

**A watching brief at
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**on behalf of
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Trenches for new external drains at the eastern end of the church were inspected on 21st August 2000. At the time of inspection the 300mm wide trenches were open to depths of between 100mm and 500mm and work was in progress on a soakaway in the churchyard (Fig.1).

No significant features were observed. Shallow trenches had been dug against the side of the church at the three locations indicated in Figure 1. Points "A" and "C" contained *c.* 19th century brick drains, which had been partly removed, and at point "B" the base of the wall was obscured by rendering which extended below ground level.

In the churchyard, the soil stratigraphy generally consisted of 200mm dark greyish brown sandy loam above brown sandy loam with occasional peg-tile fragments. One large fragment of Roman brick was noted among peg-tile in the spoil heap next to the junction "D". However, this is of little significance since reused Roman material is plentiful in the adjacent west wall of the church.

The Trust is indebted to Purcell Miller Tritton for supplying the plan used in Figure 1.

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