

Essex Historic Environment Record/ Essex Archaeology and History

Summary sheet

Address: The Bell, The Street, Purleigh, Essex, CM3 6QJ	
Parish: Purleigh	District: Maldon
NGR: TL 841 020 (centre)	Site code: CAT project ref.: 16/10h ECC project code: PUB16 OASIS ref: colchest3-267382
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 20th October 2016	Size of area investigated: 14m ²
Location of curating museum: Colchester museum accession code COLEM: 2016.108	Funding source: Owner
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER/SMR number: EHER 7929-30, 38563
Final report: CAT Report 1032	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results:</p> <p>An archaeological monitoring visit was made to the The Bell public house, Purleigh after a gas pipe trench had been excavated to the north of the pub around the northwest edge of the car park. Work was associated with extensions to the public house (Area 2 watching brief pending) and moving the car park/constructing new storage (Area 1 evaluation carried out in 2014).</p> <p>The Bell is a Grade II listed building comprising a pair of 15th century timber-framed houses converted into a public house in the post-medieval period. It also lies adjacent to All Saints Church in the historic core of the village.</p> <p>The trench had been machine excavated and measured 34.8m long by 0.4m wide and 0.73m deep. It had been excavated through two layers of medium grey loam: topsoil (L1, c 200-250mm thick) onto subsoil (L2, c 500mm+ thick, full of modern brick/tile). No significant archaeological horizons were exposed.</p>	
Previous summaries/reports: CAT Report 815	
ECC monitor: Maria Medlycott	
Keywords: -	Significance: -
Author of summary: Laura Pooley	Date of summary: November 2016

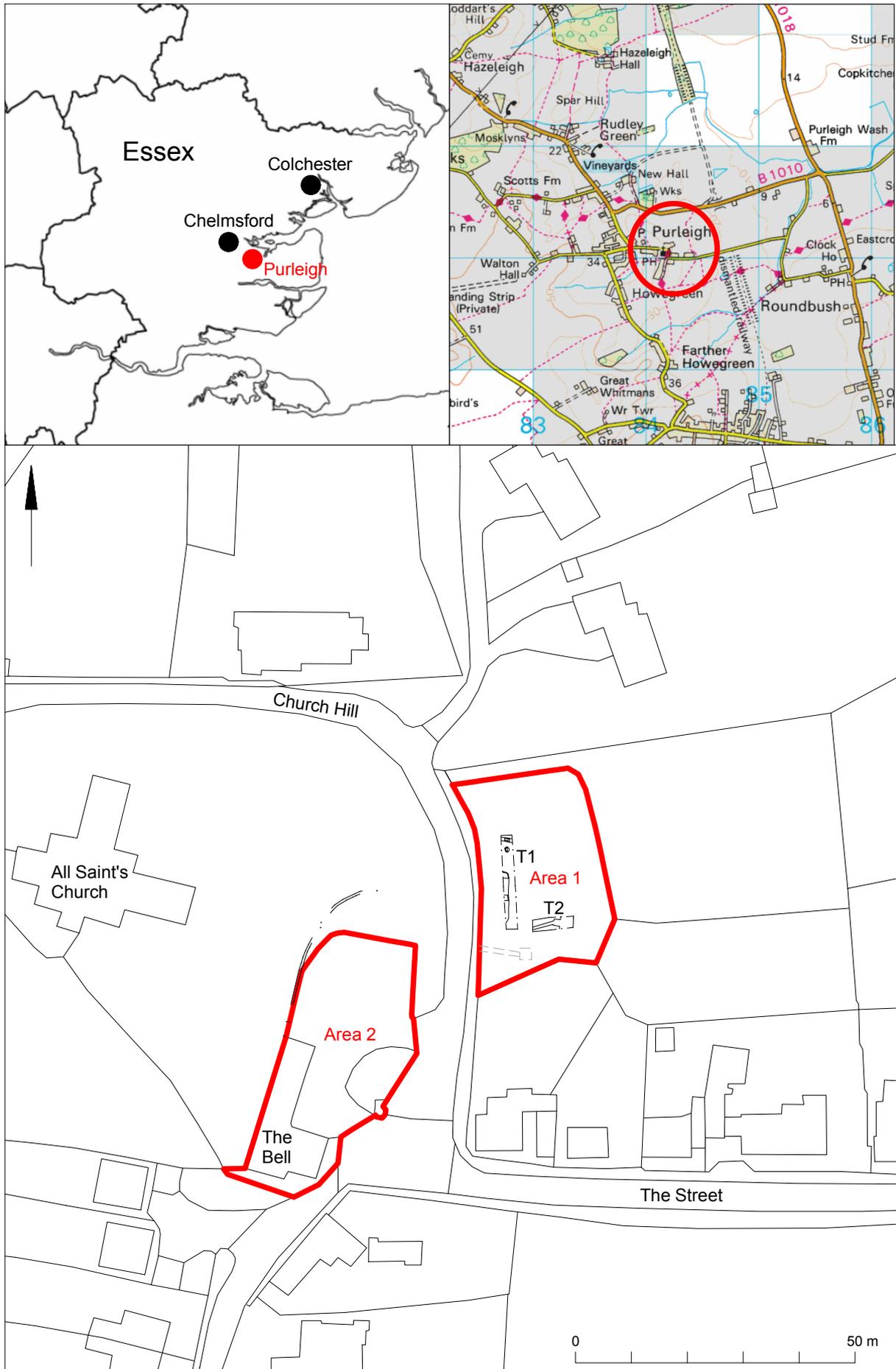


Fig 1 Site location.

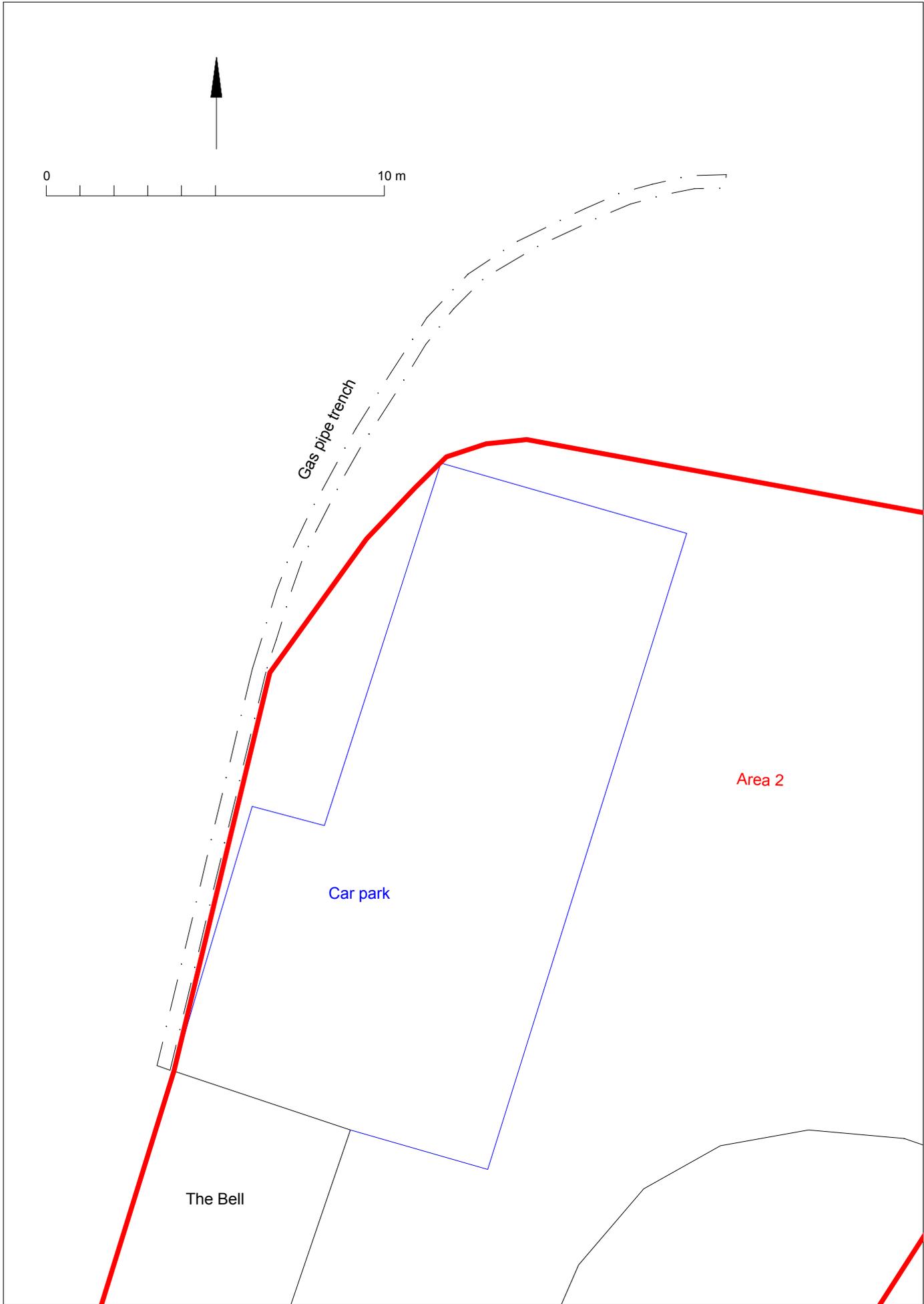


Fig 2 Results



01
Gas trench, looking N



02
Gas trench, looking S



03
Gas trench, looking S



04
Gas trench, looking SE



05
Gas trench, looking S



06
Gas trench, looking S



07
General site shot, looking W



08
General site shot, looking SW



09
General site shot, looking SE



10
General site shot, looking NE



11
Gas trench, looking N



12
Gas trench showing tree root disturbance, looking E



13

Gas trench showing tree root disturbance, looking E



14

Gas trench showing tree root disturbance, looking S



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Gas trench showing tree root disturbance, looking NE



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Representative section, looking NW



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Representative section, looking NW



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The Bell, looking SW



19
All Saints Church, looking W



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All Saints Church, looking S