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CAT Report 1821 Archaeological monitoring at 19 Queen's Road, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3PD: April-May 2022	Planning reference: 212899
	CHER Event no.: ECC4722
	OASIS ref.: colchest3-507812
	Grid Reference: TL 9832124664 (centre)
	Number of site visits: 2
	Dates of visit: 28th April-3rd May 2022
Nature of the work: Observation of groundworks for a new rear extension and associated soakaway.	
Reason for condition: Three Roman urned cremation burials were found on Queen's Road in 1933 (CHER MCC2325-7).	
% 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 Simon Wood of Colchester Borough Council Planning Services. The WSI was written by John Newman Archaeological Services, who was unable to carry out the fieldwork. The foundation trenches for the extension totalled c 20m long, c 0.5m wide and 1.05m deep. Four horizons were observed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• bedding sand from the former patio (L1, 0.2m thick) overlay• a layer of buried modern topsoil (L2, 0.3m thick) which sealed• made-ground (L3, 0.5m thick) with• natural clay beneath (L4, identified at a depth of c 1.0m deep) Concrete foundations from demolished structures were recorded in four different locations (see Fig 2). Five metres of service trench was excavated through topsoil (L5) which led to the soakaway (2m by 1.5m and 1.6m deep). Topsoil (L5) sealed natural (L4) within the soakaway, and a large modern pit (F1, 1.2m deep) was full of broken flower pots and other modern garden waste.	
Context details L1, bedding sand L2, buried modern topsoil of soft, dry, medium orange/brown silty-loam L3, made-ground of firm, dark brown/black clayey-loam, which produced a single fragment of Roman brick (328g). L4, natural clay and gravels L5, modern topsoil of soft, medium brown silty-loam F1, modern pit of soft, medium brown silty-loam with a dense concentration of broken flower pots and other garden waste.	



Photograph 1 Foundation trenches, looking north-east



Photograph 2 Foundation trenches, looking south-east



Photograph 3 Soakaway with pit F1, looking north

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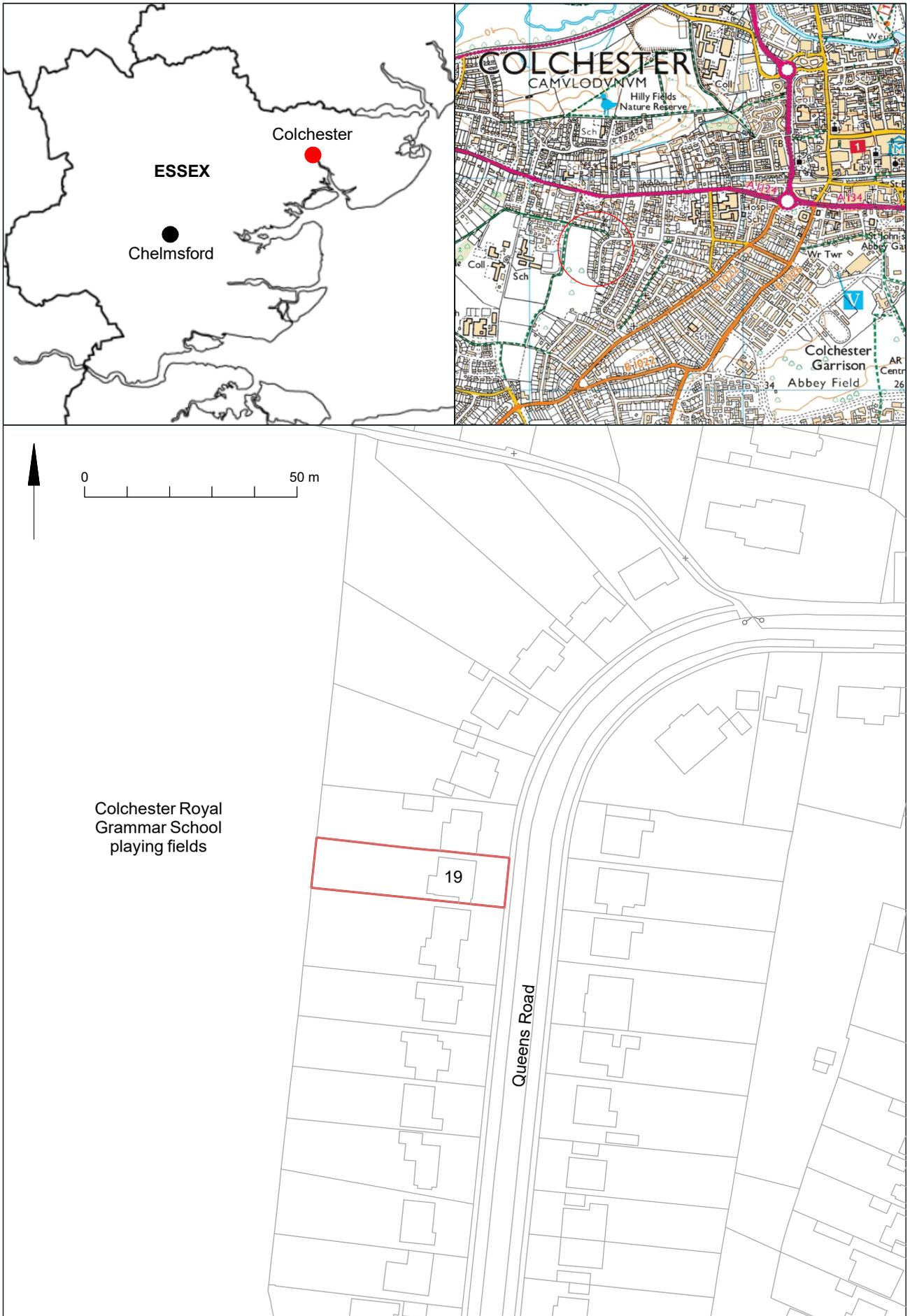


Fig 1 Site location.

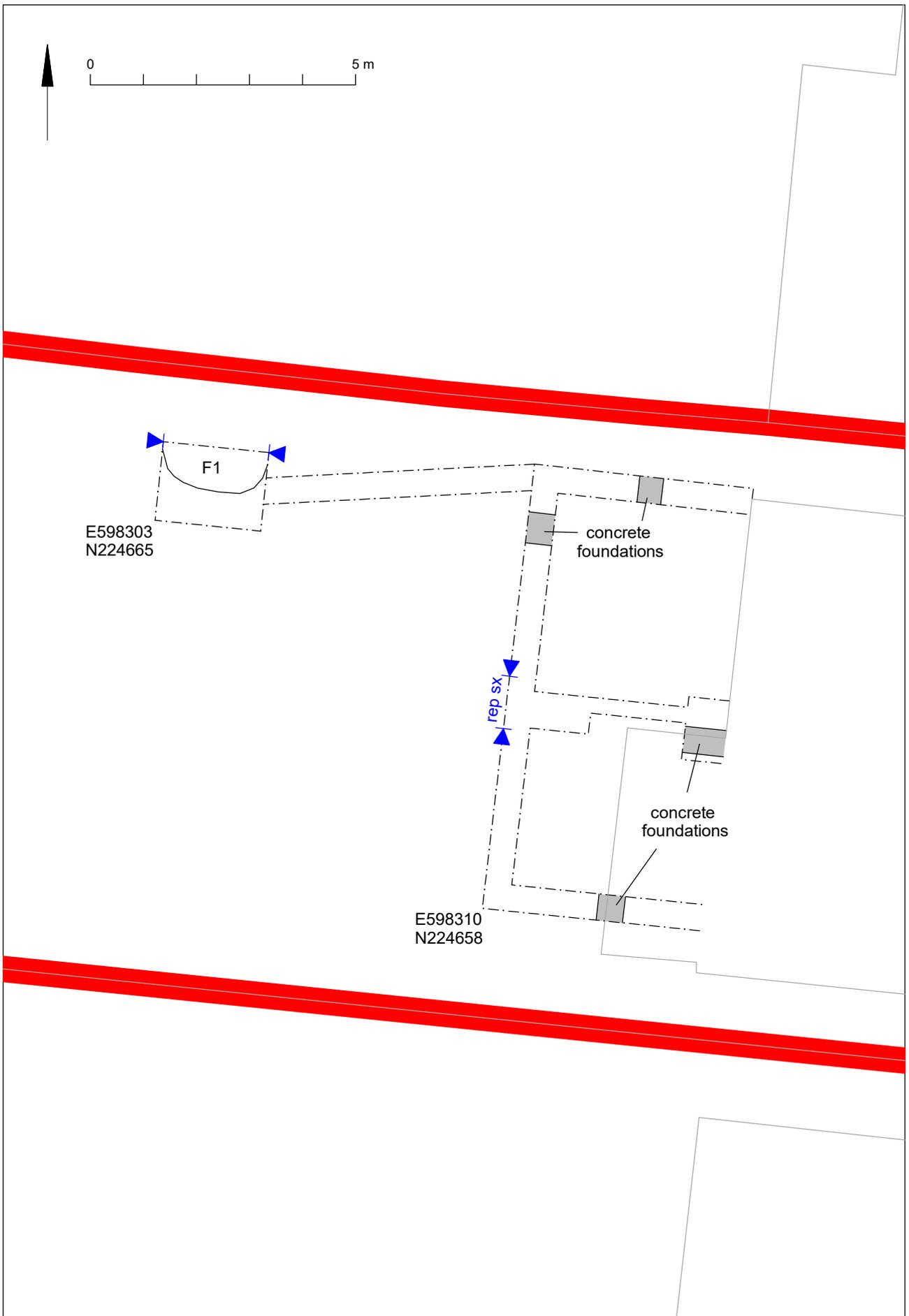


Fig 2 Results.

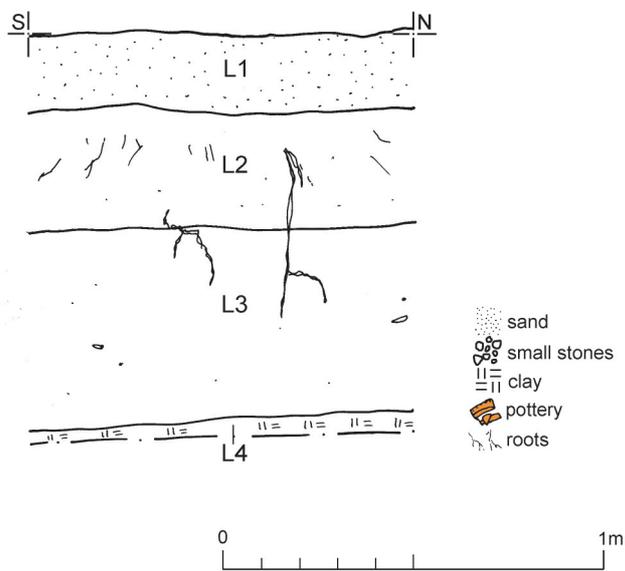
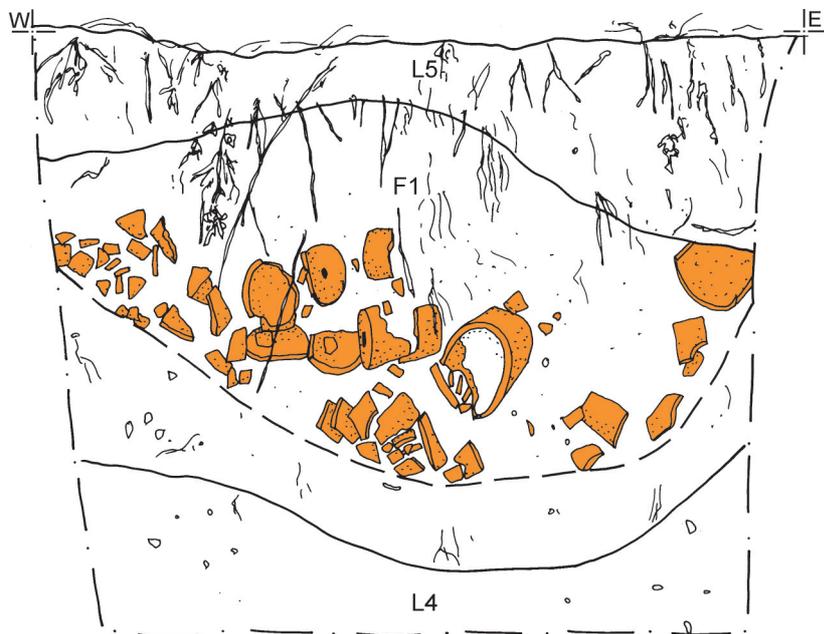


Fig 3 Feature and representative section.

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Summary sheet

Address: 19 Queens Road, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3PD	
Parish: Colchester	District: Colchester
NGR: TL 9832124664 (centre)	Site code: CAT project ref.: 2022/04e CHER ref: ECC4722 OASIS ref: colchest3-507812
Type of work: Monitoring	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 28th April – 4th May 2022	Size of area investigated: 0.05ha
Location of curating museum: Archaeological Data Service	Funding source: Owner
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related CHER/SMR number: -
Final report: CAT Report 1821	
Periods represented: Modern	
Summary of fieldwork results: Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 19 Queens Road, Colchester, Essex, during groundworks for a rear extension. Despite being located within an area of Roman burials, the only features uncovered were modern concrete foundations and a large modern pit containing broken flower pots and other garden waste.	
Previous summaries/reports: -	
CBC monitor: Dr Simon Wood	
Keywords: -	Significance: -
Author of summary: Laura Pooley	Date of summary: July 2022

Summary for colchest3-507812

OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-507812
Project Name	Watching Brief at 19 Queens Road, Colchester, Essex, England
Sitename	19 Queens Road, Colchester, Essex, England
Activity type	Watching Brief
Project Identifier(s)	2022/04e
Planning Id	212899
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	28-Apr-2022 - 03-May-2022
Location	19 Queens Road, Colchester, Essex, England NGR : TL 98322 24661 LL : 51.885225, 0.880297 12 Fig : 598322,224661
Administrative Areas	Country : England County : Essex District : Colchester Parish : Colchester, unparished area
Project Methodology	Watching brief carried out on all groundworks
Project Results	Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 19 Queens Road, Colchester, Essex during groundworks for a new rear extension. Located close to an area where Roman cremations have been found in the past, the only features exposed by the groundworks were concrete foundations from demolished structures and a large modern pit filled with broken flower pots and other garden waste.
Keywords	
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HER	Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD
Person Responsible for work	L, Pooley
HER Identifiers	HER Event No - ECC4722
Archives	Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive;