

**Essex Historic Environment Record/  
Essex Archaeology and History**

**Summary sheet**

**CAT Report 554**

<b>Address:</b> Swards End Farm, Redgates Lane, Swards End	
<b>Parish:</b> Swards End	<b>District:</b> Uttlesford: Planning ref: APP/C1570/E/08/2065097
<b>NGR:</b> TL 5710 3852	<b>Site code:</b> CAT project code – 10/6a
<b>Type of work:</b> Watching brief	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 8th June 2010	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 96m of service trenches
<b>Location of curating museum:</b> Saffron Walden Museum accession code – pending	<b>Funding source:</b> Developer
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER number:</b> 27175, 156
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 554	
<b>Periods represented:</b> Modern	
<p><b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b> Swards End Farmhouse is a Grade II listed structure, which has recently been extensively restored. A previous watching brief on the underpinning of the foundations in 2007 (under a different developer) is the subject of a previous report (CAT Report 465). The building has a 17th century timber (or earlier?) frame with more modern additions, (EHER 27175). The 20th-century brick-built barn, piggery, cow shed and small stable are of limited interest. To the north and east of the farmyard lies an incomplete moat (EHER 156). In NW Essex, moated enclosures may originate in the 12th-13th century. The current project involved the monitoring of the excavation of storm water drains across the farmyard. Following a brief issued by Essex County Council Historic Management team (<i>Swards End Farm, Redgates Lane, Swards End: January 2007</i>), a watching brief was commissioned by Amanda Haselton and was carried out by CAT in June 2010. Most of the trenches (300mm wide, maximum depth 350mm) were not deep enough to cut through the surface (L1), a mixture of clay rich topsoil, brick, loose cobbles, and hardcore (probably the remains of an older yard surface). Natural (L2: boulder clay with chalk and flint inclusions) was only seen to the north and east of the former barn. Ground level has been reduced at some time (presumably to level the site), and very little topsoil remained. No archaeological features were observed. There were no finds.</p>	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> CAT report 465	
<b>Keywords:</b> -	<b>Significance:</b> neg
<b>Author of summary:</b> Ben Holloway	<b>Date of summary:</b> June 2010

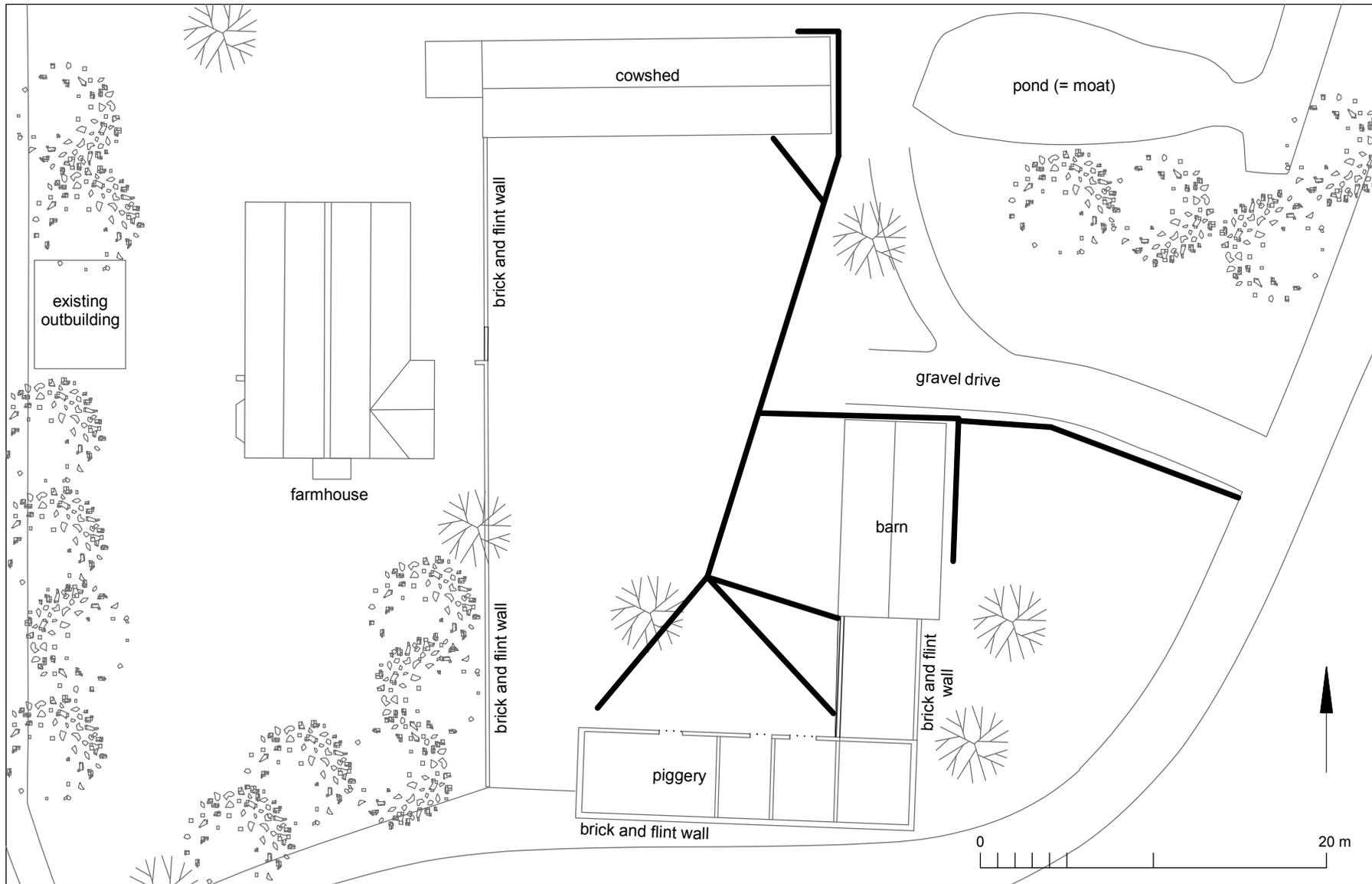


Fig 1 Site plan showing observed service trenches (bold line).