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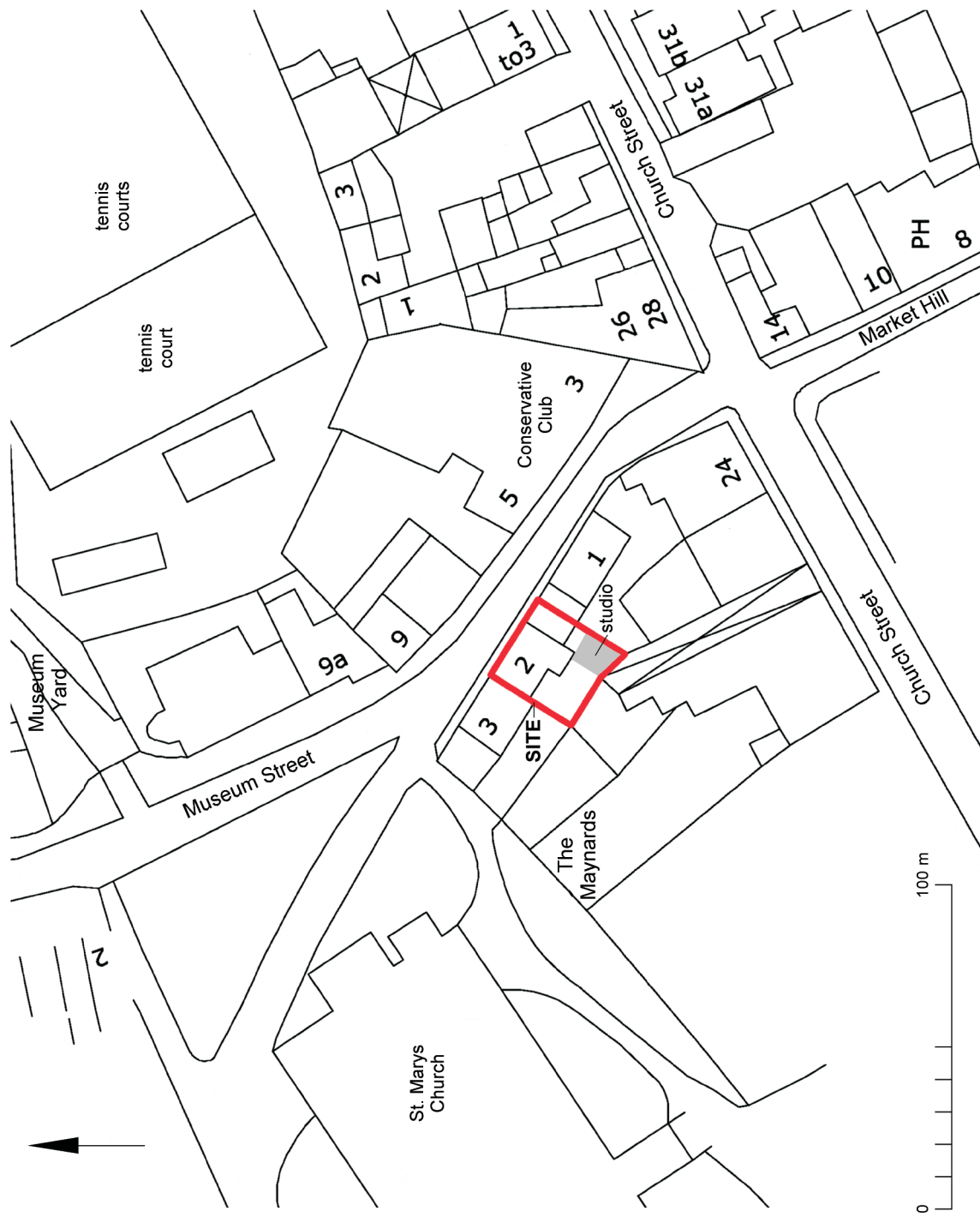
**Archaeological attendance and recording  
(watching brief) at  
2 The Maynards, Museum Street,  
Saffron Walden**

**Summary sheet**

**CAT Report 642**

<b>Address:</b> 2, The Maynards, Museum Street, Saffron Walden, Essex	
<b>Parish:</b> Saffron Walden	<b>District:</b> Uttlesford
<b>NGR:</b> TL 9866 2452 (centre)	<b>Site code:</b> CAT project code – 12/4a
<b>Type of work:</b> Watching brief	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 10th April 2012	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 4x3m footprint
<b>Location of curating museum:</b> Saffron Walden Museum accession code – requested 10/4/2012	<b>Funding source:</b> Developer
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER numbers:</b> SAM 54, EHER 0443, EHER 1935, EHER 46210
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 642	
<b>Periods represented:</b> modern	
<p><b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b> An archaeological watching brief was carried out in April of 2012, in accordance with a brief issued by an Essex County Council Heritage Environment Management officer (HEM). Observations were made during ground-level reduction.</p> <p>Level reduction removed a thin modern topsoil (L1) some 100mm in thickness. This material sealed a horizon of modern made-ground (L2), 400mm in thickness which contained substantial deposits of builder's debris (brick, slate and plastic, none of which was retained). L2 sealed a chalk-flecked silt (L3) containing CBM and coal flecking. Excavation was halted at this depth because change was made in the foundation design (from a beam foundation to a raft foundation), limiting the impact to 300mm below ground-level and restricting any impact to L2.</p> <p>No significant archaeological material or features were identified during the course of monitoring work at the Museum Street site. Modern garden material sealed a major deposit of building debris probably associated with the construction of the Maynards in the 1980s/90s. Any underlying archaeological horizons remain <i>in situ and</i> unaffected by the</p>	

raft foundation.	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> none	
<b>Keywords:</b> modern	<b>Significance:</b> neg
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Fig 1 Site location plan.