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WILTSHIRE**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF**

*For*

**MR SIMON JONES**


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## SUMMARY

**Project Name:** Four Winds  
**Location:** East Kennett, Wiltshire  
**NGR:** SU 1190 6722  
**Type:** Watching Brief  
**Date:** 9-10 June 2010  
**Planning Reference:** E/10/0162/FUL  
**Location of Archive:** To be deposited with the Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury  
**Site Code:** FOW 10

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the demolition of an existing bungalow, and the erection of a new dwelling on land at Four Winds, East Kennett, Wiltshire.

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

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In June 2010 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for Mr Simon Jones on land at Four Winds, East Kennett, Wiltshire (centred on NGR: SU 1190 6722; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to the planning consent for the demolition of an existing bungalow and the erection of a new dwelling (Planning ref: E/10/0162/FUL). The objective of the watching brief was to record all archaeological remains exposed during the development.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out following consultation with Mr David Vaughan, Assistant County Archaeologist, Wiltshire Council (WC), and in accordance with a subsequent detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2010) and approved by Mr Vaughan. The fieldwork also followed the *Standard and Guidance for an Archaeological Watching Brief* (IfA 2008), the *Standards for Archaeological Assessment and Field Evaluation in Wiltshire* (Archaeology Service, Wiltshire County Council, 1995), the *Management of Archaeological Projects 2nd edition* (English Heritage 1995) and the *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MORPHE)* (English Heritage 2006).

### **The site**

- 1.3 The site is a detached house and lies to the south of the village of East Kennett, to the west of the road known as 'The Elms'. Other detached properties lie to the north and south, whilst the land to the west is under agricultural use (Fig. 2). The site lies at approximately 150m AOD.
- 1.4 The proposed development area comprises the footprint of the current dwelling and an extension to the north-west, an area of approximately 225m<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.5 The underlying solid geology of the area is mapped as bedrock of Holywell nodular chalk formation and New Pit chalk formation with superficial geology of River Terrace deposits (sand and gravel; BGS 2010). Across the site sub-angular flints in a yellow silty clay matrix were observed.

### **Archaeological background**

- 1.6 The village of East Kennett lies to the south-west of the World Heritage Site of Avebury. This includes a Neolithic stone circle (HER No. SU17SW104) as well as the Neolithic long barrow of West Kennett, 1.6km to the north-west of the site (HER No. SU16NW100), and the Neolithic stone circle known as The Sanctuary c. 750m to the north (HER No. SU16NW107), and is part of a well-documented prehistoric landscape. Further monuments lie in close proximity to the development area, most notably East Kennett long barrow (HER No. SU16NW101), c. 500m to the south-west, and the post-Roman/early Saxon boundary bank the Wansdyke, 2km to the south. East Kennett itself is of Saxon origin (HER No. SU16NW405). The development therefore lies within an area of high archaeological potential, close to sites of both national and international importance.

### **Methodology**

- 1.7 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2010). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks which comprised the removal of the foundations of the demolished bungalow, and excavations associated with the construction of a replacement dwelling (Fig. 2).
- 1.8 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: *Fieldwork Recording Manual* (2007).
- 1.9 The archive from the evaluation is currently held by CA at their offices in Kemble. The site archive will be deposited with the Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury. 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.

## **2. RESULTS (FIG. 2)**

- 2.1 The natural geological substrate 1004, consisting of sub-angular flints in a yellow silty clay matrix, was revealed throughout the excavation for the footings of the new dwelling at an average depth of 0.37m below present ground level. This was overlain by subsoil 1003 averaging 0.2m in thickness, which was in turn sealed by 0.17m of topsoil 1002. During the removal of the foundations 1001 of the

demolished dwelling it was observed that these had extended to 0.6m below the present ground level, but that this disturbance was restricted to the narrow trenches 1000 dug for these original foundations.

2.2 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.

### 3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area (see archaeological background above), the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. The absence of archaeological deposits may indicate that none were ever present within the development area, or that none were exposed during the groundworks. The presence of an *in situ* subsoil suggests that the construction of the previous dwelling had, apart from the excavation of the foundation trenches, made little impact upon potential archaeological deposits and therefore it seems more likely none were present.

### 4. CA PROJECT TEAM

Fieldwork was undertaken by Kelly Saunders and Jon Hart. The report was written by Kelly Saunders. The illustrations were prepared by Lorna Gray. The archive has been compiled by Kelly Saunders, and prepared for deposition by Jon Hart. The project was managed for CA by Richard Young.

### 5. REFERENCES

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**APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS**

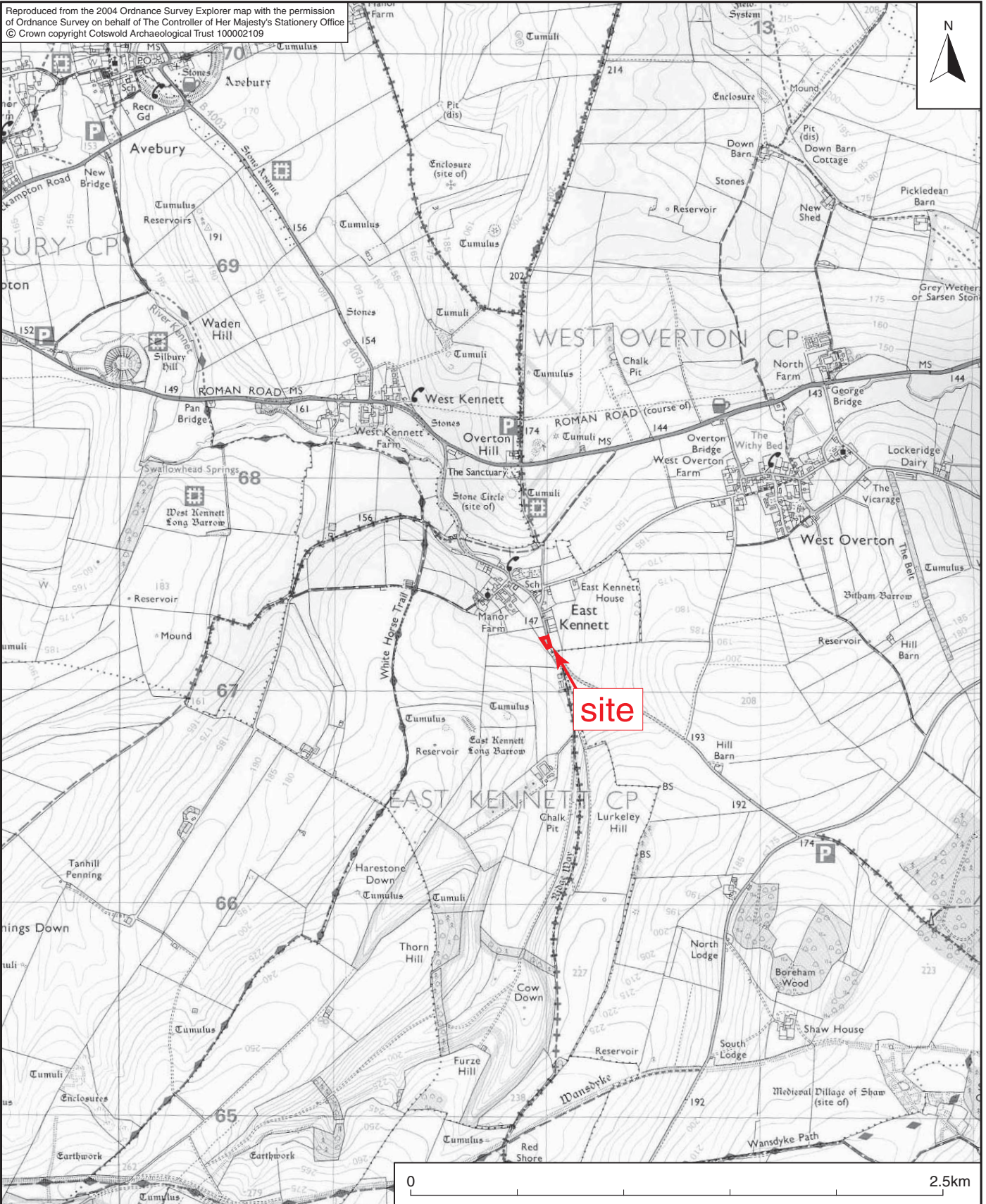
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1001	Deposit	Foundations for the demolished bungalow			0.6	
1002	Layer	Topsoil			0.17	
1003	Layer	Subsoil			0.2	
1004	Layer	Natural Substrate				




**APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project Name	Four Winds, East Kennett, Wiltshire	
Short description (250 words maximum)	<p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the demolition of an existing bungalow, and the erection of a new dwelling on land at Four Winds, East Kennett, Wiltshire.</p> <p>No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.</p>	
Project dates	9-10 June 2010	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site Location	Four Winds, East Kennett, Wiltshire	
Study area (M <sup>2</sup> /ha)	225m <sup>2</sup>	
Site co-ordinates (8 Fig Grid Reference)	SU 119 6722	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	David Vaughan, Wiltshire Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Richard Young	
Project Supervisor	Kelly Saunders, Jon Hart	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	N/A	N/A
Paper	Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury	Pro forma recording sheets
Digital	Alexander Keiller Museum, Avebury	Digital photos
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2010 <i>Four Winds, East Kennett, Wiltshire: Archaeological Watching Brief</i> CA Report No. <b>10092</b>		

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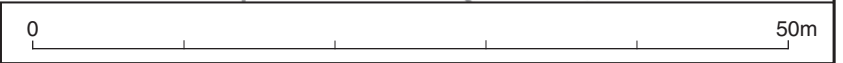
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
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-  site
-  area of observed groundworks



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Fourwinds, East Kennett  
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FIGURE TITLE

**The site, showing location of  
groundworks**

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