

# Archaeological Monitoring of Land at Manor Cottage, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent

Site Code BOUG/WB/16



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**Plate 1. Aerial view of site (red circle) showing the site prior to development.**

**(Google Earth 09/07/2013: Eye altitude 161m).**

## 1.0 Summary

1.1. From the 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 Swale and Thames Archaeological Survey Company (SWAT Archaeology) carried out an Archaeological Watching Brief on ground works involved in the build of a new dwelling at Manor Cottage, Boughton Aluph in Kent. (Fig. 1, Plates 1-4).

1.2. The works were carried out on behalf of the owners Mr and Mrs Hanson.

1.3. An Archaeological Watch was kept during the machine digging of foundations, service connections were already in place (Plates 2-4).

The archaeological work was undertaken in one phase.

Phase 1: Foundation trenches dug (Plates 2-4)

1.4. The Archaeological Watching Brief was to watch for any signs of archaeological activity. In particular, any evidence of archaeological activity associated with the known prehistoric and post-medieval archaeological sites in the area.

1.5. The Planning Application Number for the development is 14/01207/AS.

1.6. Although the archaeological potential has been highlighted by KCC Heritage, the Archaeological Watching Brief revealed no buried archaeological features, and no archaeological finds were retrieved.

## 2.0 Introduction

### 2.1 Planning Background

Planning application 14/01207/AS was submitted to Ashford Borough Council the Local Planning Authority (LPA). Kent County Council Heritage and Conservation (KCCHC), on behalf of the LPA requested that an Archaeological Watching Brief be undertaken in order to record any archaeological remains uncovered during the development work. The following condition (14) was attached to the planning consent:

*No development shall take place until the applicant(s), or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a watching brief to be undertaken by an archaeologist approved by the Local Planning Authority so that the excavation is observed and items of interest and finds are recorded. The watching brief shall be in accordance with a written programme and specification which has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority.*

*Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological interest are properly examined and recorded*

### **3.0 Schedule of Visits**

An archaeologist suitably experienced attended the site (Dr Paul Wilkinson SWAT Archaeology) and monitored the excavation works from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

### **4.0 Aims and Objectives**

4.1. The reason for the monitoring and recording, were to:

*“The objectives of the archaeological watching brief are to contribute to the heritage knowledge of the area through the recording of the archaeological remains exposed as a result of excavations in connection with the ground works “(KCC 2016).*

4.2. The ground works were to excavate the foundation trenches (Plates 2-4).

4.3. A full programme of proposed works by the contractor were made available to SWAT Archaeology before the on-site monitoring took place.

4.4. Confidence Rating

No factors hindered the recognition of archaeological and deposits during the monitoring and recording exercise.

### **5.0 Archaeological and Geological Background**

5.1. The underlying geology at the site according to the British Geological Survey map is Bedrock geology of Zig Zag Chalk Formation with Superficial Deposits of Head-Clay, Silts, Sand & Gravel. The geology revealed on site was clay with mixed gravel (Plate 3).

5.2. The application site consisted of an area set to the north-east of the present house accessed by a new driveway from Wye Road. The site itself is generally level at a height of about 70m OD.

5.3. The site lies within an area of known archaeological potential associated with important Prehistoric and Post-Medieval remains including to the west linear features and cropmarks (TR 04 NW 27), and including a ring ditch (TR 04 NW 204). To the south there are a number of Post-Medieval farms (MKE 87357, MKE 87358) whilst to the east the remains of brick kilns and brick fields (TR 04 NW 215).

### **6.0 Methodology**

6.1. The Watching Brief was conducted in accordance with the Archaeological Specification compiled by KCC and it also complied with the Institute of Field Archaeologists’ Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (CIfA: Dec 2014).

6.2. The works comprised the observation of all ground works, including the inspection of subsoil and natural deposits for archaeological features and finds.

6.3. The Watching Brief was carried out in one phase according to the needs of the building contractors from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015.

6.4. Excavation of the area was carried out by contractors using a 360 degree machine equipped with a smooth bucket necessary to remove the soil and cut the foundation trenches (Plates 2-4).

6.5. All excavation was carried out under the constant supervision of an experienced archaeologist (Dr Paul Wilkinson MCifA).

6.6. If found archaeological features under threat were to be excavated to enable sufficient information about form, development date and stratigraphic relationships to be recorded without prejudice to more extensive investigations, should these prove to be necessary.

6.7. The archaeological watching brief was carried out in accordance with current IfA Standards and Guidance, (CifA: 2014), and methodology discussed with KCC Heritage.

## **7.0 Results**

### **7.1 General**

No archaeological features or finds were revealed or recovered. The subsoil encountered across the site was natural soil. No archaeological features were revealed and no archaeological finds retrieved.

## **8.0 Finds**

No finds were retrieved.

## **9.0 Discussion**

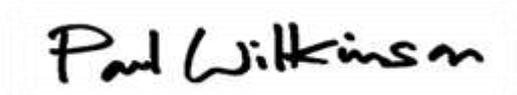
The development site is in an area of archaeological potential. However, no archaeology was revealed on the development site.

## **10.0 Conclusion**

The Archaeological Monitoring has fulfilled the primary aims and objectives of the KCC Archaeological Generic Specification. As far as it is known no buried archaeological features have been affected as a result of the development.

## 11.0 Acknowledgments

SWAT Archaeology would like to thank Mr and Mrs Hanson for commissioning the project. Fieldwork was undertaken and report written by Paul Wilkinson.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Dr Paul Wilkinson, BA (Hons), PhD., FRSA., MCIfA.

## References

HER data (Historic England 2016)

CIfA (2014) Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs

KCC Archaeological Generic Watching Brief (2015)

## Appendix 1

### Kent County Council HER Summary Form

**Site Name:** Development of land at Manor Cottage, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent

**SWAT Site Code:** BOUG/WB/16

**Site Address:** As above

**Summary:**

Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT) carried out Archaeological Monitoring on the development site above. The site has planning permission for a new extension whereby Kent County Council Heritage and Conservation (KCCHC) requested that Archaeological Monitoring be undertaken to determine the possible impact of the development on any archaeological remains.

The Archaeological Monitoring consisted of site visits which encountered no buried archaeological features or artefacts.

**District/Unitary:** Ashford Borough Council

**Period(s):**

**NGR (centre of site to eight figures)** 602145 147085

**Type of Archaeological work:** Archaeological Monitoring

**Date of recording:** December 2015

**Unit undertaking recording:** Swale and Thames Survey Company (SWAT. Archaeology)

**Geology:** Underlying geology is Zig Zag Chalk Formation overlaid with Clay with Flints

**Title and author of accompanying report:** Wilkinson P. (2016) Archaeological Monitoring at Land at Manor Cottage, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent

**Summary of fieldwork results (begin with earliest period first, add NGRs where appropriate)**

See above

**Location of archive/finds:** SWAT. Archaeology. Graveney Rd, Faversham, Kent. ME13 8UP

**Contact at Unit:** Paul Wilkinson

**Date:** 22/06/2016

## Plates



Plate 2. View of foundation trench looking south-east

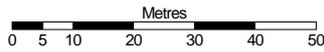
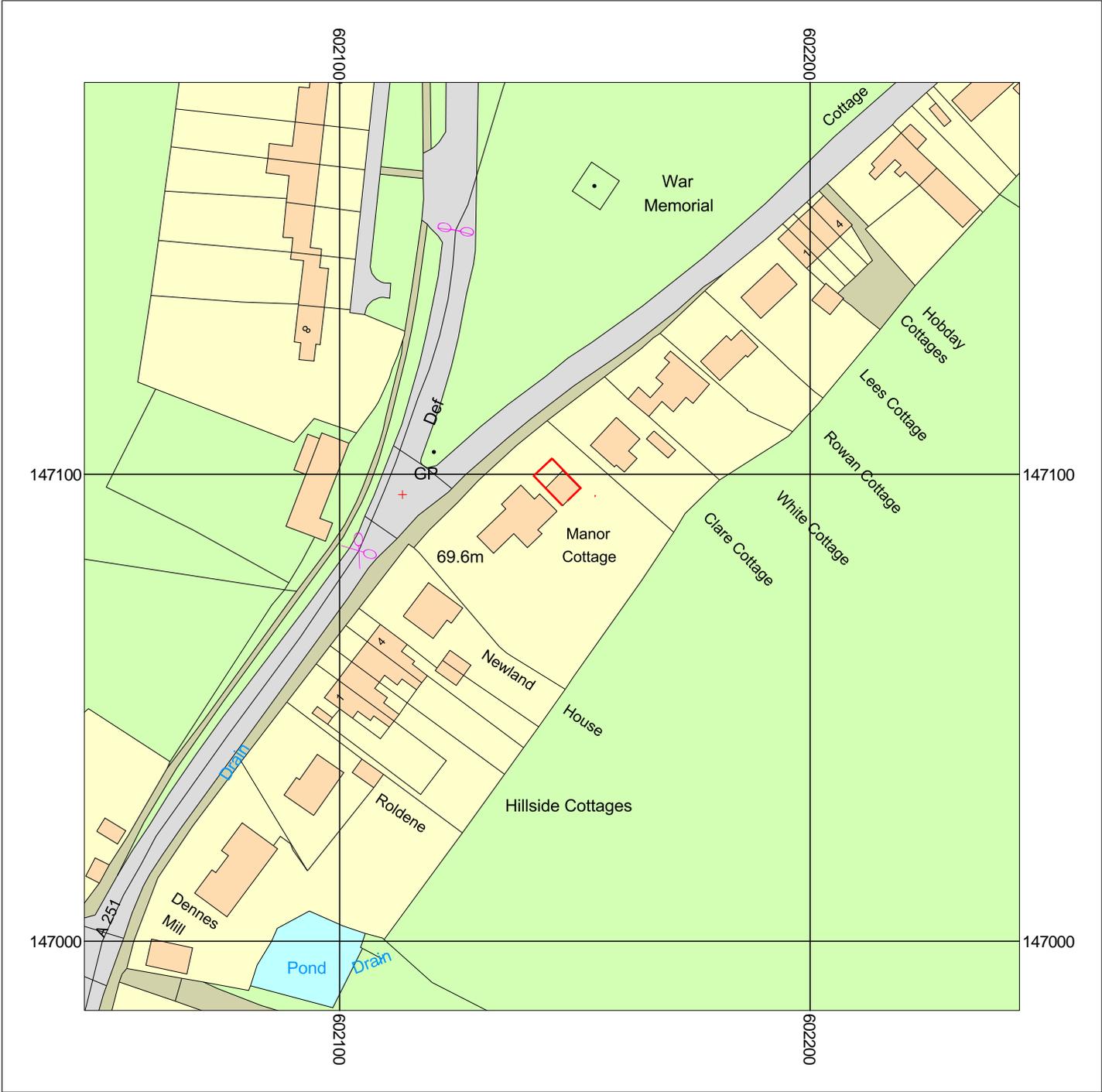


Plate 3. View of foundation trench looking north-west



Plate 4. The site showing cutting of foundation trenches on the north-east side

Figure 1.  
Area watched in red



Scale: 1:1250



**Manor Cottage**  
**The Lees**  
**Boughton Lees**

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