

In 1983 several Roman pottery sherds were recovered from the site of a newly uprooted tree. It was also felt that a possible Roman saltern lay under the orchard located here.

26 March 1983. In former orchard bisected by new Wisbech bypass.

Context 1 at 4886 1053.

Newly uprooted tree outside roadline produced Samian sherd and indeterminate sherd of tile-like material on side of medium roddon.

Context 2 at 4884 1054.

Several sherds pot, at least one Roman, also close to roddon in machine scrape. Lack of material, but at least definite possibility that Roman saltern lies under orchard.

R. Silvester (NAU) March 1983.

For full details of wares, flint types etc. see Fenland Folders.

Asset Number 44

Asset Name Roman pottery sherds

Type of Asset Findspot; Watercourse

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19071

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 549651

Northing 311581

Parish Walsoken

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Unknown date)

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

WATERCOURSE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Fieldwalking here in 1983 recovered a large number of Roman pottery sherds along with a few fragments of animal bone, shell and glass. A possible roddon may exist to the west of this area but the patterning of the field surface here is complex.

14 and 24 March 1983. Fieldwalking by R. Silvester (NAU) and S. White (NAU).

Major scatter of Roman pottery recovered in spite of fact that field recently harrowed. Area approximately 90m northwest to southeast x 50m northeast to southwest. Height uncertain perhaps 2.1m (7ft) OD.

Within general area, linear spread of distinctively charcoally soil containing large amount of pottery. One or two areas of soil a darker colour than surrounding area. South part field where pottery concentrates generally darker in colour than silts. Small amount bone present, one or two shells. Possibly few fragments Roman glass. Possible roddon just to west but several filled in dykes present.

A confused undulating field surface. R. Silvester (NAU) March 1983.

For full details of wares, flint types etc. see Fenland Folders.

Asset Number 45

Asset Name Roman and medieval pottery sherds

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number



HER Number MNF19072

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 549860

Northing 311670

Parish West Walton

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

Fenland fieldwalking here in 1983 recovered sherds of medieval pottery along with a single

sherd of Roman pottery.

24 March 1983. Fenland fieldwalking. Field part harrowed and drilled, part harrowed only. Very

wet under foot. Few sherds of pottery - one possibly Roman.

R. Silvester (NAU) March 1983.

Some of the material has been reidentified as medieval pottery. For full details of wares, flint types etc. see Fenland Folders (S1).

Asset Number 46

Asset Name Undated trackway and multi-period pottery sherds

Type of Asset Findspot; trackway; Watercourse

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19169

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 549338

Northing 310642

Parish Walsoken

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Unknown date)

TRACKWAY (Undated)
WATERCOURSE (Undated)

FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)
FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)
FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Fenland fieldwalking here during 1983 recorded scatters of Roman, medieval and post medieval pottery. The remnants of a possible trackway or watercourse were also noted in this

area.

28 April 1983.

Pottery scatters of Roman, medieval and post medieval.

See file for details.

R. Silvester (NAU) May 1983.

Asset Number 47



Asset Name Undated ditches and multi-period pottery sherds

Type of Asset Ditch; Pit; Rectangular Enclosure

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19214

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 548946
Northing 310756
Parish Walsoken
Council Norfolk

Description DITCH (Undated)

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PIT (Undated)

RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE (Undated)

In 1983 a number of ditches containing Roman, Late Saxon and medieval pottery sherds were recorded here. Pottery types identified included Roman samian ware and rusticated ware, Late Saxon Thetford Ware and medieval Grimston Ware.

Early May 1983. On surface stripped for Wisbech bypass. Immediately south of Fengate Road. Discrete area of archaeological features. Ditches and pits containing late Roman, Late Saxon and early medieval sherds.

Rescue excavation and planning by Tony Johnson and Wisbech Museum Society.

A. Gregory (NAU) 1 June 1983. Details are given in reference (S1).

Roman, Late Saxon, medieval and post medieval sherds in ditches and rectangles showing as cropmarks. Field system of ditches contains mostly Late Saxon-medieval sherds. Some residual

Roman. Samian, Nene Valley, Icenian Rusticated and

shell-gritted wares. Late Saxon Thetford. Medieval Grimston ware. Some coal from one feature.

E. Rose (NAU) 27 October 1988.

Asset Number 48

Asset Name Concentration of Roman pottery sherds, medieval pottery sherds

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19585

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 551621

Northing 311568

Parish Walpole Highway

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

 $17\ October\ 1983.\ Fenland\ field walking.\ 100\ acre\ plus\ field.\ Conditions\ very\ poor.\ Rough$

ploughed and partly weathered. Bright sunlight.

Context 1: sherds all over field, mostly medieval, mostly from extreme east end adjacent to

medieval drove. WPP AB (S1).

Context 2: at 5202 1156 at 7-8 feet (2.1m - 2.4m) OD. Quite sizeable concentration of Roman



sherds over top and southeast

side of medium roddon. Despite condition of field quite a reasonable amount of material but

no bone or other find types noted. Hint of dark stain on ground. WPP 4 (S2).

For full details of wares, flint types etc see Fenland Folders (S3).

R. Silvester (NAU), 17 October 1983.

Asset Number 49

Asset Name Roman pottery sherds and undated hearth, southeast corner of orchard on line of Wisbech byp

Type of Asset Hearth

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19650

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 548870

Northing 310615

Parish Walsoken

Council Norfolk

Description HEARTH (Undated)

In 1983 a number of miscellaneous Roman pottery sherds were found here during the construction of a road. A feature with evidence of burning was also identified, but no date was

assigned to this possible hearth.

Spring 1983. Found on stripped surface during construction of road.

Miscellaneous Roman coarse sherds and a few rather indisinct features, one with burning.

Distinct from, separated by about 150m from site NHER 19214.

A. Gregory (NAU) 31 October 1983.

Asset Number 50

Asset Name Tom Hickathrift's washbowl and Giant's Grave

Type of Asset Monument

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF2390

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 552371 **Northing** 309834

Parish Marshland St James

Council Norfolk

Description MOUND (Unknown date)

LONG BARROW (Neolithic - 4000 BC to 2351 BC) POND BARROW (Bronze Age - 2350 BC to 701 BC)

CROSS (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

The site of a mound, possibly a barrow, and a pond. The site was destroyed in the early 20th century and only a shallow circular depression remains. The name of the site comes from the marshland folk hero Tom Hickathrift, born in the reign of William the Conqueror. A man of



great size and strength, he is said to have rid the land of various ogres and undesirables, eventually being knighted. The now destroyed mound was said to be the grave of one of the ogres he defeated. A crossknown as Hickathrift's Candle used to stand on the mound, but the shaft was removed in the 19th century. The base of thecross, known as Hickathrift's Collar Stud, was exposed when the mound was destroyed and is now apparently built into the current village sign.

Tom Hickathrift's Washbowl was a cicular hollow with a low mound enclosing it, classified as a pond barrow (S4), and was located in the centre of a field at a junction of four roads (S7). The giant's grave was a nearby mound with marks of an entrenchment around it, located close to the roadside (S7) near smeeth Road Station (S3).

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A cross known as Hickathrift's Candle used to stand on the mound (S2), but the shaft was removed in the 19th century when the earthwork was destroyed (S4). The base of the cross, known as Hickathrift's Collar Stud, was exposed when the mound was destroyed and is now apparently built into the current village sign (S11).

1929

Earth was removed from the mound to fill in the hollow and a pedestal, 2 feet 9 inches square and 1 foot 9 inches high with stop angles, of a medieval cross with two feet of a pointed shaft remaining, was found. It was put in the hedge by the roadside and is now situated at Terrington St John.

Information from (S4) and (S7).

26 September 1978. Site visit by Ordnance Survey Inspector.

'A large circular depression with maximum measurements of about 50m north to south, 30m east to west, and a maximum depth of 1.6m. There is no surface indication of an accompanying counterscarp bank to the depression, nor is there now surface evidence of an adjacent mound'. Information from (S7?).

R.J. Rickett (NAU), 26 February 1990

Asset Number 51

Asset Name Medieval and post medieval pottery

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF56136

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 548553
Northing 310771
Parish Walsoken
Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Medieval and post medieval pottery discovered when trenches dug for extension to house.

Before 18 May 2007.

 $Small\ amounts\ of\ medieval\ and\ larger\ amounts\ of\ post\ medeival\ pottery\ discovered\ when$

trenches dug for extension to house.

See list in file.



E. Darch (NLA), 31 August 2007.

Before 3 September 2007. Chance find.

13th -17th century pottery found when digging foundations for an extension, including possibly burnt sherds of medieval unglazed pottery, Bourne fabric D and burnt Glazed Red Earthenware. See list in file.

E. Darch (NLA), 08 February 2008.

Asset Number 52

Asset Name Medieval bricks and one post-medieval pottery sherd

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF56356

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 548503

Northing 310816

Parish Walsoken

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

A chance find of one glazed red earthenware body sherd (16th-17th century) was made during

2007. Four medieval bricks were found here in 2010.

Before 3 September 2007. Chance find.

One bodysherd GRE weighing 12g. 16th-17th century.

See description in file.

E. Darch (NLA), 8 February 2008.

September 2010. Stray find.

Four bricks each of 115mm x 230mm x 51mm (4.5ins x 9ins x 2ins). Made with fenland brick earth producing colour similar to modern day Flettons. Straw marks on one side and

impressions of mould edges on the other. Highly fired but no distortion.

Unmortared bricks but formed part of a subterranean wall.

S. Heywood (NCC), 10 September 2010.

Asset Number 53

Asset Name Willow Tree Farm, Wheatley Bank

Type of Asset Barn; Farm; House

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF57226

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 548846
Northing 311311
Parish Walsoken



Council Norfolk

Description BARN (Post Medieval to 21st Century - 1540 AD to 2100 AD)

FARM (Post Medieval to 21st Century - 1540 AD to 2100 AD) HOUSE (Post Medieval to 21st Century - 1540 AD to 2100 AD)

Post Medieval house and barn.

Field Survey, 27 April 2001.

House and barn, inspected at the request of West Norfolk Council. House now two cell two storeys, but began life as a one cell building of two storeys made of brick. The extra cell was added in the 20th century. The building does not appear on (S1) but is shown on (S2) thus

dating the older work. A brick barn is of the older period.

E. Rose (NLA), 18 June 2007

Asset Number 54

Asset Name Post-medieval and undated ditches and natural palaeochannels

Type of Asset Ditch; Palaeochannel; Ditch; Field Boundary; Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF74612

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 552265

Northing 310050

Parish Marshland St James

Council Norfolk

Description DITCH (Unknown date)

PALAEOCHANNEL (Unknown date)

DITCH (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

FIELD BOUNDARY (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD) FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Trial trenching at this site in 2017 revealed only two ditches and a number of probable natural palaeochannels, all of which truncated the uppermost in a sequence of marine clays.

April 2017. Trial Trenching.

Evaluation of proposed development site.

The 15 trenches excavated revealed little in the way of archaeologically-significant remains, with only two ditches recorded.

The earliest deposit observed was a dark grey silty clay with frequent orange flecks, which was exposed in a sondage dug in one of the trenches. In most cases excavation halted at the overlying layers of clay, which contained occasional cockle shells and were likely to represent marine alluvium. In one of the trenches the lowest alluvial deposit was overlain by a dark grey silt deposit that was possibly a former soil that had formed during a brief drier period. In places the alluvial clays were overlain by an intermittent yellowish brown clayey silt that potentially represented a flood deposit.

The base of the south-easternmost trench consisted almost entirely of laminated silt, suggesting it coincided with part of the large roddon on which Marshland St James is known to have been established.

The two ditches were both cut into the uppermost of the alluvial clay layers. One of these was a north-east to south-west aligned feature that corresponds with a former boundary depicted on the Ordnance Survey First Edition Six Inch map (S1). This contained post-medieval brick and an iron horseshoe (not retained). The second ditch was similarly aligned but otherwise undated.

The uppermost alluvial clay was also truncated by a number of more irregular linear features



containing laminated yellow brown clayey silt deposits. These were interpreted as probable natural palaeochannels containing tidal deposits.

No unstratified finds were recovered. See report (S2) further details. P. Watkins (HES) 11 May 2022.

Asset Number 55

Asset Name Route of Lynn and Wisbech Railway (Wisbech to Magdalen Road)

Type of Asset Bridge; Railway; Railway Tranport Site

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF13596

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 551128

Northing 309303

Parish Walsoken; West Walton; Marshland St James

Council Norfolk

Description BRIDGE (19th Century to Late 20th Century - 1848 AD?) to 1968 AD?)

RAILWAY (19th Century to Late 20th Century - 1848 AD to 1968 AD)

RAILWAY TRANSPORT SITE (19th Century to Late 20th Century - 1848 AD to 1968 AD)

This line was opened by the East Anglian Railway Company on 1 February 1848. It began near Watlington at a junction with the Lynn and Ely Line (NHER 13594), and had stations at Magdalen Road, Middle Drove, Smeeth Road and Emneth and Wisbech, before crossing the county boundary. There was also a siding at Wiggenhall. In 1964 it closed to freight, and on 9 September 1968 it closed completely.

Later the East Anglian Railway (later Great Eastern). East-west line 1848, closed 1964 (goods) 1968 (passengers). Magdalen Road-Wiggenhall Siding-Middle Drove-Smeeth Road (siding)-Emneth-county boundary.

(S1) (railways added around 1860) marks a Walsoken station at what was later Meadow Lane Crossing.

Line at Marshland St James used as farm track, in parts ploughed out; some crossing houses remain; also iron girder bridge across Middle Level Main Drain, now used as road and path. E. Rose (NAU), 20 May 1988.

A signal box remains at the site of Smeeth Road station which is to be converted to an office retaining the original form. However this was never done and the box is proposed for removal. (S2) in file.

E. Rose (NLA), 24 May 2004.

The bridge across the flood relief channel was still extant in 2008 and could date from the 1950s.

See (S3). E. Rose, 2008.

Compiled by S. Howard (HES), 7 March 2011.

Asset Number 56

Asset Name Site of medieval chapel



Type of Asset Chapel

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF17028

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 552061 **Northing** 309318

Parish Marshland St James

Council Norfolk

Description CHAPEL (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

The site of St James' medieval chapel, washed away in floods. The exact location of where the

chapel stood is the subject of some discussion.

Site of St. James's Chapel? Washed away in floods. (S1) places this on site of modern church, NHER 2391.

But Dugdale's Map of Marshland (S2) (original in (S3), copy in (S4)), though not always easy to

relate to modern maps, seems to place this chapel here.

It is perhaps significant that a cemetery is still marked at this spot, but note methodist chapel

to north.

E. Rose and A. Rogerson (NAU), 16 February 1981.

(S4)'s copy of (S2) is wrong, and (S3)'s may not be the original, for R. Silvester (NAU) reports seeing the original in Wisbech Museum. This does not show a church here, but instead a cross,

which is clearly a vague siting for Tom Hickathrift's

Candlestick, NHER 2390.

(S4) has misinterpreted the cross symbol.

R. Silvester and E. Rose (NAU), 18 August 1983.

1981.

A. Rogerson visited site but found no trace of a church or finds.

Asset Number 57

Asset Name Post medieval windmill at Mill House

Type of Asset Windmill; Mill House

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF18478

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 550261

Northing 311790

Parish West Walton

Council Norfolk

Description WINDMILL (18th Century to 19th Century - 1750 AD to 1900 AD)

MILL HOUSE (18th Century to 21st Century - 1750 AD to 2100 AD)

The former tower mill here has four storeys and is topped with modern battlements. It dates to the mid 18th century and originally had three storeys, before one was removed. Then in



1815 two more storeys were added – giving it its present appearance. The mill now serves as a house, having been converted and extended.

28 October 1982. Visit by E. Rose (NAU).

Tower mill, red brick once tarred over. Four storeys - the lower two on a wide tapering base,

the upper two in a vertical shaft;

with modern battlements.

Converted and extended to form house.

E. Rose (NAU) 28 October 1982.

Listed Grade II 1985 as mid 18th century.

Originally three storeys reduced to two in 1815.

Then two more added with tie plates 'JD 1815' for John Dobbs.

E. Rose (NAU) 4 February 1986.

Asset Number 58

Asset Name Medieval coin

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF18605

Status Non-designated Asset

 Easting
 550182

 Northing
 311465

Parish West Walton

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

In 1982 a medieval coin was found at this location. The coin was tentatively identified as a

groat.

30 December 1982. Found at [1]. Medieval coin found, said to be a groat. R. Silvester (NAU) December 1982.

Asset Number 59

Asset Name Medieval metal find

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF18983

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 552159 **Northing** 309550

Parish Marshland St James

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)



A medieval coin was found in a garden in 1983.

1983. Garden of 263 Smeeth Road.

Found when digging.

Short cross penny of Henry III (North class 7) 1217/8-1242. Obverse: HENRICVS REX rev: ELIS

ON LVNDON (North number 979).

Identified by S. Margeson (NCM), 14 February 1983.

Asset Number 60

Asset Name Roman pottery

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19033

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 551193 **Northing** 308999

Parish Marshland St James

Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Fragments of Roman pottery were found on top of a roddon in 1983.

22 March 1983. Sherds of Roman pottery on top of roddon. On this site is proved impossible to define the site with any accuracy. The field appears not to have been ploughed since the last cereal crop was taken off. This has given a flat weathered surface of grey brown colour, very similar to much of the pottery one might expect to find on such a site. The crop roots have also regenerated and straw has been left lying in the field. Less than a dozen sherds found probably over an area less than 20m in diameter, but the field must be checked again when in better condition. Roddon low and height of site uncertain but probably about the same as those on

other side of Smeeth Drain. R. Silvester (NAU), March 1983.

For full details of wares, flint types etc see Fenland Folders

Asset Number 61

Asset Name Medieval pottery sherds

Type of Asset Findspot

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF19069

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 548980
Northing 310830
Parish Walsoken
Council Norfolk

Description FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

WATERCOURSE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)



FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1540 AD to 1900 AD)

Fenland fieldwalking here in 1983 recovered several sherds of medieval pottery. This site was adjacent to a demolished building which had left a fair amount of post medieval and modern material.

Several sherds of medieval pottery noted in road disturbance. Adjacent to demolished building which has left a fair amount of post medieval-modern material. On side of medium roddon (roadway ditches not yet cut).

R. Silvester (NAU) March 1983.

For full details of wares, flint types etc. see Fenland Folders.

Asset Number 62

Asset Name Site where limited groundworks revealed no evidence for archaeologically-significant remains

Type of Asset Negative Evidence

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF74617
Status Event
Easting 550568

Northing 309965

Parish West Walton
Council Norfolk

Description A watching brief maintained at this location in 2015 during the excavation of a foundation

trench for a wind turbine recorded no archaeologically-significant features or deposits.

March 2015. Watching Brief.

Monitoring of groundworks associated with installation of a 225 kw wind turbine. The 7m x 7m trench excavated for the concrete turbine foundations revealed no

archaeologically-significant features or

deposits.

No finds were recovered.

See report (S1) for further details. P. Watkins (HES), 11 May 2022.

Source: Unpublished Contractor Report: Carlsson, C. 2015. Land at Harps Hall Road, Walton Highway, Norfolk. Archaeological Monitoring. Independent Archaeology Consultants.

Asset Number 63

Asset Name Site where limited groundworks revealed no evidence for archaeologically-significant remains

Type of Asset Negative Evidence

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number MNF74618

Status Event
Easting 550678
Northing 309836



Parish West Walton
Council Norfolk

Description A watching brief maintained at this location in 2015 during the excavation of a foundation

trench for a wind turbine recorded no archaeologically-significant features or deposits.

March 2015. Watching Brief.

Monitoring of groundworks associated with installation of a 225 kw wind turbine. The 7m x 7m trench excavated for the concrete turbine foundations revealed no

archaeologically-significant features or deposits.

No finds were recovered.

See report (S1) for further details. P. Watkins (HES), 11 May 2022.

Asset Number 64

Asset Name Farm complex on Small Drove

Type of Asset Farmhouse (Post-medieval)

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 550494

Northing 310567

Parish West Walton

Council Norfolk

Description *02/06/2022

*Farm buildings on Small Drove

*Historic Maps

*Location of a farm complex adjacent to Small Drove annotated on the 1866 OS map as a complex of four buildings with adjacent yard and subdivided sapces (possibly animal pens). Elements of this complex appear to survive to the present day as part of a larger modern farming complex, with a much larger modern barn struture having cleared some of the area

(Google Maps Satellite Imagery 2022).

*Farm complex measures c.85m NE-SW, c.60m NW-SE

*Sources

Ordnance Survey. 1866. Norfolk Sheet LVI.NW Surveyed: 1886, Published: 1886

Google Maps Satellite Imagery 2022

Asset Number 65

Asset Name Woodland Cottages

Type of Asset Cottages (Modern)

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number

Status Non-designated Asset

Easting 550370

Northing 310400

Parish West Walton



Council Norfolk

Description *04/05/2022

*Woodland Cottages
*Historic Maps

*Location of a cottages adjacent to Small Drove annotated on the 1927 OS map as a complex of six buildings. Elements of this complex may survive to the present day as part of a larger modern farming complex, with a much larger modern barn structure having cleared some of

the area (Google Maps Satellite Imagery 2022).

*Area of cottages measures c.170m NE-SW, c.80m NW-SE

Sources

Ordnance Survey. 1927. Norfolk LVI.1. Revised: 1925, Published: 1927

Google Maps Satellite Imagery 2022

Asset Number 66

Type of Asset Trial Trenching

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number

StatusEventEasting552260Northing310040

Parish West Walton
Council Norfolk

Description Evaluation of proposed development site. A total of fifteen 30m trenches were excavated.

These were opened using a mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless ditching bucket

and working under close archaeological

supervision.

Source

Unpublished Contractor Report: Smith, J. 2017. Archaeological Evaluation on Land North of

Walton Lane, Marshland St James, Norfolk. Archaeological Project Services.

Asset Number 67

Asset Name Geophysical Survey by Magnitude Surveys of land east of A47, Walsoken, February 2022

Type of Asset Geophysical Survey

Listing No./NRHE Number

HER Number

Status Event
Easting 549375
Northing 311250
Parish West Walton
Council Norfolk

Description No details held.



Appendix 2: Assessment Scope and Criteria



ASSESSMENT SCOPE & CRITERIA

Scope of the Assessment

This report details the results of an archaeological desk-based assessment and aims to identify and map the nature of the heritage resource within the site and surrounding study area. Where possible, the assessment will evaluate the likely impact from Proposed Development scheme, upon the known and potential heritage resource.

This report will include recommendations for mitigation measures and / or further archaeological works; where the archaeological potential of the site warrants, or where additional information on the site is required.

Further works could include additional research, monitoring of geotechnical investigations, programmes of archaeological surveying and / or field evaluation. The results of any further studies can be used to inform the nature of any subsequent mitigation measures (if required) and provide advice upon the scope and design of the Proposed Development.

The assessment has used the sources listed in the main text to identify and map heritage assets and other relevant find spots or evidence within the site and defined study area. Heritage assets are defined in national planning guidance and can include designated assets (Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings etc.), standing, buried or submerged remains, historic buildings and structures, parks and gardens and areas, sites and landscapes - whether designated or not.

Assessment Criteria

Consideration of archaeological potential will be informed by the number, density and distribution of heritage assets of a specific period and/or type within the Study Area. The proximity of such assets to the Site and/or the similarities/dissimilarities in topographical location between the Site and the location of known assets will also be a factor in determining potential. Previous land use on site will also be a consideration in assessing potential, as later disturbance may have removed or damaged earlier buried archaeological remains and therefore may have reduced the potential for archaeological remains to survive on Site.

The potential for surviving archaeological evidence of past activity within the site is expressed in the report as ranging between the scales of:

- High The available evidence suggests a high likelihood for past activity within the site and a strong potential for archaeological evidence to survive intact or reasonably intact;
- Medium The available evidence suggests a reasonable likelihood for past activity within the site and consequently there is a potential that archaeological evidence could survive.
- Low The available evidence suggests archaeological evidence of activity is unlikely to survive within the site, although some minor land-use may have occurred.
- Uncertain Insufficient information to assess.

Buried archaeological evidence is, by its very nature, an unknown quantity which can never be 100% identified during a desk-based assessment. The assessed potential is based on available evidence but the physical nature and extent of any archaeological resource surviving within the site cannot be confirmed without detailed information on the below ground deposits or results of on-site fieldwork.