Essex Historic Environment Record/ Essex Archaeology and History

Summary sheet

CAT Report 541

Address: Bourchiers, Station Road, Little Dunmow, Essex				
Parish: Little Dunmow	District: Uttlesford			
NGR: TL 99651 25590	Site codes: CAT project code – 10/2c ECC site code – LD BS 10			
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust			
Date of work: 22nd February 2010	Size of area investigated:			
Location of curating museum: Saffron Walden Museum (accession code SAFWM 2010.5)	Funding source: Developer			
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER number: 1250			
Final report: CAT Report 541				

Periods represented:

Summary of fieldwork results:

Bourchiers lies on the site of a probable Roman farmstead (Essex Historic Environment Record no 1250). Roman pottery was found at the Bourchiers farm when the present house was constructed. Hastings Worrin, owner of the farm for many years, had a large archaeological collection, partially collected from his own land. Labourers draining an adjacent field before 1893 cut through several pottery kilns.

Following a brief issued by Essex County Council Historic Management team (Bourchiers, Station Road, Little Dunmow. December 2009), a watching brief was carried out by CAT on the reduction of a bank and the digging of two gate-posts. No archaeological features or finds were observed. The lack of archaeological material may be due to the small scale of the project, to previous damage caused by the construction of the nearby railway line and embankment, and to the distance of the gate-posts (approximately 300m) from Bourchiers, where Roman activity may have been focused.

Previous summaries/reports:	None		
Keywords: -		Significance:	neg
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