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SUMMARY

Project name:	Birchgrove Extra Care Community Home, Brighton Road
Location:	Godalming, Surrey
NGR:	497325 143791
Туре:	Evaluation
Date:	27–30 June 2022
Planning reference:	Waverley Borough Council WA/2020/2123
Location of archive:	To be held by Cotswold Archaeology until such time as a suitable repository is active
Site code:	BIRC22

In June 2022, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Brighton Road, Godalming, Surrey. A total of four trenches were excavated.

The evaluation recorded three wall foundations. Two limestone-built walls match structures shown on the 1871 Ordnance Survey map, and probably represent the remains of 19th-century ancillary or workshop buildings. A brick-built wall may represent an internal wall within a building shown on the 1968 Ordnance Survey map.

The evaluation also recorded extensive modern levelling/demolition layers, presumably relating to the 20th-century redevelopment of the site. These layers directly overlay the natural substrate and are indicative of extensive truncation.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In June 2022, Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of land at Brighton Road, Godalming, Surrey (centred at NGR: 497325 143791; Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for Natta Building Company Ltd.
- 1.2. Waverley Borough Council has granted planning permission for the demolition of an existing warehouse building and the construction of 52 assisted living units with associated communal facilities, landscaping, amenity space and parking (planning ref: WA/2020/2123). Condition 12 of this planning permission required the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with an approved WSI.
- 1.3. The scope of this evaluation was defined by Nick Truckle (Surrey County Council Archaeological Officer). The evaluation was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CA (2022) and approved by Nick Truckle.
- 1.4. The evaluation was also in line with Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation (ClfA 2014; updated October 2020), Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation (Historic England 2015) and Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment: The MoRPHE Project Managers' Guide (Historic England 2015).

The site

- 1.5. The application site is situated close to the junction of Brighton Road and the A3100. It is currently occupied by a modern warehouse building, car park/hardstanding areas and the Scats Office Building. The site lies at *c*. 49m–50m Above Ordnance Datum. It is on the southern slope of a valley formed by the River Wey, the route of which runs *c*. 270m north of the site boundary.
- 1.6. The underlying bedrock geology of the site is mapped as Hythe Formation sandstone, which formed in the Cretaceous Period. This is overlain by Head clay, silt, sand and gravel deposits, which formed in the Quaternary Period (BGS 2022).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

2.1. The following text presents a site-focussed summary derived from an archaeological desk-based assessment of the site (RPS 2020).

Early medieval (AD 410–1066) and medieval (1066–1539)

2.2. Godalming is of early medieval origin and was recorded in the Domesday Survey (1086). The application site lies close to, but outside of, the settlement's historic core. The site is likely to have been in agricultural use since at least the medieval period.

Post-medieval (1540–1800) and modern (1800–present)

- 2.3. The application site is likely to have continued in agricultural use in the postmedieval period. The Scats Office Building, which lies within the western end of the site, is a converted cow house of 17th century date. This structure is Grade II Listed (National Heritage List for England entry no: 1352705). The 1806 Ordnance Survey (OS) map shows a number of agricultural or other ancillary buildings within the site, possibly related to use of the Scats Office Building.
- 2.4. OS maps from 1871, 1897, 1916 and 1934 depict a further series of probably ancillary or workshop buildings within the site, reflecting the increasingly industrial character of the immediate vicinity.
- 2.5. By the time of the 1968 OS map, the site had been redeveloped for use as a depot. The 1991 OS map documents further redevelopment, with a large warehouse building being constructed in the eastern half of the site. The 20th century development at the site is likely to have had a negative impact on the survival of any below-ground archaeological remains.
- 2.6. The Scats Office Building was converted to office use in the late 20th century and was further refurbished in the early 21st century.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1. The general objective of the evaluation was to provide further information on the likely archaeological resource within the site, including its presence/absence, character, extent, date and state of preservation. This information will enable Waverley Borough Council to identify and assess the particular significance of any archaeological heritage assets within the site, consider the impact of the proposed development upon that significance and, if appropriate, develop strategies to avoid or minimise conflict between heritage asset conservation and the development proposals, in line with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2021).

3.2. The specific objective of the evaluation is to determine if any below-ground remains associated with former post-medieval agricultural buildings survive at the site (see *Archaeological background*, above).

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1. The evaluation fieldwork comprised the excavation of four trenches, varying in length from 4m to 30m (Fig. 2). All trenches were 1.8m wide. The layout of the trenches was amended from that proposed in the WSI (2022) due to the presence of live services and other site constraints.
- 4.2. Trenches were set out on OS National Grid co-ordinates using Leica GPS. Overburden was stripped from the trenches by a mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. All machining was conducted under archaeological supervision to the top of the natural substrate, which was the level at which archaeological features were first encountered.
- 4.3. Archaeological features/deposits were investigated, planned and recorded in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual.
- 4.4. 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 deposits were identified that required sampling.
- 4.5. Artefacts were processed in accordance with CA Technical Manual 3: Treatment of Finds Immediately after Excavation.
- 4.6. There is currently no suitable archive repository active in Surrey. CA will hold the project archive at their offices until such time as a suitable repository is active. Once confirmed, CA will make arrangements with the repository for the deposition of the site archive.
- 4.7. A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix C, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain.

5. **RESULTS**

5.1. This section provides an overview of the evaluation results. The recorded features are shown on Figure 2. Figure 4 presents a selection of photographs. Detailed

summaries of the recorded contexts are given in Appendix A. Details of the artefactual material recovered from the site are given in Section 6 and Appendix B.

5.2. The natural substrate comprised brown-yellow sand. It was exposed in all four trenches at depths of 0.33m–0.94m below present ground level (bpgl). It was sealed directly in all trenches by modern made ground deposits.

Trench 1 (Fig. 1)

- 5.3. Natural substrate 108 was exposed 0.33m bpgl. It was cut by construction cut 104 for wall 105. This wall was north-north-west/south-south-east aligned. It was constructed of mortar-bonded, roughly-hewn limestone blocks, with no regular coursing. It was 0.62m wide and survived to 0.26m in height.
- 5.4. The natural substrate lay at a lower level (0.53m bpgl) to the east of wall 105. A deposit of modern rubble (103) was present in this area. The surface of wall 105 were sealed by concrete layer 102, which was covered in turn by modern crush 101 and modern tarmac surface 100.

Trench 3

- 5.5. Natural substrate 306 was exposed 0.94m bpgl. It was sealed by made ground deposit 305. North-north-west/south-south-east aligned wall 312 was cut into layer 305 (construction cut 313). This wall was constructed of mortar-bonded, roughly-hewn limestone blocks, with no regular coursing. It was 0.42m wide and survived to 0.12m in height. The upper surface of wall 312 was sealed by post-demolition deposit 314, which was covered in turn by made ground layer 303.
- 5.6. A series of other levelling/demolition deposits and the remnants of modern surfaces were present elsewhere within the trench (302, 304, 307–311). The trench was sealed by modern tarmac surface 300 and its associated bedding layer, 301.

Trench 4

- 5.7. Natural substrate 406 was exposed 0.59m bpgl. It was cut by construction cut 409 for north/south aligned wall 410. This wall was constructed of red brick. It was 0.13m wide and survived to 0.34m in height.
- 5.8. The natural substrate was partially sealed by rubble deposit 404. The remainder of the natural was sealed by chalk deposit 405, which was covered in turn by tarmac

402. This sequence (including the upper surface of wall 410) was sealed by former concrete surface 401, which was covered in turn by modern tarmac surface 400.

Trench 5

5.9. Natural substrate 505 was exposed 0.62m bpgl. It was sealed directly by a series of modern levelling/demolition deposits, which were covered in turn by modern tarmac surface 500 and its associated bedding layer (501).

6. THE FINDS

- 6.1. Artefactual material, comprising brick, tile and metal, was recovered from five different deposits. The material is listed by context in Appendix B and is further described below. The artefacts have been recorded by deposit and sherd count, weight, type, and morphological characteristics according to each find category. The recording undertaken is in accordance with the CIfA Finds Toolkit (CIfA 2022).
- 6.2. All the recovered material is of modern date and is of little archaeological significance. It will not be retained.

Ceramic Building Material (CBM)

- 6.3. Two fragments of post-medieval/modern flat roof tile were recovered from demolition/levelling deposit 404 (Tr4). These tiles were hand-made on sanded frames and were pierced at the top with two round peg holes.
- 6.4. Three half bricks were retained from wall 410 (Tr4). They measure 60mm in thickness and 95mm in width (23/8 inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches).
- 6.5. A total of three bricks were recovered from demolition/levelling layers 103 (Tr1) and 502 (Tr5). Two of these bricks were two frogged and stamped. One stamp (from 103) is illegible, but the other (from 501) reads *WARNHAM SBC*, indicating that it was manufactured at the Warnham brickworks, Horsham, Sussex. These brickworks were active from the late 19th century (RPS 2018, Appendix 9.2).

Metal

6.6. Three nails were recovered from deposit 106 (Tr1; backfill of construction cut 104 for wall 105). Two of these nails are in very good condition. They measure 54mm in length and have a flat, round head and a round section. The third nail is a fragment with a square section, missing its point and with a corroded head of uncertain form. All three nails are likely to be of modern date.

7. **DISCUSSION**

- 7.1. The evaluation recorded three wall foundations: two constructed of limestone and one of brick. Limestone walls 105 (Tr1) and 312 (Tr3) match structures shown on the 1871 OS map (Fig. 5). They do not clearly relate to structures visible on the 1806 OS map, and are probably the remains of 19th-century ancillary or workshop buildings.
- 7.2. Brick wall 410 (Tr4) is not depicted on the 1871 OS map. It likely represents an internal wall within the rectangular building shown in this location on the 1968 OS map (Fig. 6).
- 7.3. The evaluation also recorded extensive modern levelling/demolition layers, presumably relating to the 20th-century redevelopment of the site. These layers directly overlay the natural substrate and are indicative of extensive truncation.

8. CA PROJECT TEAM

8.1. Fieldwork was undertaken by Steffan Klemenic, assisted by Katherine Hebbard. This report was written by Derek Evans. The finds report was written by Alejandra Gutiérrez. The report illustrations were prepared by Ryan Wilson. The project archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Derek Evans.

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Trench	Context No.	Туре	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)
1	100	Layer		Floor surface	Tarmac		0.14
1	101	Layer		Levelling layer	Crushed concrete		0.09
1	102	Layer		Former surface	-		0.09
1	103	Layer		Made ground	Mix of modern rubble in a mid- brown sand matrix		0.2
1	104	Cut		Construction cut for wall 104	steep sides, NNW/SSE aligned	0.62	0.26
1	105	Structure	104	Wall	Limestone wall, rough hewn, random course, sandy lime mortar	0.62	0.26
1	106	Fill	104	Construction cut fill	Dark grey-brown clayey sand	0.62	0.26
1	107	Layer		Made ground	Mixed brick rubble in redeposited natural matrix	0.24	0.06
1	108	Layer		Natural	Mid orange-brown-yellow sand		
3	300	Layer		Floor surface	Tarmac		0.1
3	301	Layer		Levelling layer	Compact yellow sand and gravel		0.21
3	302	Layer		Former surface	Compacted chalk		0.09
3	303	Layer		Made ground	Dark grey-brown silt sand, soft, with chalk inclusions		0.18
3	304	Layer		Made ground	Mid grey-brown silt sand, soft, with CBM, charcoal and stone inclusions		0.22
3	305	Layer		Made ground	nd Mid brown-yellow silt sand, loose-compact, with CBM inclusions		0.35
3	306	Layer		Natural	Mid orange-brown yellow-sand		
3	307	Layer		Made ground	Concrete rubble with steel mesh		0.2
3	308	Layer		Former surface	Tarmac surface		0.05
3	309	Layer		Former surface	Tarmac surface		0.1
3	310	Layer		Levelling Layer	Concrete rubble		0.2
3	311		r		VOID		r
3	312	Structure	313	Wall	NNW/SSE aligned, limestone blocks, sandy yellow mortar	0.42	0.12
3	313	Cut		Construction cut for wall 312	Vertical sides, flat base	0.53	0.12
3	314	Fill	313	Backfill of construction cut 313	kfill of Mid brown-grey sandy silt with 0.53 struction CBM inclusions 0.53		0.12
4	400	Layer		Floor surface	Tarmac		0.15
4	401	Layer		Levelling layer	Concrete		0.18
4	402	Layer		Made ground	Modern tarmac and bitumen		0.14
4	403		ı		VOID		
	404			Made ground	Modern rubble in a silty matrix		0.27
4	405	Layer		Former surface	mer Compressed chalk		0.12
4	406	Layer		Natural	Mid orange-brown yellow-sand		
4	407				VOID		
4	408				VOID		

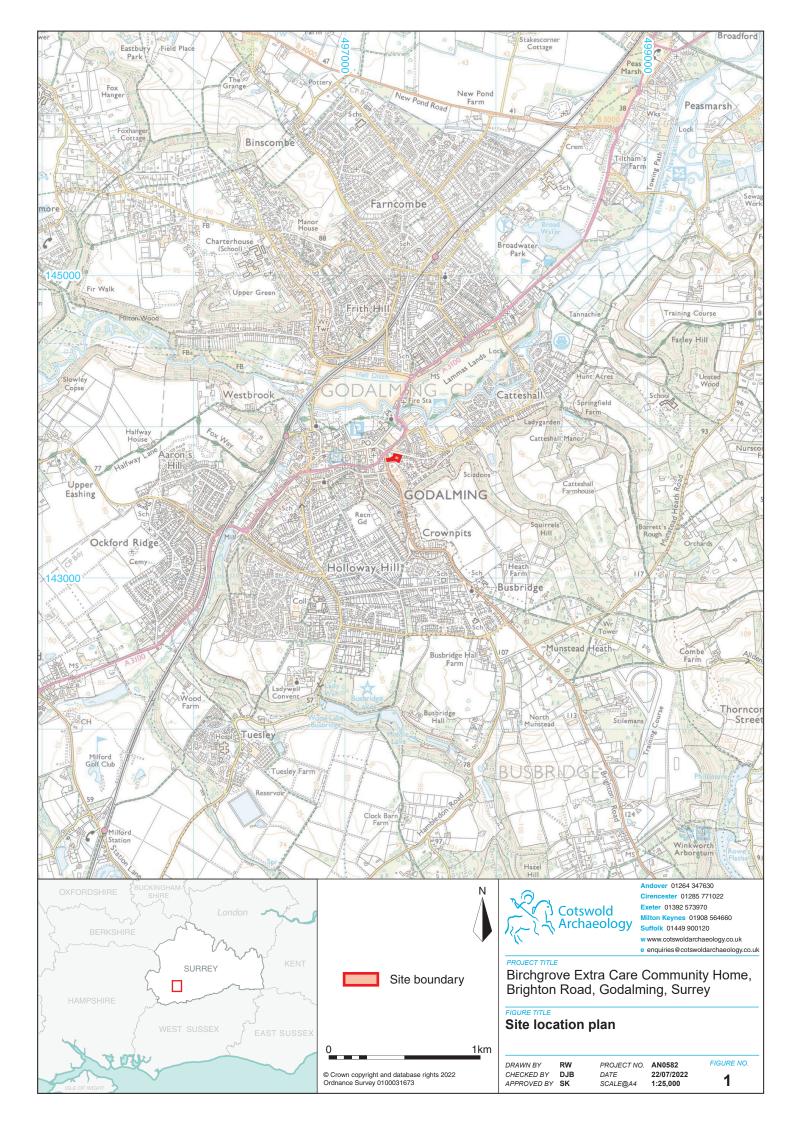
Trench	Context No.	Туре	Fill of	Interpretation	Description	Width (m)	Depth/ thickness (m)
4	409	Cut		Construction cut for wall 410	Recorded in plan only	0.25	N/A
4	410	Structure	409	Wall	N/S oriented. Red brick. No frog; light grey lime mortar	0.13	0.34
4	411	Fill	409	Backfill of construction cut 409	Mid brown-grey clayey sand	0.25	0.34
5	500	Layer		Floor surface	Tarmac		0.15
5	501	Layer		Levelling layer	Light yellow grey coarse sand		0.1
5	502	Layer		Made ground	Red brick rubble		0.17
5	503	Layer		Redeposited Natural	Mid brown-grey sand		0.07
5	504	Layer		Made ground	Modern rubble/waste in a sandy matrix		0.13
5	505	Layer		Natural	Mid brown-yellow sand		

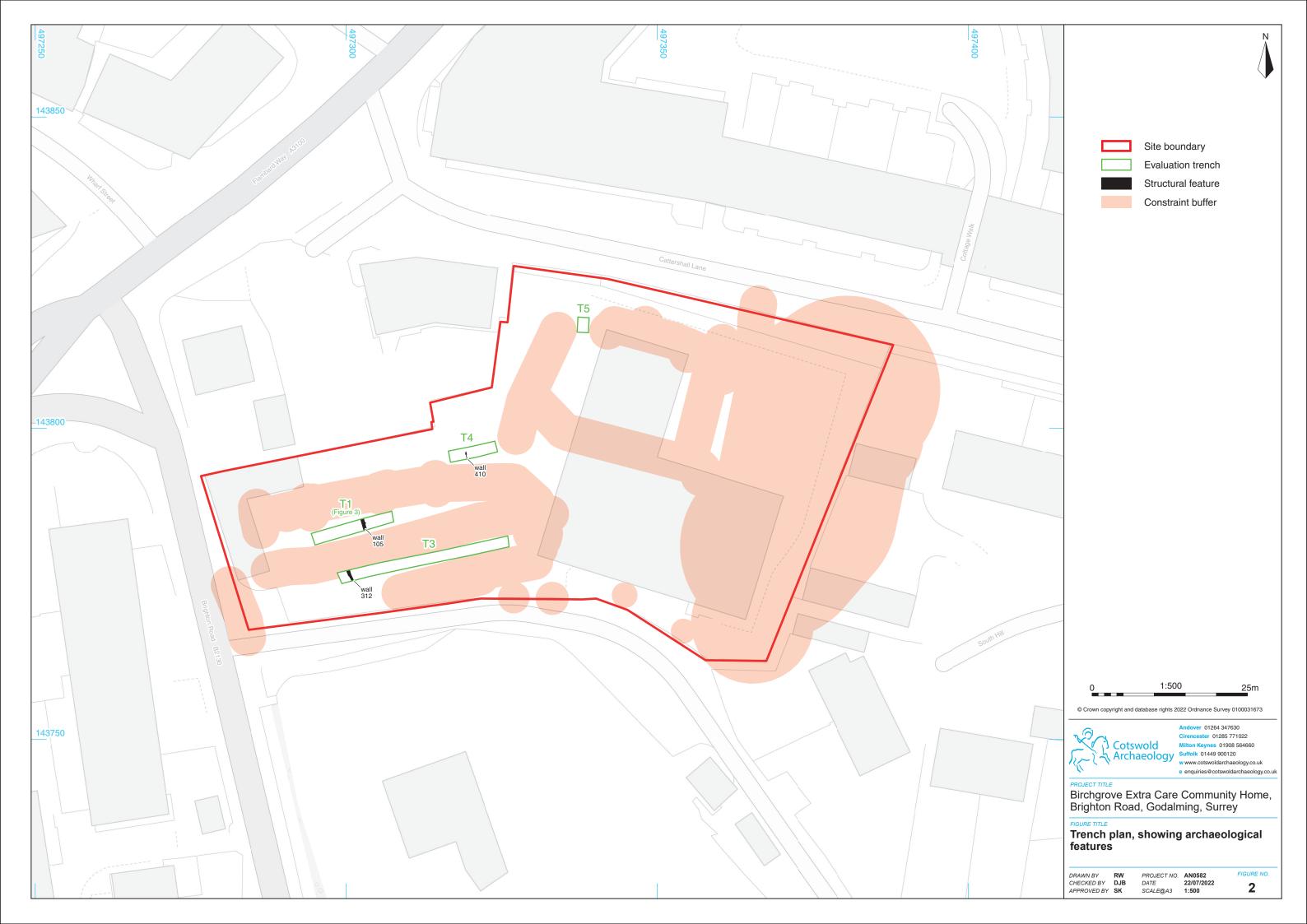
APPENDIX B: FINDS CONCORDANCE

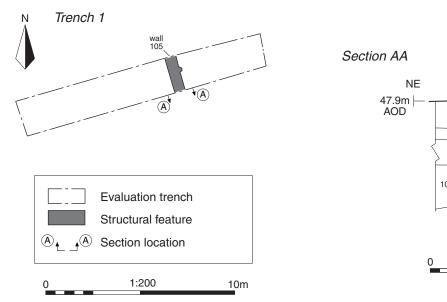
Context	Material	Туре	No.	Wt (g)	Description	Spot-date
103 CBM		Brick, complete	1	2474	Hand-made, 22 x 10.5 x 6.6cm (8½ x 4 x 2½"); with frog on upper surface only, stamp illegible	Late C19–C20
		Brick, complete	1	3062	Hand-made; 23.5 x 11.5 x 6.4 cm (9 ¹ / ₄ x 4 ¹ / ₂ x 2 ¹ / ₂ ")	
106	Iron	Nail, complete	1	14	Round section, 54mm long; round, flat head 16mm diameter	Modern
	Nail, complete	1	14	Round section, 54mm long; round, flat head 16mm diameter		
		Nail, frag	1	5	Square section, point missing; head very corroded	
404	CBM	Flat roof tile	2	311	Dark red, hard, fine; round peg holes	C17–C20
410	СВМ	Bricks	3	3398	Half-bricks; 60mm thick x 9.5cm long $(2^{3}/_{8} \times 3^{1}/_{2})$	C17–C20
502	СВМ	Brick, complete	1	2853		

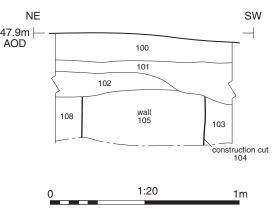
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PROJECT DETAILS					
Project name	Birchgrove Extra Care Community Home Godalming, Surrey	e, Brighton Road,			
Short description	In June 2022, Cotswold Archaeology can evaluation of land at Brighton Road, Goo four trenches were excavated.				
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Project dates	27–30 June 2022				
Project type	Field evaluation	Field evaluation			
Previous work	Desk-based assessment (RPS 2020)				
Future work	Unknown				
PROJECT LOCATION					
Site location	Brighton Road, Godalming, Surrey				
Study area (m²/ha)	1.5ha				
Site co-ordinates	497325 143791				
PROJECT CREATORS					
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology				
Project brief originator	N/A				
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology				
Project Manager	Derek Evans				
Project Supervisor	Steffan Klemenic				
MONUMENT TYPE	Modern wall foundations				
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None				
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive	Content			
Physical	N/A	N/A			
Paper	To be held by Cotswold Archaeology until such time as a suitable repository is active	Context sheets, trench sheets, site drawings, etc.			
Digital	To be held by Cotswold Archaeology until such time as a suitable repository is active	Digital photos; survey data			
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Wall 105, looking south-east (1m scale)



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Wall 410, looking west (1m scale)



Trench 5 representative section, looking west (1m scale)



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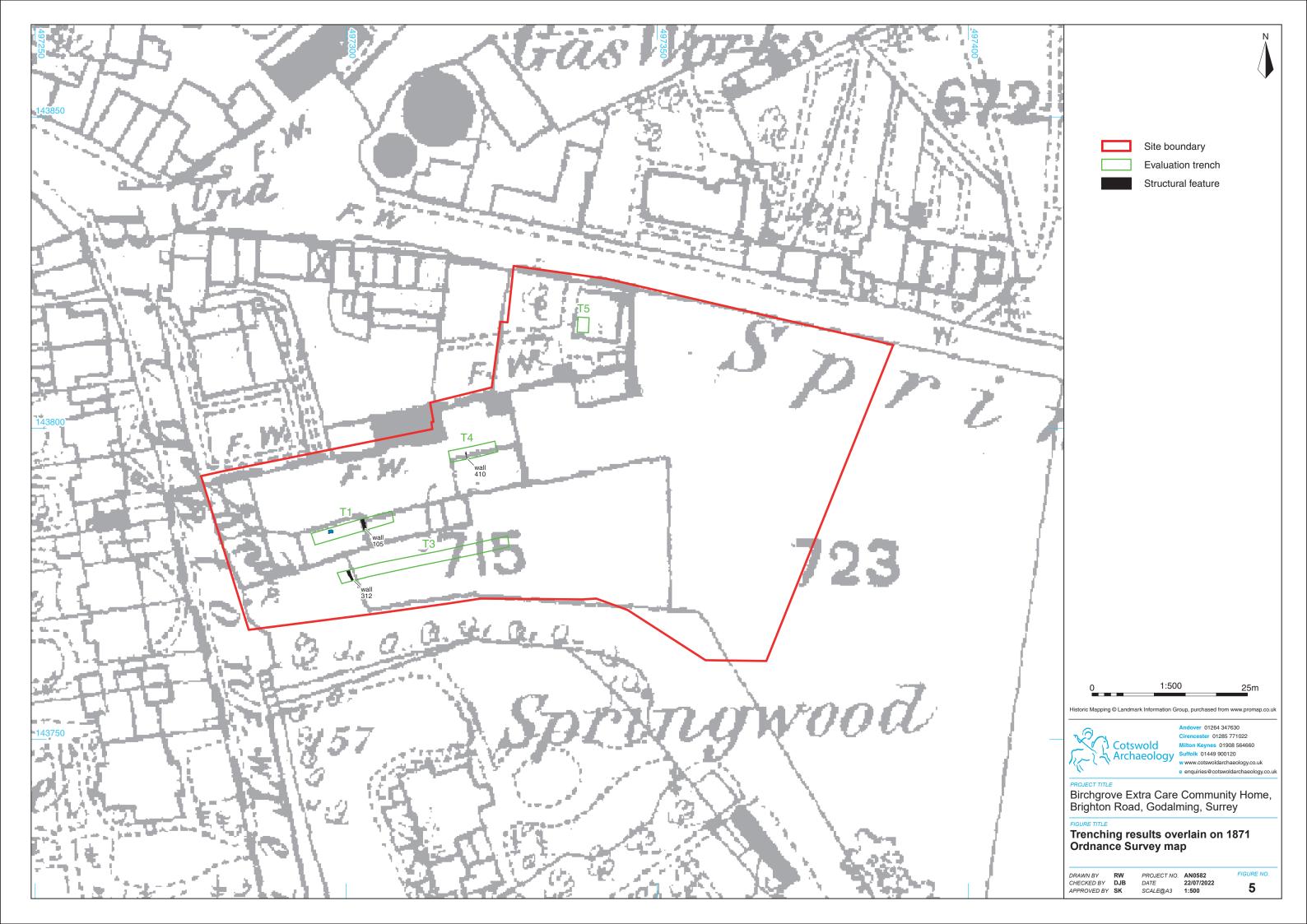
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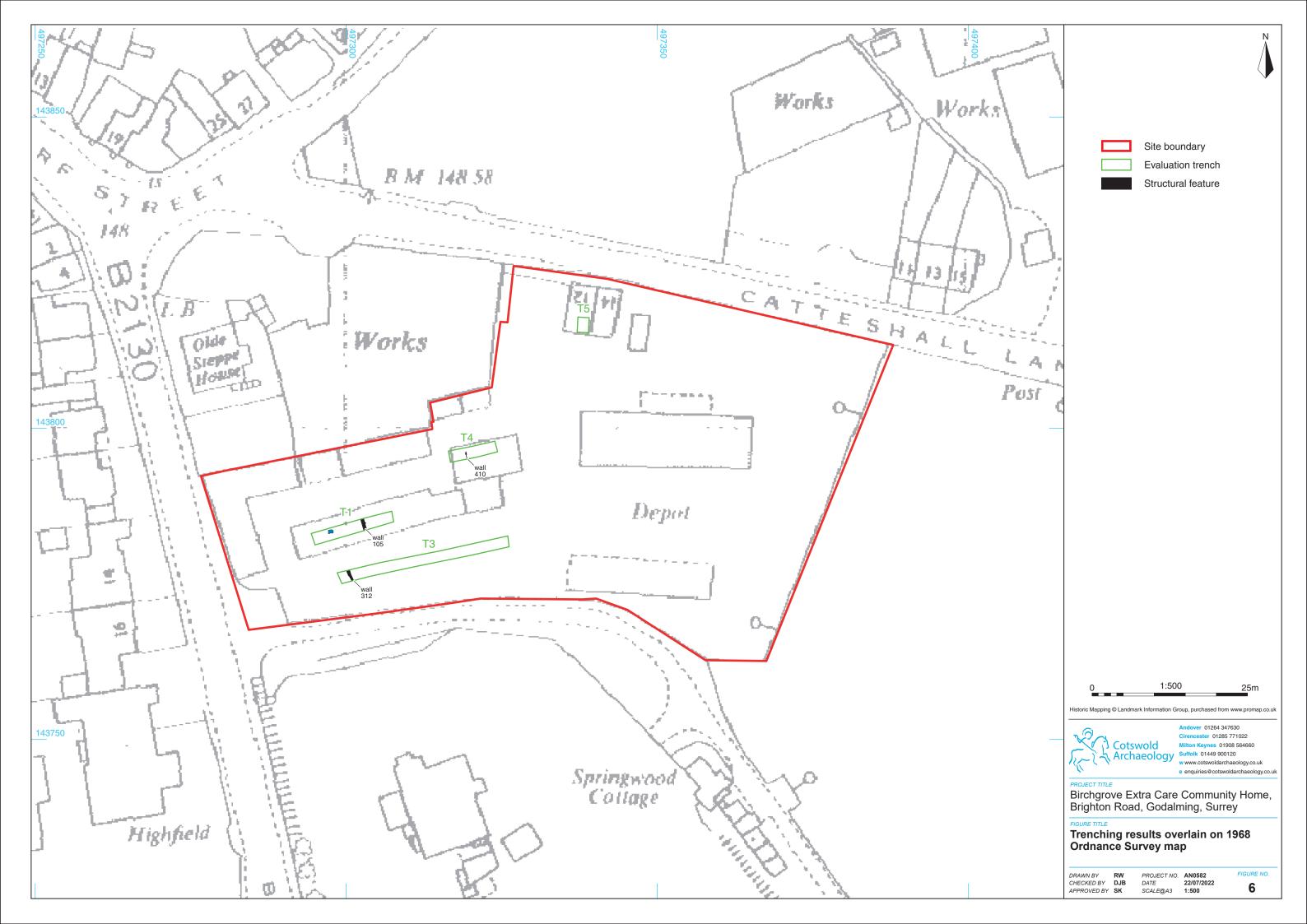
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