

Colchester Archaeological Trust

Watching Brief Report

**CAT Ref:** 00/7B

**Report No.** 87

**Museum Code:** -

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**Site:** **Crepping Hall, Wakes Colne**

NGR: TL 909 285

Reason for Watching Brief: swimming pool in moat

Architect: - Contractor: Letts Pools

Owner: Mr. D.Cohen

Fieldwork By: CC

Report By: CC

Date: 19th July 2000

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*Summary: Negative*

Report:

The work involved a cutting for a new swimming pool located on the line of the moat to the east of the house. The pool dimensions are 13.76m x 6.76m, with a 1.5m fall from the shallow to the deepest point, which lies at the southern end of the cutting. Approximately two-thirds of the new pool lies on the site of a large c.19th century rectangular pool or tank, constructed of cement-rendered red brick. The brickwork on three sides of the earlier pool had been removed, leaving the southern side, which is to stay in place. To the west side, a fresh cutting exposed a small soil section which is included on Figure 2.

There is to be some deeper excavation in the central part of the southern end. However, a second visit was not felt to be justified in view of the extent of earlier ground disturbance.

*Finds: none.*

*Photographs: 2, general shots, looking s-w.*