

**An Archaeological Watching Brief  
At 56 Liverpool Road, Walmer, Deal  
CT14 7LF**

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**Abstract**

*Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the Centre for Applied Archaeology, University College London, was commissioned by Penny Turay to undertake a Watching Brief during groundworks prior to the construction of a conservatory extension.*

*A 6.0m x 4.0m trench was excavated to a depth of 0.30m through a modern concrete path and adjacent garden soil onto made ground. Natural substrate was not attained and no archaeological remains were observed across the area affected by the groundworks.*

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Site Background**

1.1.1 Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the Centre for Applied Archaeology, University College London, was commissioned by Ms. Penny Turay to undertake an Archaeological Watching Brief during groundworks associated with the construction of a conservatory extension at 56 Liverpool Road, Deal, CT14 7LF (NGR: 637610 150770, Figure 1).

### **1.2 Site Location and Geology**

1.2.1 The site lies to the rear of a private residence located in the south east of Deal, near to the coast.

1.2.2 According to the British Geological Survey, the geology of the site is either tidal sand and gravel or Quarternary clay and silt, overlying Seaford chalk formation.

### **1.3 Planning Background**

1.3.1 An original planning application DOV/11/00528 for construction works at 56 Liverpool Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7LF, won on appeal with the following planning condition:

*No development shall take place until the applicant, or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by the local planning authority.*

1.3.2 All work was carried out in accordance with the manual 'Specifications for archaeological work in Kent' (Kent County Council 2007) and the relevant *Standards and Guidance* of the Institute for Archaeologists (IFA 2008).

### **1.4 Aims and Objectives**

1.4.1 Specific aims of the watching brief were to:

- Observe, excavate and record any evidence of human activity and determine its date, nature, extent and character.
- Determine the date and nature of deposits observable in the stratigraphy and thereby gain an understanding of the historic development of deposits in this area and suggest how the area may have been utilised by humans.

### **1.5 Scope of Report**

1.5.1 This report details the results of the archaeological work on the site. The work was undertaken over 3 days (28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December 2012) by Antonio Reis. Project Management was undertaken by Andy Leonard (fieldwork) and Jim Stevenson (post-excavation management). The illustrations were prepared by Antonio Reis.

## **2.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND**

2.1 The archaeological background summarised below is based on a 500m perimeter search of Kent County Council HER records with additional information extracted from a further 1Km search.

### **2.2 Summary**

2.2.1 The site lies within Marke Wood gardens gifted to the public in 1927, 700m to the North of Walmer Castle and 300m to the west of the beach. A concentration of Bronze Age and Iron Age features have been identified at Deal South Barracks approximately 700m to the north-east of the site with features of this date further to the north. A ring-ditch of similar date is situated to the south-east. A Romano-British cremation cemetery lies in close proximity to the east of the site. A number of listed buildings are found within the area, some of which being military establishments reflecting the strategic significance of Deal, situated as it is directly opposite the easily accessed French coast. A large number of Second World War installations are detailed towards the beach to the south east of the site, which are not discussed in detail in this report.

### **2.3 Prehistoric**

2.3.1 A Late Neolithic-Bronze Age ring ditch was found in Walmer Castle Paddock 400m to the south-east of the site (TR 35 SE 400). To the north-east, approximately 700m from the site, Late Neolithic - Early Bronze Age worked flint (TR 35 SE 419) was identified in proximity to a series of undated but probably prehistoric gullies (TR 35 SE 414). A Bronze Age cremation burial was found near several undated cut features approximately 900m to the north (TR 35 SE 422).

### **2.4 Late IA and Roman**

2.4.1 A significant Romano-British cremation cemetery (TR 35 17) was discovered to the south of Walmer Lodge, 100m to the east of the site, and again nearby at Walmer Place. Numerous burials dated to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> centuries AD have yielded pottery, *amphorae*, *paterae* and coins. The HER entry specifies a 43-409 AD date range for this site.

2.4.2 Two Late IA or Romano-British ditches lie with the grounds of Deal South Barracks (TR 35 SE 414) 700m to the north-east of the site. A large complex of ditches and gullies with some pits, producing both Bronze Age and Iron pottery, lies approximately 800m to the north of the site (TR 35 SE 405)

### **2.5 Saxon and Medieval**

2.5.1 No sites belonging to this period lie within the search area.

### **2.6 Post medieval and Modern**

2.6.1 Earthworks situated to the north of Walmer castle (TR 35 SE 406) comprise several phases of activity with possible traces of the Tudor defensive line of Deal, Walmer and Sandown castles, truncated by late 18<sup>th</sup>- early/mid 19<sup>th</sup> landscaping activity conducted by the Lords Warden of the Cinque ports William Pitt the Younger (1792-1806) and Lord Granville (1865-91).

2.6.2 Grade (II) listed buildings associated with Deal South Barracks are situated 300m to the north of the site 9 (TR 35 SE 123; TR 35 SE 590 and 592). An early 18<sup>th</sup> century listed building, "The Beach" lies 400m to the north-east (TR 35 SE 466), and an early 19<sup>th</sup> century terrace house situated 200m to the north-east is also a grade II listed building (TR 35 SE 769).

### **3.0 ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY**

- 3.1 The ground-works (Figs. 2 and 3) comprised the excavation a trench 6.0m x 4.0 through an existing concrete floor abutting the rear of the building.
- 3.2 All revealed surfaces were inspected and any archaeological structures or features revealed were recorded in plan and section as appropriate. The main contractor allowed reasonable time to undertake any inspection or recording required.
- 3.3 The archive, which is presently held at the ASE offices in Portslade will be deposited with Deal Museum in due course.

Number of Contexts	3
No. of files/paper record	1
Plan and sections sheets	-
Bulk Samples	-
Photographs	8
Bulk finds	-
Registered finds	-
Environmental flots/residue	-

Table 1: Quantification of site archive

#### **4.0 RESULTS**

- 4.1 The excavation of a trench 6.0m x 4.0m x 0.30m through a current concrete path [01] 1.0m wide and adjacent garden soil [02] exposed a brown silty deposit [03] constituting made ground. The concrete floor was 0.10m thick and the made ground was excavated to a depth of 0.20m.
- 4.2 No archaeological remains were identified, the excavations remaining within the modern made ground [02].

Context	Type	Description	Max. Length (m)	Max. Width (m)	Thickness (m)	Depth Below ground (m)
01	Const.	Concrete	Tr.	1.0	0.10	-
02	Deposit	Garden soil	Tr.	3.0	0.10	-
03	Deposit	Made ground	Tr.	Tr.	0.20m	0.10

Table 2: Contexts recorded during excavation

#### **5.0 Finds and samples**

- 5.1 No finds were retrieved or samples taken.



**6.0 Discussion and Conclusions**

- 6.1 This investigation confirms the absence of any archaeological remains in the area affected by groundworks for a conservatory extension abutting the rear of the building.
- 6.2 Natural substrate was not reached as the excavations remained within the made ground, underlying a modern concrete path and adjacent garden soil.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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### HER Summary Form

Site Code	LRW12					
Identification Name and Address	An archaeological Watching Brief at 56 Liverpool Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7LF					
County, District &/or Borough	Dover					
OS Grid Refs.	637610 150770					
Geology	Beach sand and gravels or Quarternary clay and silt over Seaford Chalk					
Arch. South-East Project Number	5474					
Type of Fieldwork	Eval.	Excav.	Watching Brief ✓	Standing Structure	Survey	Other
Type of Site	Green Field	Shallow Urban ✓	Deep Urban	Other		
Dates of Fieldwork	Eval.	Excav.	WB. 28/11/12, 5-6/12/12	Other		
Sponsor/Client	Penny Turay					
Project Manager	Andy Leonard					
Project Supervisor	Antonio Reis / Philippa Stephenson					
Period Summary	Palaeo.	Meso.	Neo.	BA	IA	RB
	AS	MED	PM	Other Modern		
<p>100 Word Summary</p> <p><i>Archaeology South-East (ASE), the contracting division of the Centre for Applied Archaeology, University College London, was commissioned by Penny Turay to undertake a Watching Brief during groundworks prior to the construction of a conservatory extension.</i></p> <p><i>A 6.0m x 4.0m trench was excavated to a depth of 0.30m through a modern concrete path and adjacent garden soil onto made ground. Natural substrate was not attained and no archaeological remains were observed across the area affected by the groundworks.</i></p>						

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Project dates	Start: 28-11-2012 End: 06-12-2013
Previous/future work	No / No
Type of project	Recording project
Site status	None
Investigation type	""Watching Brief""

### Project location

Country	England
Site location	KENT DOVER DEAL 56 Liverpool Road, Walmer, Deal, Kent
Postcode	CT14 7LF
Study area	24.00 Square metres
Site coordinates	TR 37711 51210 51 1 51 12 35 N 001 24 13 E Point
Height OD / Depth	Min: 0m Max: 0m

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