

**Site: 14 Magdalen Street (rear of)**

NGR: TM 0001 2479

Reason for Watching Brief: Rear Extension

Architect: - Contractor: R.G.Carter

Owner: Mr A. Ademoglu

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*Summary:*

*Negative, other than a capped brick-lined well and a post-17th century pit at the rear of the property.*

**Report:**

The property is on ground which rises to the south and east. Prior to the first visit, surface clearance at the rear had generally exposed a dark greyish brown sandy loam topsoil. The extension was built on a shallow reinforced concrete raft with ground beams up to 50cm deep. Most of the observed service trenches were of similar depth, except at the entrance, where deeper trenches were found to cut through ground previously disturbed by earlier services. The naturally rising ground on the eastern side of the site has been terraced, with the result that 20cm modern material lies directly above natural sand.

Two features were noted:

F1. A rubbish pit containing c.18th-19th century pottery (finds no. 1). Some of the finds were recovered by helpful workmen, hence contamination is possible.

F2. A brick-lined well capped with a stiff mix of mortar and red brick fragments. A small hole was broken through the dome-shaped cap, which was not fully cleared of soil. Little of the interior could be seen. The sides appeared to be roughly constructed of brick (dimensions unknown) and the diameter was very approximately 90cm. The water table lay at 3.2m and silt at 3.5m.

*Archived: This report, original site notes.*

*Finds: Finds no1. pottery from F1.*

*Finds no2. sherd from topsoil at rear of site, found by workman.*

*Photographs, digital: mse001.jpg: F1 in drainage trench on eastern side of site.  
mse002.jpg: looking west with F2 well cap in foreground left.  
mse003.jpg: general view north towards Magdalen Street*