

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

CAT Report 489

Summary sheet

Address: Grey Goose Farm Cottage, Orsett, Essex	
Parish: Orsett	District: Thurrock
NGR: TQ 6254 8077	Accession code: CAT project code - 08/8a Thurrock Museum (awaiting code) ECC site code - THGG 08
Type of work: Monitoring and excavation	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: 2nd September 2008	Size of area investigated: 3.6 x 6.5 x 4.1 x 2.5 m footings (500mm wide)
Location of finds/curating museum: Thurrock Museum	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER numbers: 5237-5242
Final report: CAT Report 489	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results:</p> <p><i>The excavation of footings for an extension on the western side of Grey Goose Farm Cottage in Orsett, Essex, was monitored by a CAT archaeologist on the 2nd September 2008. The fieldwork was carried out as required in a brief issued by Essex County Council on 22.07.08 and in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CAT. The site is near to a Scheduled Ancient Monument but English Heritage indicated that scheduled monument consent was not required for the groundworks.</i></p> <p><i>The topsoil and subsoil were stripped using a 500mm-wide toothless bucket. No archaeological deposits or remains were observed in the layers. The medium brown silt topsoil was roughly 65mm thick and contained infrequent fragments of modern building material. Beneath the topsoil was a medium brown silt subsoil roughly 250mm in thickness that contained no observable artefactual evidence. The natural geology of the site was a light cream/brown sandy clay with areas of dense gravel. The natural was reached roughly 300mm below the modern ground-level and thoroughly cleaned by hand.</i></p>	

<p><i>The only feature cut into the natural was a small post-hole (F1) which contained frequent medium stones and one modern pot fragment. A glazed modern drainpipe was also observed in the north-west/south-east footing trench on a north-south alignment (F2). No evidence of the extensive cropmark complex to the north of the site (at TQ 6254 8077) was uncovered.</i></p> <p><i>Once the trenches had been recorded, excavation of the footings then continued into the natural geology to the depth required by the developers.</i></p>	
<p><i>Previous summaries/reports:</i> None</p>	
<p><i>Keywords:</i> -</p>	<p><i>Significance:</i> neg</p>
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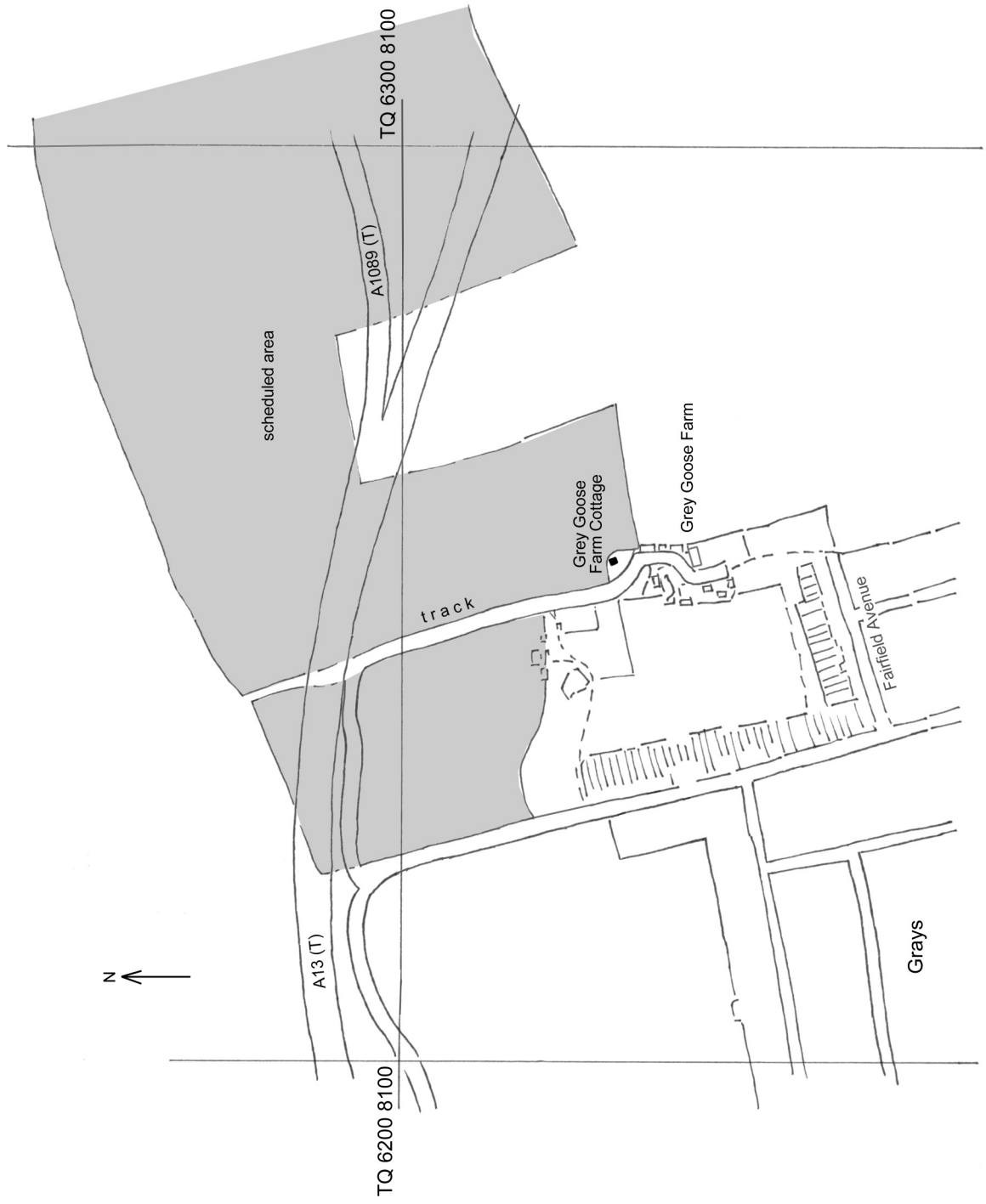


Fig 1 Location plan.

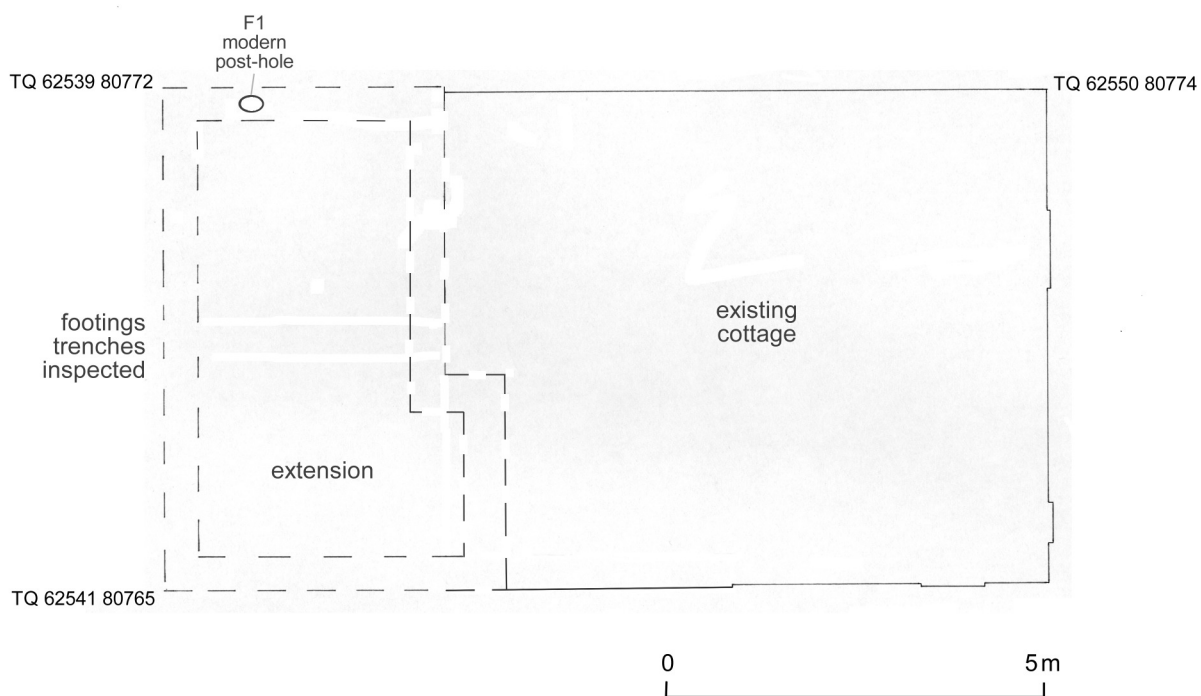
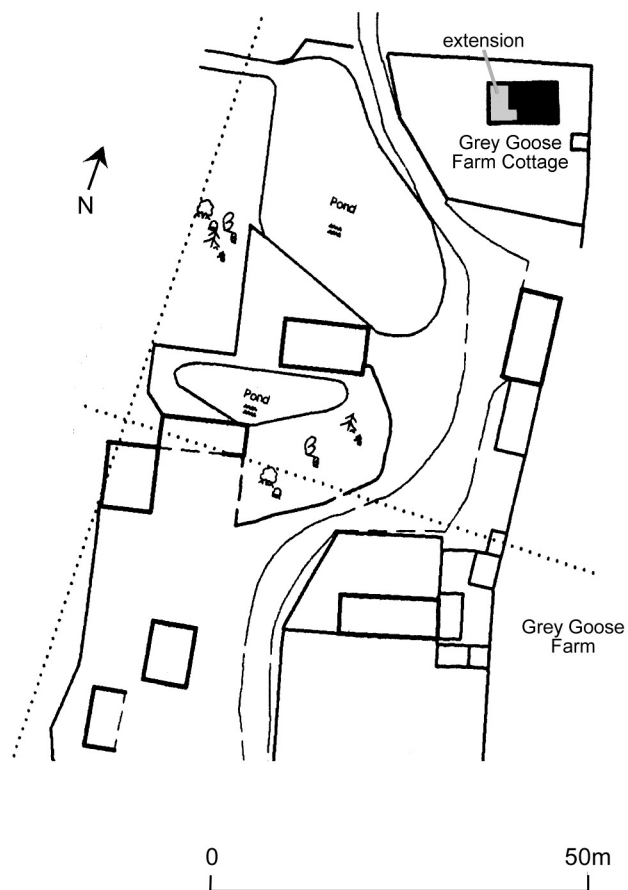


Fig 2a Site location within Grey Goose Farm (above).
 Fig 2b Detail of footings trenches inspected (below).