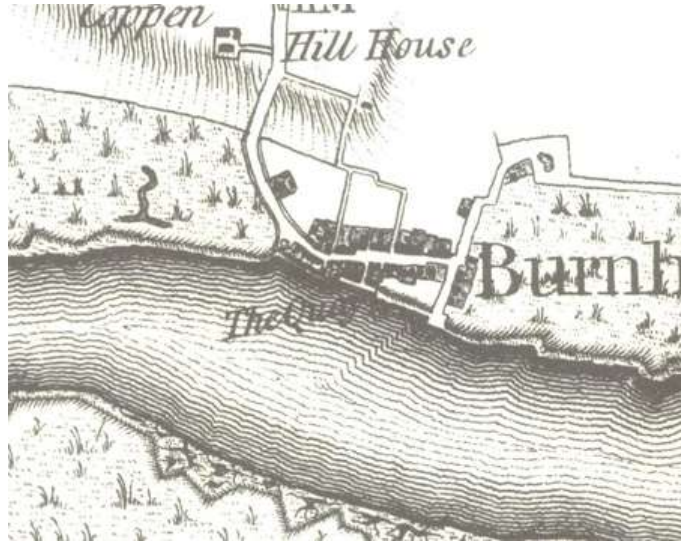


Archaeological monitoring at Shore House, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AS

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1 Summary

Archaeological monitoring was carried out at Shore House, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex during groundworks for a single-storey rear extension. Shore House is an 18th-century Grade II listed building which lies in the historic core of Burnham-on-Crouch, which has its origins in the medieval period. Excavation of the site revealed an 18th-century layer of made ground which was presumably laid as part of the construction of Shore House. No further remains were encountered as the groundworks did not penetrate beyond post-medieval layers.

2 Introduction (Fig 1)

This is the report for archaeological monitoring at Shore House, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex which was carried out on 10th August 2020. The work was commissioned by Adrian Lower, took place during groundworks for a single-storey rear extension, and was undertaken by Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT).

In response to consultation with Essex County Council Place Services (ECCPS), Historic Environment Advisor Maria Medlycott advised that in order to establish the archaeological implications of this application, the applicant should be required to commission a scheme of archaeological investigation in accordance with the *National Planning Policy Framework* (MHCLG 2019).

All archaeological work was carried out in accordance with a *Brief for Archaeological Monitoring and Excavation at Shore House, The Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch* detailing the required archaeological work, written by Maria Medlycott (ECCPS 2019), and a written scheme of investigation (WSI) prepared by CAT in response to the brief and agreed with ECCPS (CAT 2020).

All fieldwork and reporting was done in accordance with English Heritage's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (English Heritage 2006), and with *Standards for field archaeology in the East of England* (EAA 14 and 24). This report mirrors standards and practices contained in the Institute for Archaeologists' *Standard and guidance for archaeological field excavation* (ClfA 2014a) and *Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials* (ClfA 2014b).

3 Archaeological background

The following archaeological background includes extracts from the Brief and the Essex Historic Environment Record (EHER) held at Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex (accessible to the public via <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk>).

The proposed development is located to the rear of a Grade II 18th-century listed building, Shore House (HER 25029, Listed Building no. 116612).

The historic core of Burnham-on-Crouch (HER 11228) consisted of the High Street and The Quay, which were linked by a series of lanes. Burnham-on-Crouch was granted a market charter in 1253 and so must have been founded sometime prior to this. The town was probably positioned to take advantage of the potential of the Crouch estuary for both trade and fishing and exhibits some evidence of planning, with plots laid out at right angles from the High Street leading to the quayside (ECC 2008, 26).

During the medieval period Burnham-on-Crouch largely functioned as a fishing-port and the properties fronting onto The Quay (HER 18399) presumably served this trade, housing coopers, sailmakers, fish-processing sheds and the like. The construction of a large number of 18th- and 19th-century properties along both the High Street and The

Quay suggests that a phase of urban renewal occurred during that period (See Medlycott, 1999 for more information).

4 Aim

Archaeological monitoring was undertaken to excavate and record any archaeological deposits which were exposed by the groundworks.

5 Results (Figs 2-3)

On 10th August 2020, a CAT archaeologist observed the reduction of an area measuring 39.9m² by up to 0.45m to accommodate the new extension.

All groundworks occurred through a layer of 18th-century made ground (L1, firm, moist dark brown/black silty-clay with oyster shell and CBM flecks).

No archaeological features were encountered.



Photograph 1 Stripped area – looking south

6 Finds

6.1 Pottery and ceramic building material

by Dr Matthew Loughton

Eleven sherds of pottery and ceramic building material (henceforth CBM) with a weight of 850g were recovered (Table 1). There were rim sherds from 0.22 vessels (rim EVE) (Table 1). All of this material came from made ground L1. The pottery, which includes sherds of Netherlands, Anglo-Netherlands and English tin-glazed earthenwares (Fabric 46), a small to medium sized one-handed bowl in post-medieval red earthenware (Fabric 40), a Staffordshire-type slipware (Fabric 50) press-moulded dish with combed decoration, and sherds of modern English stoneware (Fabric 45M), can be broadly dated from the 18th to the early 19th century. Finally, there was one sherd of medieval/post-medieval peg-tile.

Ceramic material	no.	weight/g	MSW/g	Rim EVE
Pottery	10	128	13	0.22
CBM	1	722	722	
All	11	850	77	0.22

Table 1 Details on the main types of ceramics and pottery

6.2 Clay tobacco pipes

by Laura Pooley

Three fragments of clay tobacco pipe came from L1 (finds no. 1):

- 1) Virtually complete bowl with slight damage to rim, stem broken and mostly missing, 16.0g. A long bowl with slightly curved sides which projects forwards quite considerably. The mouth is cut with a half milled rim on the back of bowl. It has a small round heel and 6/64" bore. There is a moulded maker's mark in relief on either side of heel – **WM crowned**. It dates from the late 17th to early 18th century.
- 2) Fragment of stem with partial heel, 2.4g (discarded).
- 3) Fragment of stem, 5.9g (discarded).

7 Discussion

Groundworks at Shore House revealed a layer of made ground which was presumably deposited to consolidate the area as part of the construction of Shore House during the 18th century. No further remains were encountered, although excavations did not penetrate beyond post-medieval layers, and so the generally negative results of this investigation do not preclude the possibility that further deposits associated with earlier activity may be present at the site.

8 Acknowledgements

CAT thanks Adrian Lower for commissioning and funding the work. The project was managed by C Lister, fieldwork was carried out by B Holloway. Figures are by C Lister, B Holloway and E Holloway. The project was monitored for ECCPS by Maria Medlycott.

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Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in PDF format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

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10 Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
CBM	ceramic building material, ie brick/tile
ClfA	Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
clinker	the stony residue from burnt coal or from a furnace
context	a single unit of excavation, which is often referred to numerically, and can be any feature, layer or find
ECC	Essex County Council
ECCPS	Essex County Council Place Services
EHER	Essex Historic Environment Record
feature (F)	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a drain: can contain 'contexts'
layer (L)	distinct or distinguishable deposit (layer) of material
medieval	period from AD 1066 to c 1500
modern	period from c AD 1800 to the present
NGR	National Grid Reference
OASIS	O nline A ccess to the I ndex of A rchaeological I nvestigations, http://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/Main
peg-tile	rectangular thin tile with peg-hole(s) used mainly for roofing, first appeared c AD1200 and continued in use to present day, but commonly post-medieval to modern
post-medieval	from c AD 1500 to c 1800
section	(abbreviation sx or Sx) vertical slice through feature/s or layer/s
wsj	written scheme of investigation

11 Contents of archive

Finds: part of one box (clay pipe)

Paper record

One A4 document wallet containing:

The report (CAT Report 1592)

Original site records (site notes, section)

Photographic thumbnails and log

Inked sections and illustrations

Digital record

The report (CAT Report 1592)

Photographs, photographic thumbnails and log

Graphics files

12 Archive deposition

The paper and digital archive is currently held by the Colchester Archaeological Trust at Roman Circus House, Roman Circus Walk, Colchester, Essex CO2 7GZ, but will be permanently deposited with Colchester Museum under project ref. BOCSH20

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Appendix 1 Pottery list

Cxt	Feature type	Find no.	TR	NR	GR	# SW	Discard	Run	Handle	Base	Dec.	Stamp	Graf Pre-F	Graf Post-F	Wind	Soot	Pitting	Burn	Overfired	Residue	Abraded	Modif.	Mark	Repair hole	Hole	Disc	Polishing	Fabric Grp	Typology	Vessel function	EVE	Diam.	Vessel H.	Comments	Date
F1	Made ground	1		1	36	36	X	1	0	0																	F40	Small-Med handled bowl?	Bowl	0.11	200		17th-18th century		
F1	Made ground	1		4	47	12	X	1	0	0																	F45M	?	?	0.11	100		19th to 20th century		
F1	Made ground	1		1	20	20	X	0	0	1																	F50	Press-moulded dish	Dish				Late 17th-18th century		
F1	Made ground	1		4	25	0.25	X																				F46	?	?				mid 16th-18th century		

Appendix 2 CBM list

Cxt	Feature type	Find no.	Trench	NR	GR	MSW	Discard	Typology	sub-type	Flange					Cutaways				Marks 1				Marks 2				Flue tile				Peg-tile				BR Dim.			Mortar	Burnt	Overfired	A graded	Modified	Comments	Date
										NR CORN	MINI	FL R.	FL W.	FL TH.	LCA	LCA L.	UCA	UCA L.	Stamp	sign.	Taily	Graf PF	Animal	Shoe	scored	Comb	Roller	Circ. Vt.	Rect. Vt.	Bl. Vt.	PH R.	PH sq	2 Pils	Blind	L	BR.	TH.							
F1	Made ground	1	1	722	722	X	PT																															X					Medieval-Post Medieval	

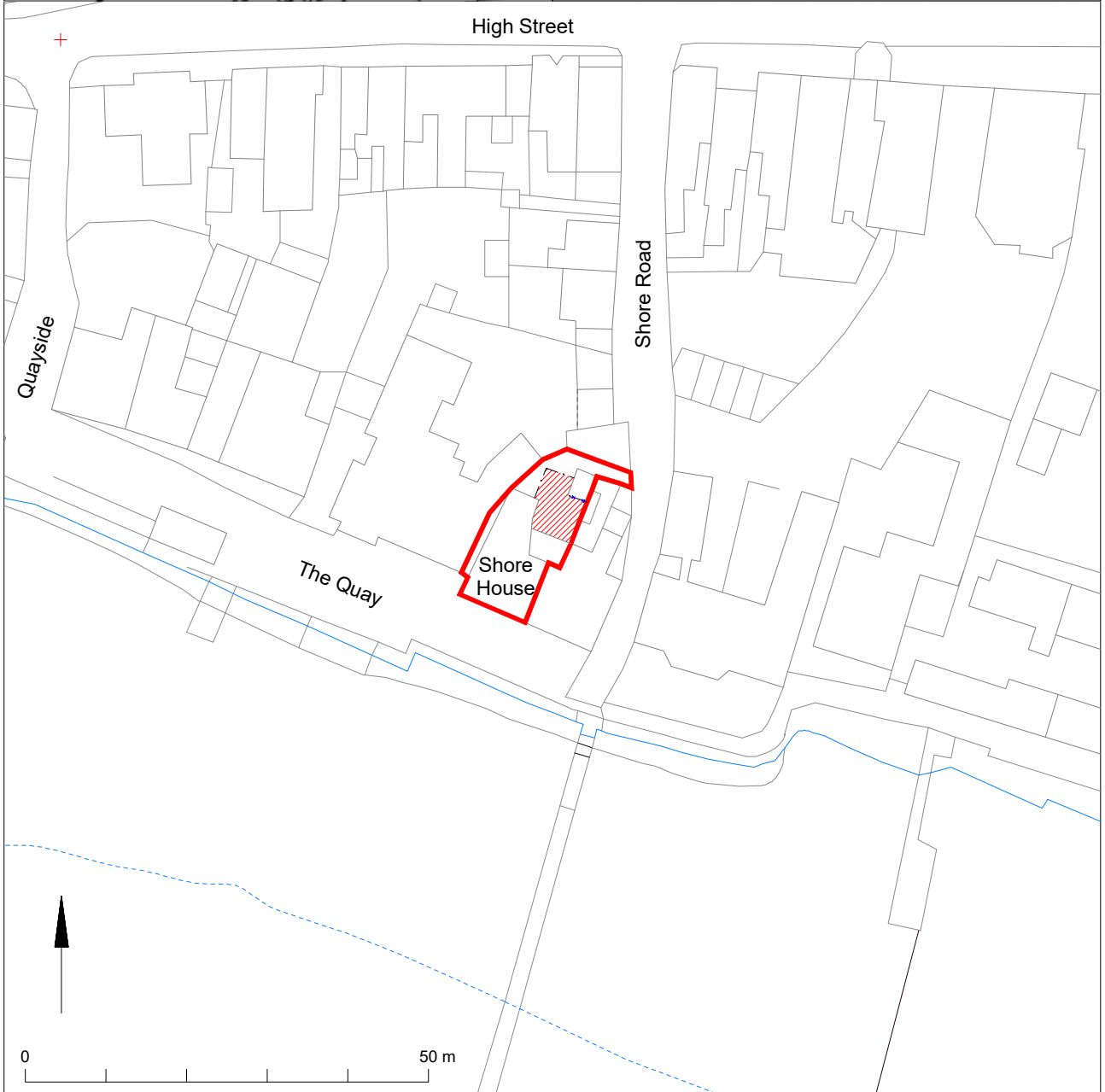
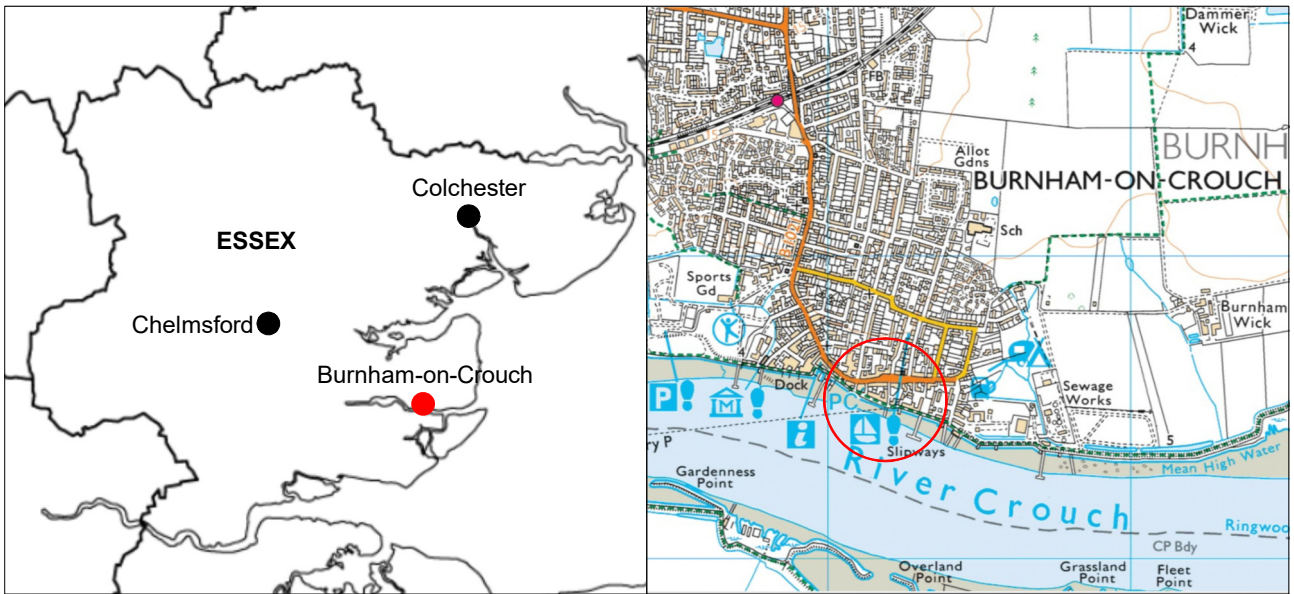


Fig 1 Site location.

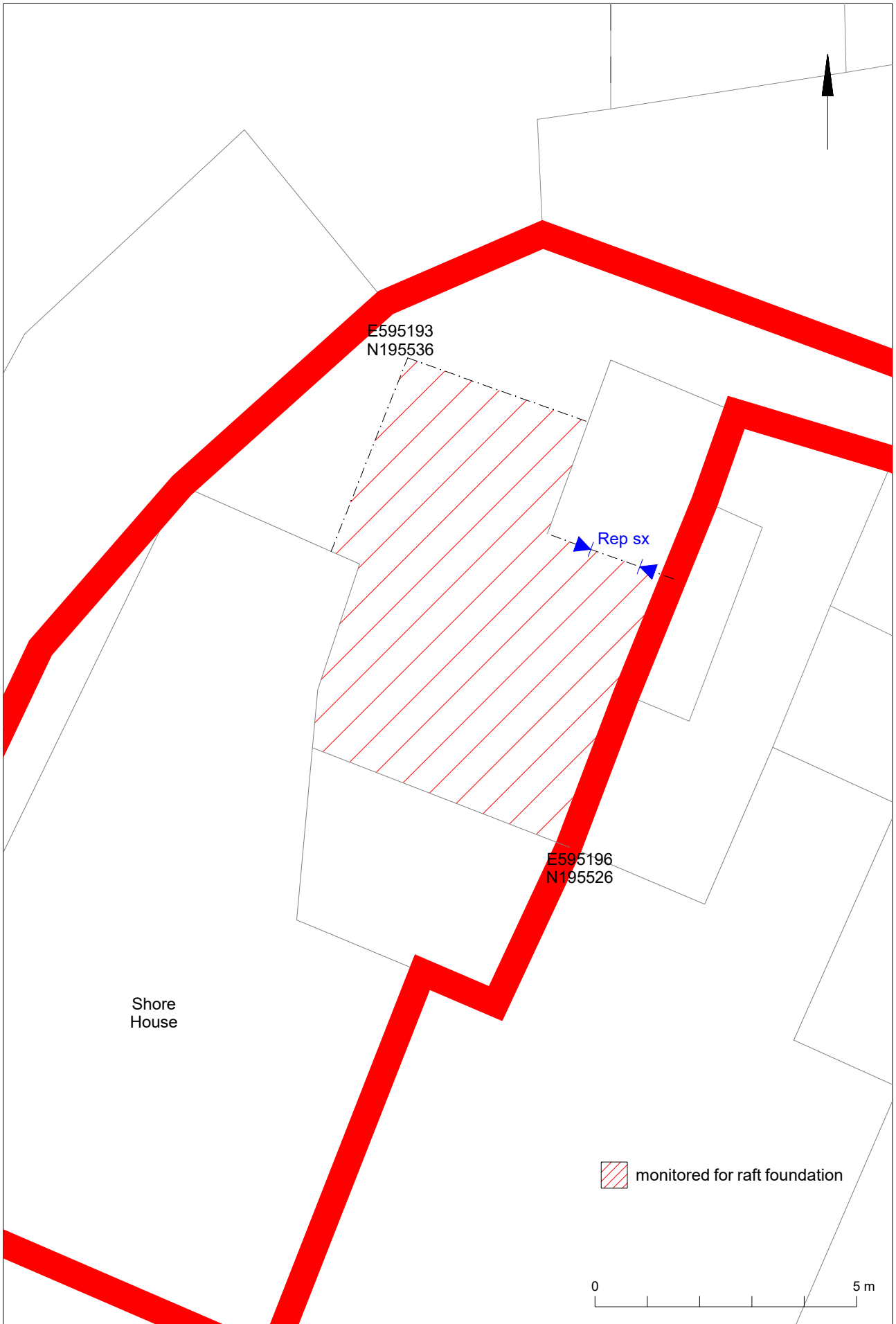


Fig 2 Monitoring results.

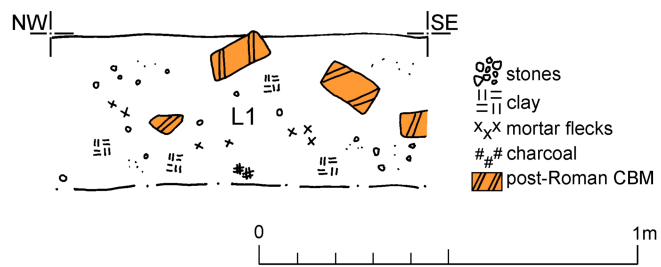


Fig 3 Representative section.

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