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CAT Report 1776

**Archaeological monitoring at 46
Churchfields, West Mersea, Essex, CO5
8QN: May 2019**

Planning reference: 182881

Museum Accession Code: COLEM:2019.19

CHER Event no.: ECC4314

OASIS ref.: colchest3-345013

Grid Reference: TM 00884 12847 (centre)

Number of site visits: 2

Dates of visit: 28th-29th May 2019

Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for a new garage. The proposed rear extension did not happen.

Reason for condition: The development site is located within an area of known Roman occupation on Mersea Island.

% of total seen: 100% of the groundworks.

Results: The following groundworks were monitored by a CAT archaeologist in response to a brief set by Dr Jess Tipper of Colchester Borough Council Planning Services.

An area covering 78m² was mechanically stripped of roughly 0.10m of turf. Approximately 34m of foundation trenching was then excavated within this area. The trench was cut through modern made ground (L1, c 0.45m thick, hard dry medium yellow/brown clayey silt with inclusions of CBM, coal and rare stones) onto the natural (L2, c 0.45m below current ground level, firm moist medium orange/brown clay with occasional stones). The trench was 0.65m wide and 0.45m deep.

Nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered. All that was found was a modern garage inspection pit was present.



Photograph 1 Site shot - view south-west



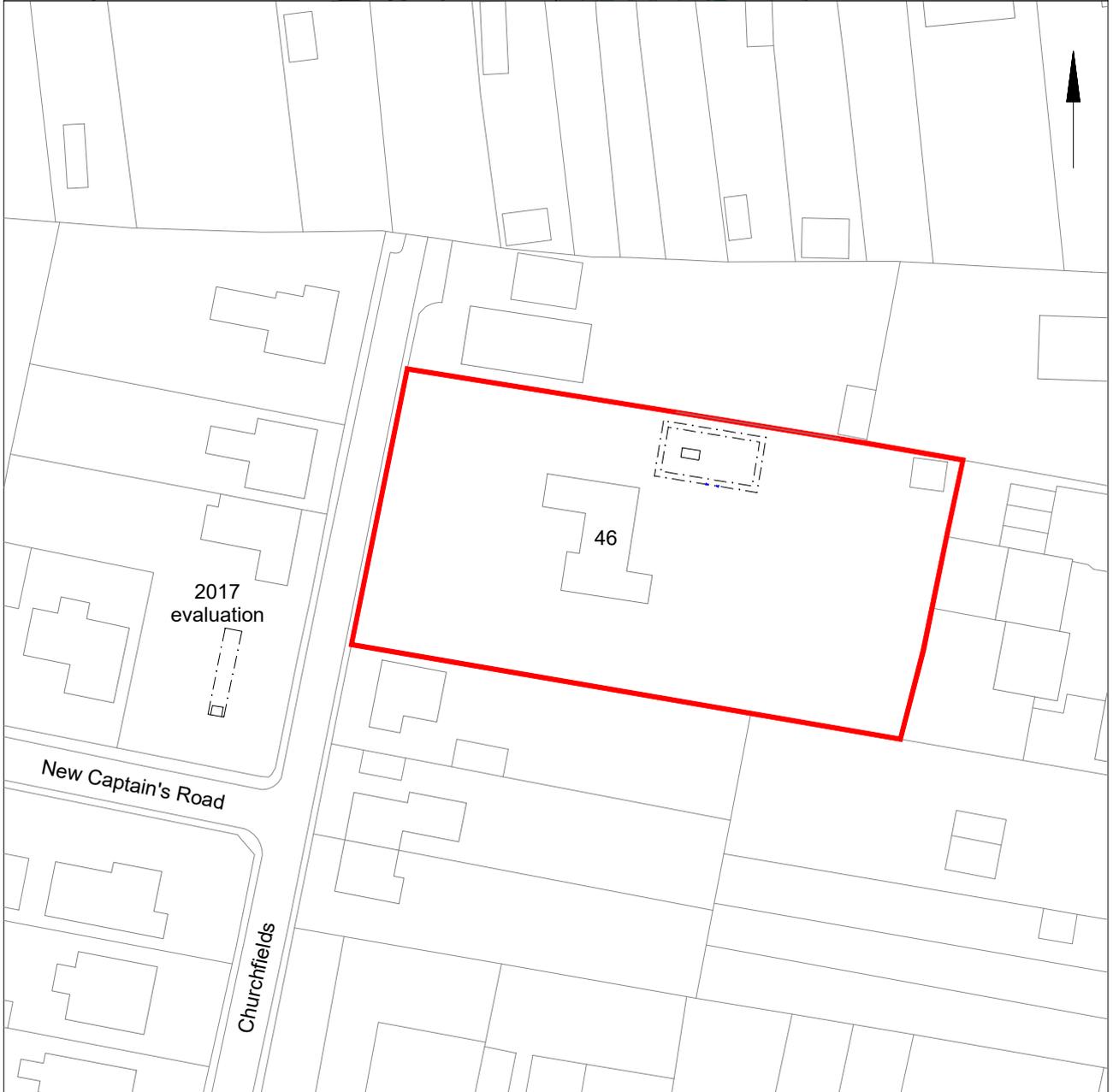
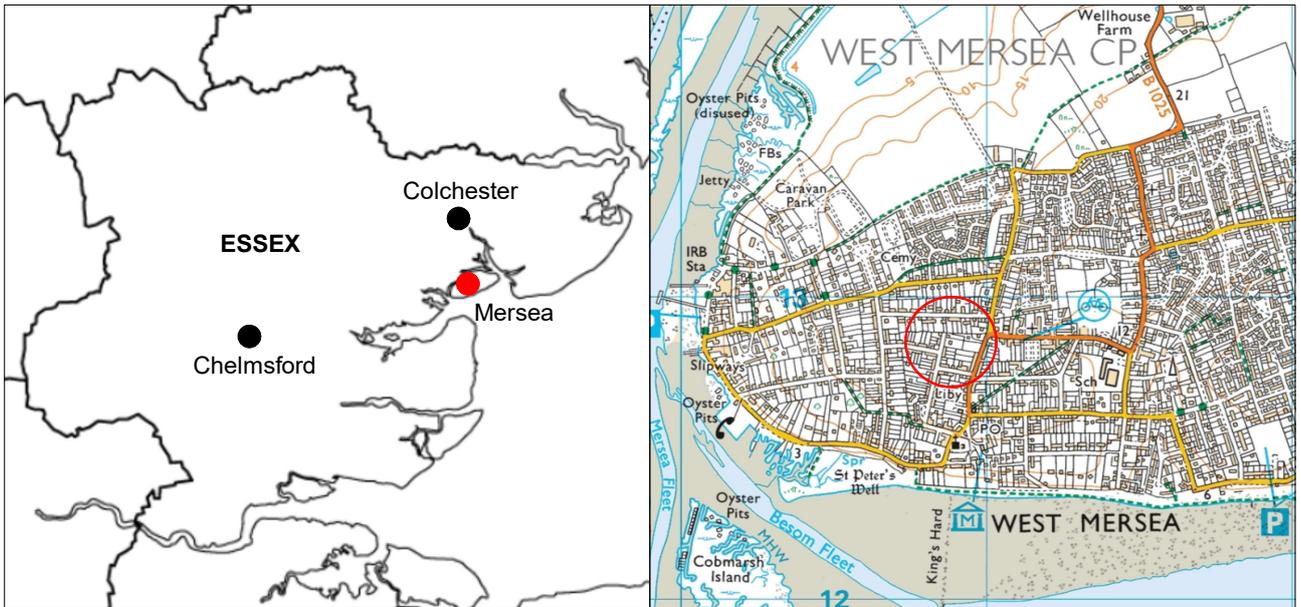
Photograph 2 Completed foundation trenching with inspection pit - view south

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Fig 1 Site location.

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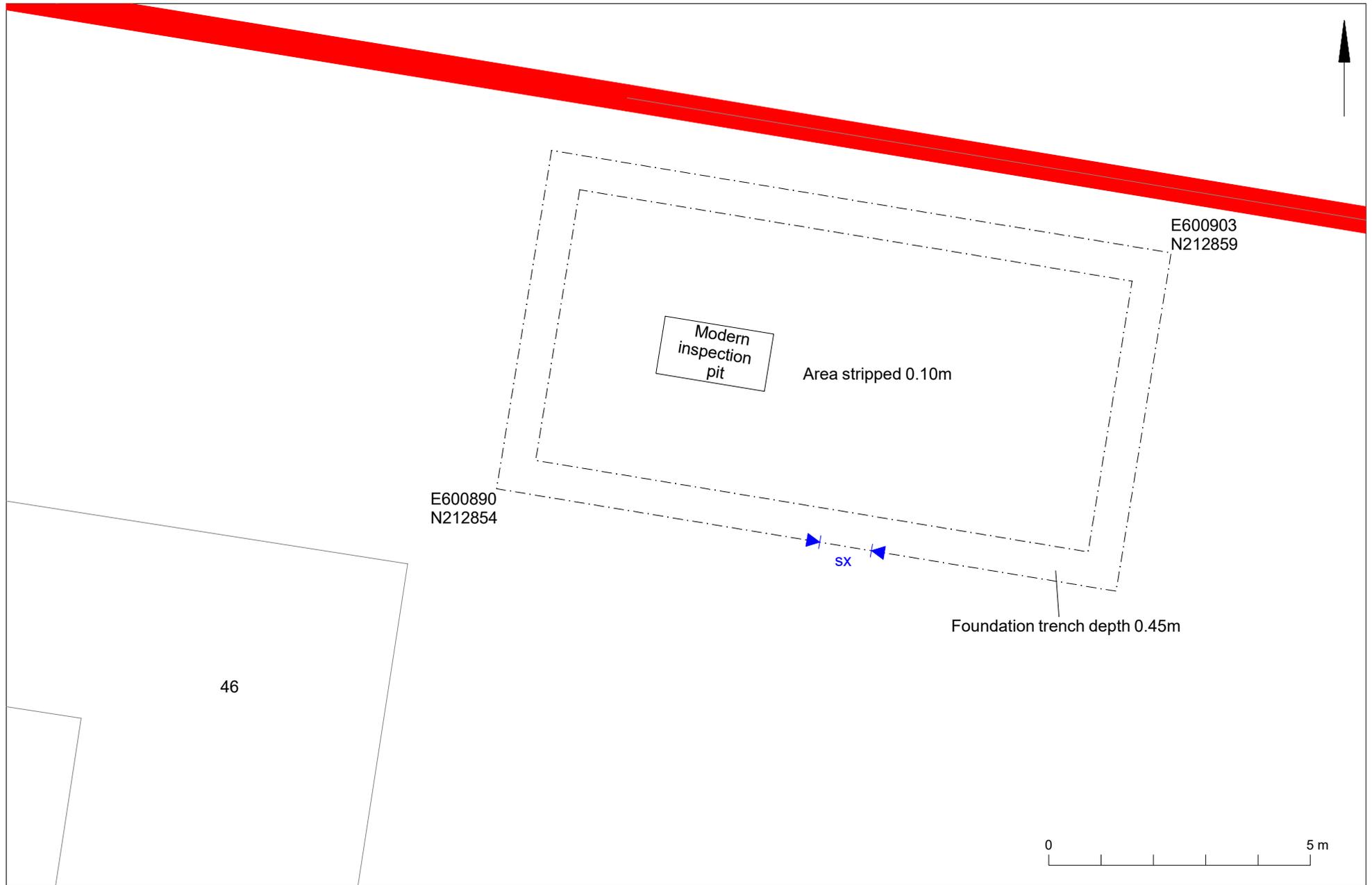


Fig 2 Results.

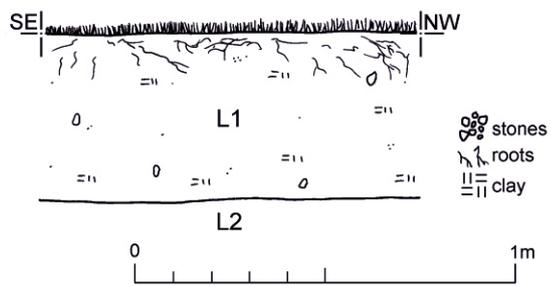


Fig 3 Representative section.

Summary for colchest3-345013

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| OASIS ID (UID) | colchest3-345013 |
| Project Name | Continuous archaeological recording at 46 Churchfields, West Mersea, Essex, CO5 8QN |
| Sitename | |
| Activity type | WATCHING BRIEF |
| Project Identifier(s) | 2019/03c |
| Planning Id | 182881 |
| Reason For Investigation | Planning requirement |
| Organisation Responsible for work | Colchester Archaeological Trust |
| Project Dates | 28-May-2019 - 29-May-2021 |
| Location | 46 Churchfields, West Mersea, Essex NGR : TM 00884 12847 LL : 51.7782232190917, 0.910619643295176 12 Fig : 600884,212847 |
| Administrative Areas | Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : West Mersea |
| Project Methodology | An area of covering 78m square was mechanically-stripped down roughly 0.10m. Approximately 34m of foundation trenching was then excavated within this area |
| Project Results | The trench was cut through modern made ground (L1, c 0.45m thick, hard dry medium yellow/brown clayey silt with inclusions of CBM, coal and rare stones) onto the natural (L2, firm moist medium orange/brown clay with occasional stones). The trench was 0.65m wide and 0.45m deep. Nothing of archaeological significance was uncovered but a modern garage inspection pit was present. |
| Keywords | |
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| HER | Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD |
| Person Responsible for work | S, Veasey |
| HER Identifiers | |
| Archives | Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive |