	603	Cut		Tree throw	Sub circular cut of tree throw	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	604	Fill	603	Fill of tree throw	Mid brown sity clay, common sub angular flints	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	605	Cut		Tree throw	Sub circular cut of tree throw	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	606	Fill	605	Fill of tree throw	Mid brown sity clay, common sub angular flints	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	700	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay. diffused sub angular flints.	30	1.85	0.26
7	701	Layer		Subsoil	Mid yellowish brown silty clay. Diffused sub angular flints.	30	1.85	0.39
7	702	Layer		Natural	N half: mid reddish brown silty clay; S half: mid yellowish white degraded chalk. Frequent sub angular flints.	30	1.85	>0.17
8	800	Layer		Topsoil	Dark greyish brown silty clay. diffused sub angular flints.	30	1.85	0.23
8	801	Layer		Subsoil	Mid brown silty clay. Diffused sub angular flints.	30	1.85	0.21
8	802	Layer		Natural	Mid yellowish white degraded chalk with patches of light yellowish brown silty clay. Common sub rounded flints.	30	1.85	>0.11

8	803	Cut		Tree throw	Sub circular cut of tree throw	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	804	Fill	803	Fill of tree throw	Mid brown silty clay. Diffused sub angular flints.	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	805	Cut		Tree throw	Sub circular cut of tree throw	>2.01	0.9	0.31
8	806	Fill	805	Single fill of tree throw	Mid brown clayey silt. Rare sub angular limescale pebbles, occasional flints.	>2.01	0.9	0.31
8	807	Cut		Tree throw	Linear cut of tree throw.	3.5	0.59	0.31
8	808	Fill	807	Single fill of tree throw	Single secondary fill of tree throw. Moderate sub angular flint and chalk stones	3.5	0.59	0.31
9	900	Layer		Topsoil	Light greyish brown silty clay, rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.3
9	901	Layer		Subsoil	White degraded chalk. Rare sub rounded and sub angular flints.	30	1.8	>0.09
10	1000	Layer		Topsoil	Light greyish brown silty clay, rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.18
10	1001	Layer		Subsoil	Mid reddish brown silty clay. Rare sub angular flints.	30	1.8	0.25
10	1002	Layer		Natural	White degraded chalk. Rare sub rounded and sub angular flints.	30	1.8	>0.09

**APPENDIX C: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Wield Wood estate, Upper Wield, Hampshire	
Short description	An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology in April 2018 on land at Wield Wood Estate, Upper Wield, Hampshire. Ten trenches were excavated.  Despite the archaeological potential of the wider area, no archaeological features, finds or deposits were identified or recovered.	
Project dates	09 – 11 April 2018	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	FAS 2016, Desk Based Assessment	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Wield Wood estate, Upper Wield, Hampshire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	N/A	
Site co-ordinates	461838 138938	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	N/A	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Ray Kennedy	
Project Supervisor	Francesco Catanzaro	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	None	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.) Hampshire Cultural Trust	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical		n/a
Paper		Context sheets, matrices etc
Digital		Database, digital photos etc
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
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Trench 1, looking south-west (scales 1m)



Trench 2, looking south-west (scales 1m)



Trench 3, looking south-east (scales 1m)



Trench 4, looking south-east (scales 1m)



Trench 5, looking south-west (scales 1m)





Trench 6, looking south-east (scales 1m)



Trench 7, looking south-west (scales 1m)



Trench 8, looking north-west (scales 1m)



Trench 9, looking south-west (scales 1m)



Trench 10, looking north-east (scales 1m)


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