

**Archaeological evaluation by trial-trenching  
to the rear of 23 High Street, Ingatestone,  
Essex, CM4 9DU**

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## 1 Summary

*The site lies within the medieval settlement of Ingatestone and is close to the medieval Parish Church of St Edmund and St Mary. An archaeological trial-trenching evaluation carried out in advance of the construction of a new house to the rear of 23 High Street, Ingatestone, revealed four post-medieval/modern features consisting of two wall foundations, a gravel surface and a pit. They are likely to be part of an earlier building on the site that fronted onto Stock Lane.*

## 2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This report presents the results of an archaeological trenched evaluation at 23 High Street, Ingatestone, Essex which was carried out on the 6th November 2015. The work was commissioned by Ian Abrams Architect Ltd, the agent for Paul Hutley 23IGSLTD, in advance of the construction of a new dwelling to the rear of the existing building in the car park, and was undertaken by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Historic England and Essex County Council Place Services (ECCPS), Historic Environment Advisor Helen Saunders advised that in order to establish the archaeological implications of this application, the applicant should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological investigation in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (DCLG 2012).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for Archaeological Trial Trenching and Excavation*, detailing the required archaeological work, written by Helen Saunders (ECCPS 2015), and a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2015).

In addition to the brief and WSI, all fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with English Heritage's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (English Heritage 2006), and with *Standards for field archaeology in the East of England* (EAA 14 and 24). This report mirrors standards and practices contained in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation* (ClfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (ClfA 2014b).

## 3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological background draws on the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford.

The EHER shows that the proposed development lies within the medieval settlement of Ingatestone (EHER 5376 and 5377) and is close to the medieval Parish Church of St Edmund and St Mary (EHER 26598). The 1st edition OS mapping shows properties marked in the area of the proposed new dwelling. These properties will therefore pre-date 1880 and it is therefore likely that the remains of earlier buildings and evidence for activity associated with the medieval settlement at Ingatestone may survive. These deposits may be destroyed or disturbed by the proposed development.

Further information on the development of the historic town of Ingatestone can be found in the Historic Town assessment (Medlycott 1999).

## 4 Results (Fig 2-3)

An L-shaped trial trench was excavated within the footprint of the house, totalling 10m long by 1.8m wide (18m<sup>2</sup>). Three layers were identified: modern hardstanding/tarmac (L1, 10mm thick) over a modern make-up layer associated with L1 (L2, 32mm thick), which sealed natural silty clay (L3). All of the recorded features were sealed by L2 and cut into L3.

Four post-medieval/modern features were identified. Two were brick and mortar foundations, F1 and F2, probably associated with a building fronting onto Stock Lane. F2 had a pegtile levelling coarse which sat directly on natural (L3). Post-medieval pit F3 was a shallow feature cutting the southern edge of foundation F2, it contained pegtile and fragments of 18th-19th century clay pipe. F4 was a compacted gravel surface seen to the south of building foundations F1 and F2 and probably associated with them. It had been cut through by a modern service.



**Plate 1** Wall foundation F1, gravel surface F4 and a modern service.



**Plate 2** Wall foundations F1 and F2, Pit F3 and gravel surface F4

## 5 Finds

### Pottery sherd

By Stephen Benfield

Small base sherd (9g) of late medieval oxidised ware or early post-medieval glazed red earthenware, late 15th/16th to 17th/early 18th century. Base appears to be slightly sagging.

### Other finds

One complete 19th-century brick was found on the site along with another small fragment of brick and six fragments of peg tile. Seven clay-pipe stems with a bore hole of 2.4mm probably date from the 18th-19th century.

Feature Number	Finds Number	Object Type	Qt	Weight (g)	Date	Notes
F1	2	Brick	1	2897	19th century	Complete - 220mm x 100mm x 65mm, with traces of mortar
F3	1	Peg-tile	4	304g	13th-early 20th century	One peg hole, 14mm in diameter
		Clay-pipe stems	6	34g	18th-19th century (2.4mm bore hole)	
		Pot	1	9g	late 15th/16th to 17th/early 18th century	See note above
F4	3	Peg-tile	2	65g	13th-early 20th century	
		Brick	1	213g	19th century?	
		Clay-pipe stem	1	1g	18th-19th century (2.4mm bore hole)	

Table 1 All finds from the site

## 6 Discussion

Four post-medieval/modern features were identified on the site consisting of two building foundations, a gravel surface and a pit. They are all probably part of a building that originally fronted onto Stock Lane. The topographic Ordnance Survey maps going back as far as 1873 show a long building did exist on this site and continued in existence until at least 1959.

## 7 Acknowledgements

CAT thanks Paul Hutley, 23IGSLTD (client) and Ian Abrams Architect Ltd (agent) for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed B Holloway and fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway and F Whymark. Site plans were prepared by C Lister. The project was monitored for ECC by Helen Saunders.

## 8 References

Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in PDF format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

CAT	2015	<i>Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological trial trenching and excavation at the rear of 23 High Street, Ingatestone, CM4 9DU</i>
CIfA	2014a	<i>Standard and guidance for archaeological field evaluation</i>
CIfA	2014b	<i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation,</i>

DCLG	2012	<i>conservation and research of archaeological materials</i> <i>National Planning Policy Framework</i> . Dept of Communities and Local Government.
EAA 14	2003	<i>Standards for field archaeology in the East of England</i> , East Anglian Archaeology, Occasional Papers, 14. Ed. D Gurney
EAA 24	2011	<i>Research and archaeology revisited: A revised framework for the East of England</i> , East Anglian Archaeology Occasional Papers 24, by Maria Medleycott
ECCPS	2015	<i>Brief for Archaeological trial trenching and excavation at the rear of 23 High Street, Ingatestone</i>
English Heritage	2006	<i>Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment</i> (English Heritage)
Medleycott, M	1999	<i>Historic Town Assessment: Ingatestone</i> English Heritage

## 9 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
context	specific location of finds on an archaeological site
ECCPS	Essex County Council Place Services
EHHER	Essex Historic Environment Record
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain 'contexts'
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit of soil
medieval	period from AD 1066 to Henry VIII
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
natural	geological deposit undisturbed by human activity
post-medieval	from Henry VIII to c AD 1800
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

## 10 Contents of archive

**Finds:** one small bag

### **Paper and digital record**

One A4 document wallet containing:

The report (CAT Report 886)

ECC Evaluation Brief, CAT Written Scheme of Investigation

Original site record (Feature and layer sheets, Finds record, plans)

Site digital photos and log, Architectural plans, Attendance register, Risk assessment

## 11 Archive deposition

The paper and digital archive is currently held by the Colchester Archaeological Trust at Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex, CO2 7GZ, but will be permanently deposited with Chelmsford Museum under accession code CHMRE: 2015.192.

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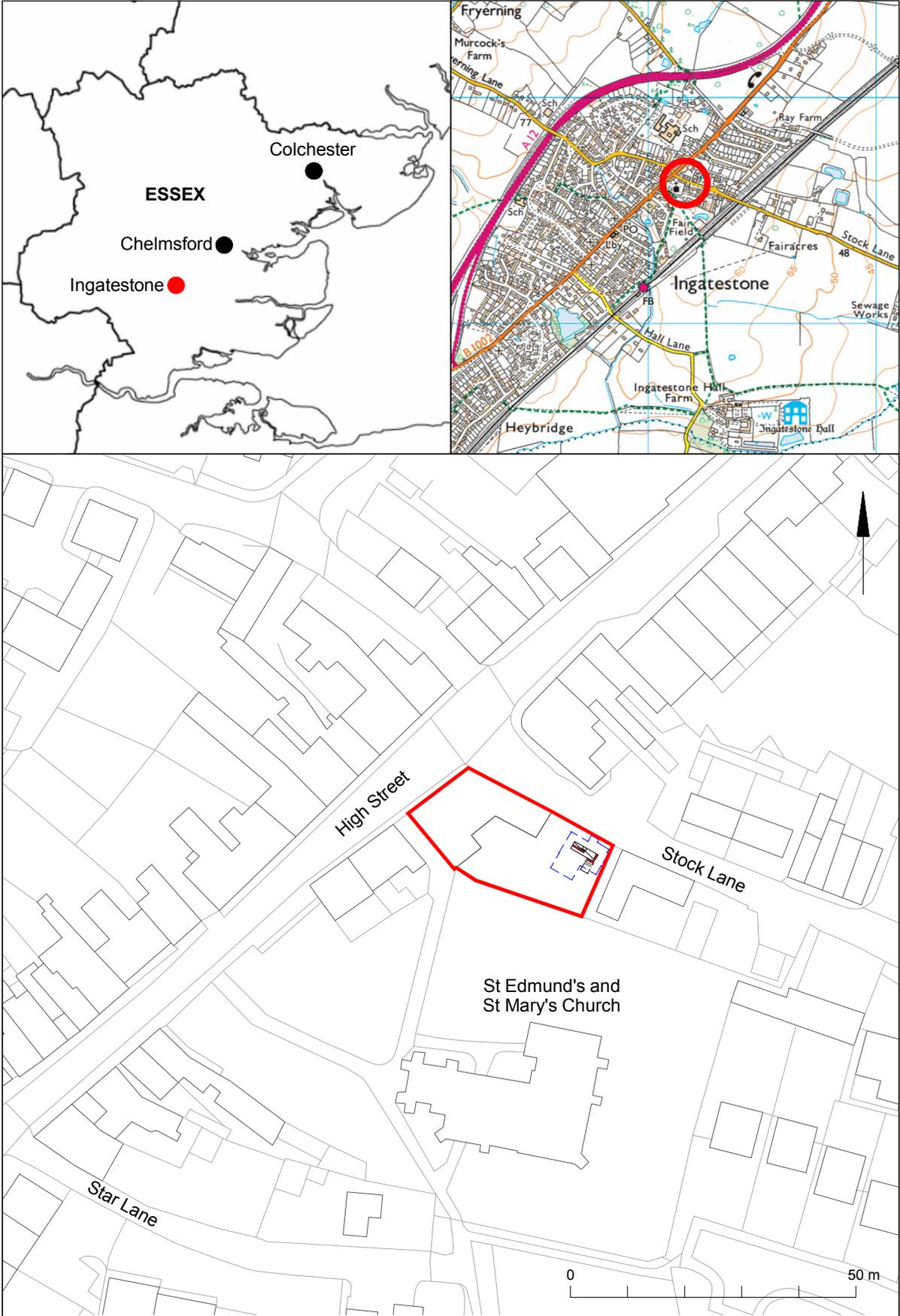
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Fig 1 Site location showing trench position in relation to proposed development.

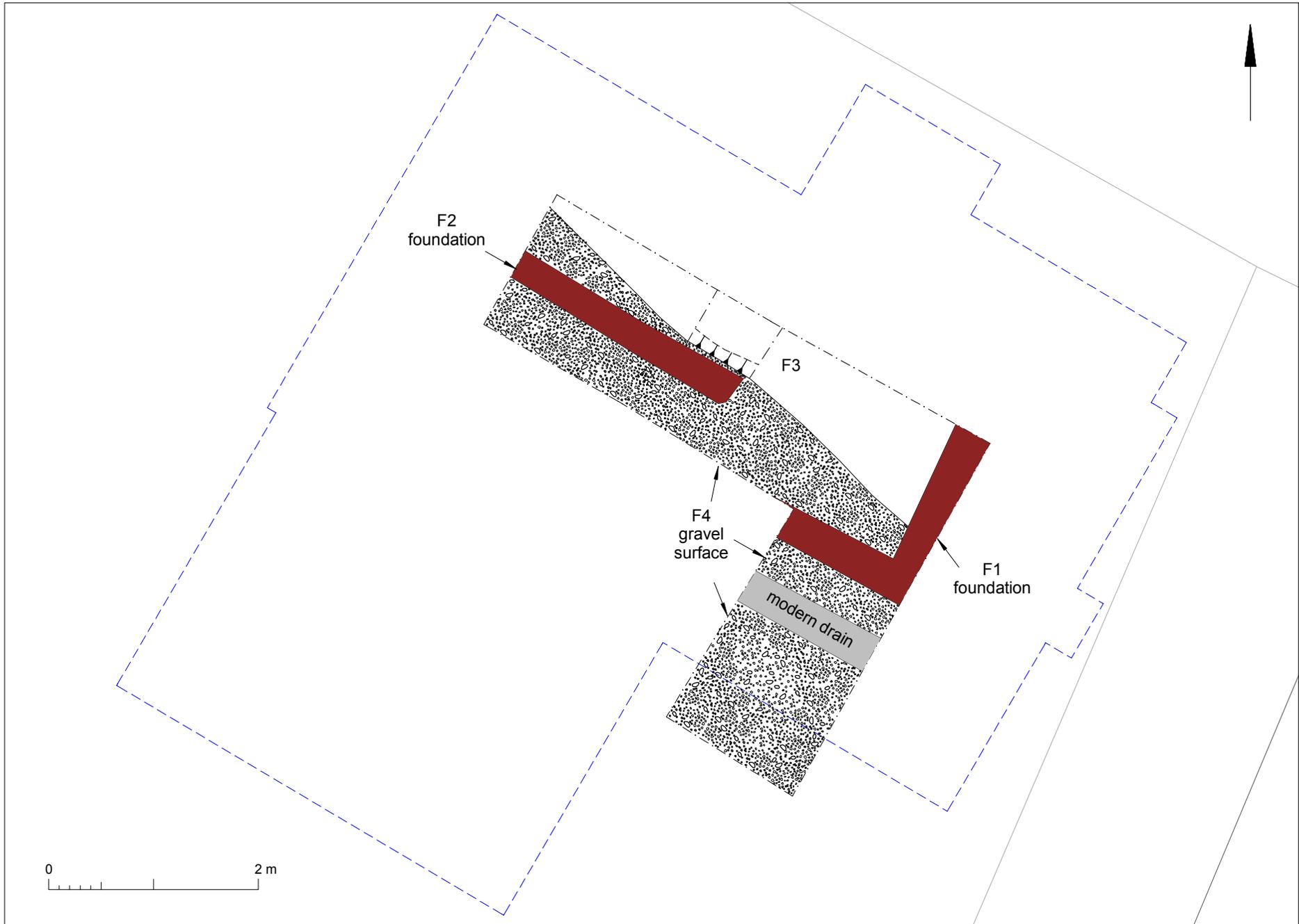


Fig 2 Results in relation to proposed development.

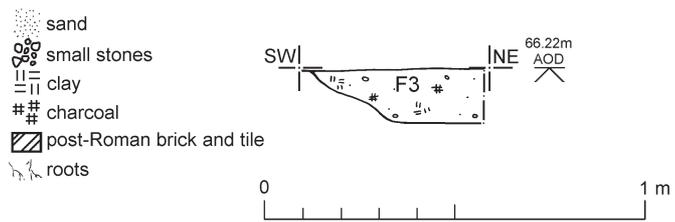
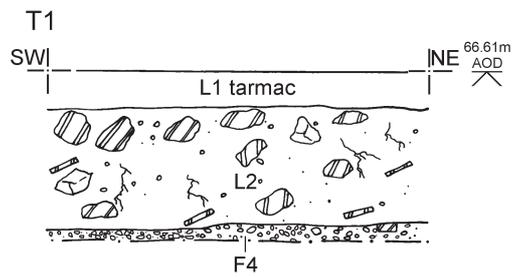


Fig 3 Sections.

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## Summary sheet

<b>Address:</b> 23 High Street, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 9LD	
<b>Parish:</b> Brentwood	<b>District:</b> Ingatestone and Fryerning
<b>NGR:</b> TQ 6512 9963 (c)	<b>Site code:</b> CAT project ref.: 15/10d ECC project code: INHS15 OASIS ref: colchest3-227941
<b>Type of work:</b> Evaluation	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 6th November 2015	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 1 L-shaped trench totalling 10m by 1.8m (18m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Location of curating museum:</b> Chelmsford museum accession code CHMRE: 2015.192	<b>Funding source:</b> Owner
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> no	<b>Related UAD/SMR number:</b> EHER 5376 and 5377 EHER 26598
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 886	
<b>Periods represented:</b> Post-medieval/Modern	
<b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b> The site lies within the medieval settlement of Ingatestone and is close to the medieval Parish Church of St Edmund and St Mary. An archaeological trial-trenching evaluation carried out in advance of the construction of a new house to the rear of 23 High Street, Ingatestone, revealed four post-medieval/modern features consisting of two wall foundations, a gravel surface and a pit. They are likely to be part of an earlier building on the site that fronted onto Stock Lane.	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> None	
<b>CBC monitor:</b> Helen Saunders	
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