

**An archaeological
watching brief at
24 Fitzwalter Road,
Colchester, Essex
December 2003**

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Report on the negative watching brief at 24 Fitzwalter Road, Colchester, Essex

Site address: 24 Fitzwalter Road, Colchester, Essex
Date of fieldwork: 10th-22nd December 2003
NGR: TL 9765 2477
Figure attached: yes
Museum accession: 2004.1

Archaeological background:

The site is located to the north-east of Lexden Tumulus (Crummy 1997).

Brief report:

Observations made when footing trenches were dug for an extension to the existing house at 24 Fitzwalter Road. The footings were 0.60m-0.80m wide and 1.0-1.5m deep. The footings were dug through a topsoil layer of dark brown silt containing modern building debris (Layer or L1 - approximately 0.38m deep). L1 sealed a dark red/brown sandy silt subsoil layer L2 (approximately 0.35m deep), which in turn sealed the natural layer L3. Several modern service pipes were cut through these layers. No archaeological features were recorded.

Finds:

2 sherds (at 31g) of Roman grey ware (AD ?1st-2nd century) were recovered from L2.

References:

Crummy, P, 1997 *City of Victory*

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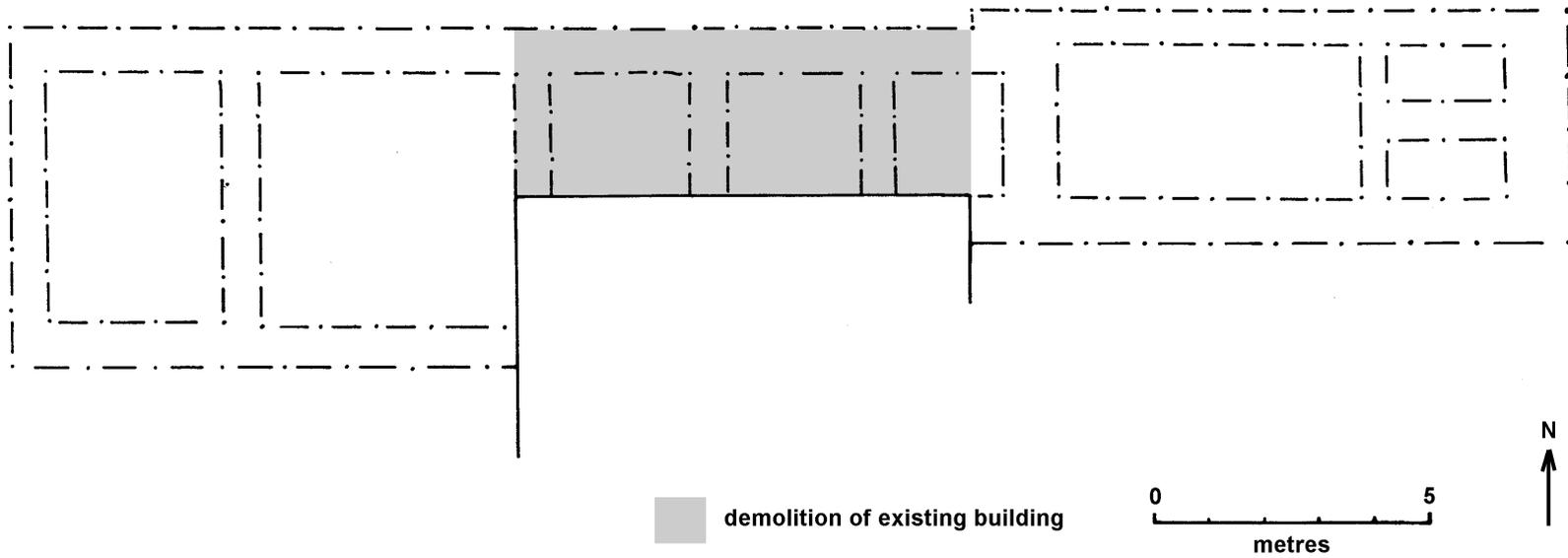


Fig 1 Plan of groundworks.

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Summary sheet

Site address: 24 Fitzwalter Road, Colchester, Essex	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 9765 2477	Site code: Colchester Museums accession code 2004.1
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: December 2003	Size of area investigated: Footing trenches (0.6-0.8m wide and 1-1.5m deep) for an extension on the north side of the existing house
Location of finds/curating museum: Colchester Museums	Funding source: Rose Builders
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHCR nos: No
Final report: CAT Report 258	
Periods represented: None	
Summary of fieldwork results: A watching brief on the excavation of footing trenches for an extension to the existing house was negative.	
Previous summaries/reports: N/A	
Author of summary: Laura Pooley	Date of summary: January 2004