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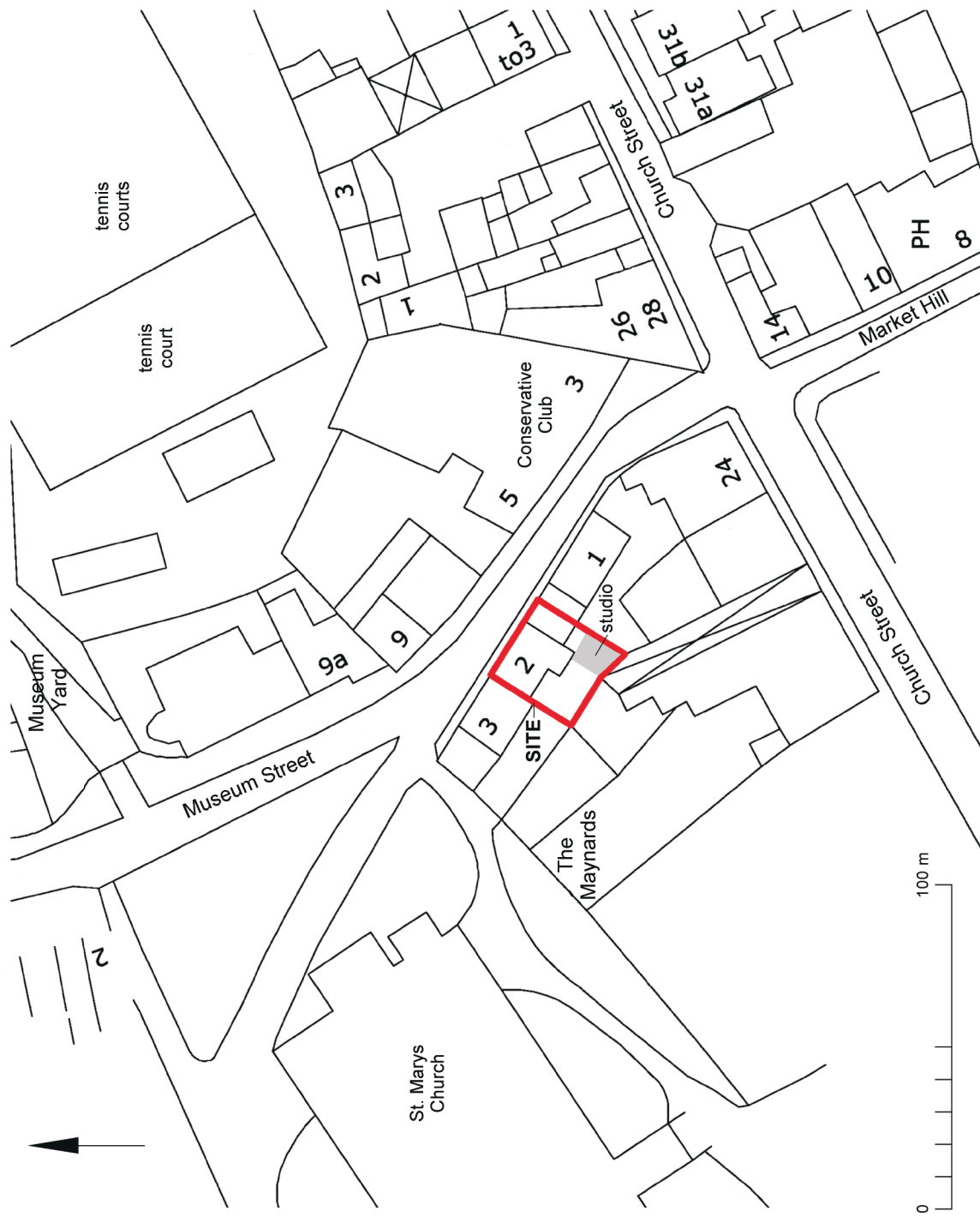
**Archaeological attendance and recording
(watching brief) at
2 The Maynards, Museum Street,
Saffron Walden**

Summary sheet

CAT Report 642

Address: 2, The Maynards, Museum Street, Saffron Walden, Essex	
Parish: Saffron Walden	District: Uttlesford
NGR: TL 9866 2452 (centre)	Site code: CAT project code – 12/4a
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 10th April 2012	Size of area investigated: 4x3m footprint
Location of curating museum: Saffron Walden Museum accession code – requested 10/4/2012	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER numbers: SAM 54, EHER 0443, EHER 1935, EHER 46210
Final report: CAT Report 642	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results: An archaeological watching brief was carried out in April of 2012, in accordance with a brief issued by an Essex County Council Heritage Environment Management officer (HEM). Observations were made during ground-level reduction.</p> <p>Level reduction removed a thin modern topsoil (L1) some 100mm in thickness. This material sealed a horizon of modern made-ground (L2), 400mm in thickness which contained substantial deposits of builder's debris (brick, slate and plastic, none of which was retained). L2 sealed a chalk-flecked silt (L3) containing CBM and coal flecking. Excavation was halted at this depth because change was made in the foundation design (from a beam foundation to a raft foundation), limiting the impact to 300mm below ground-level and restricting any impact to L2.</p> <p>No significant archaeological material or features were identified during the course of monitoring work at the Museum Street site. Modern garden material sealed a major deposit of building debris probably associated with the construction of the Maynards in the 1980s/90s. Any underlying archaeological horizons remain <i>in situ and</i> unaffected by the</p>	

raft foundation.	
Previous summaries/reports: none	
Keywords: modern	Significance: neg
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Fig 1 Site location plan.