

**An archaeological watching brief at
Reeds House, 40 London Road,
Maldon, Essex
September 2011**

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Site address: Reeds House, 40 London Road, Maldon, Essex	
Parish: Maldon	District: Maldon
NGR: TL 84590 07113	Site codes: CAT project - 11/9c
Type of work: Watching brief	Site director/group: Colchester Archaeological Trust
Date of work: September 2011	Size of area investigated: Two small test-pits, each approx. 2.0 m long x 0.5 m wide
Location of finds/curating museum: Colchester and Ipswich Museums	Funding source: Developer
Further seasons anticipated? No	Related EHER nos: 38416, 7768-7771
Final report: CAT Report 615	
Periods represented: modern	
<p>Summary of fieldwork results:</p> <p><i>An archaeological watching brief took place at Reeds House, 40 London Road, Maldon, Essex, during the machine-excavation of two test-pits. These were dug for ground investigation purposes in advance of a proposed development, which included a garage and boat shed, and a new gateway into the rear of the property. The site lies close to the centre of the historic town of Maldon, in an area where Iron Age and Saxon remains, as well as later deposits, might be expected. The watching brief was carried out by the Colchester Archaeological Trust (CAT) on 20th September 2011. This followed a brief written by the Essex County Council Historic Environment Management (HEM) team officer in August 2011.</i></p> <p><i>The test-pits (T1 & T2; Fig 1) were dug using a mini-digger in the north-western part of the garden. In both trenches there was a thick layer of dark greyish-brown topsoil or 'dark earth'. This was approximately 1.0m thick and finds of modern date were found throughout the deposit. In both cases the 'dark earth' sealed an olive brown layer, 0.2m thick, which was probably re-worked subsoil. A small sherd of late medieval or later date was recovered from this layer in T2. The natural subsoil was reached at a depth of 1.4m in T1 and 1.0m in T2, and was a hard, pale brown, clayey deposit.</i></p> <p><i>In conclusion, no significant archaeological remains were uncovered. A small quantity of unstratified finds, including fragments of modern pottery and glass, clay pipe, peg-tile and animal bone, was recovered from the machine spoil but subsequently discarded.</i></p>	
Previous summaries/reports: None	
Keywords: -	Significance: neg

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No OASIS online record initiated	

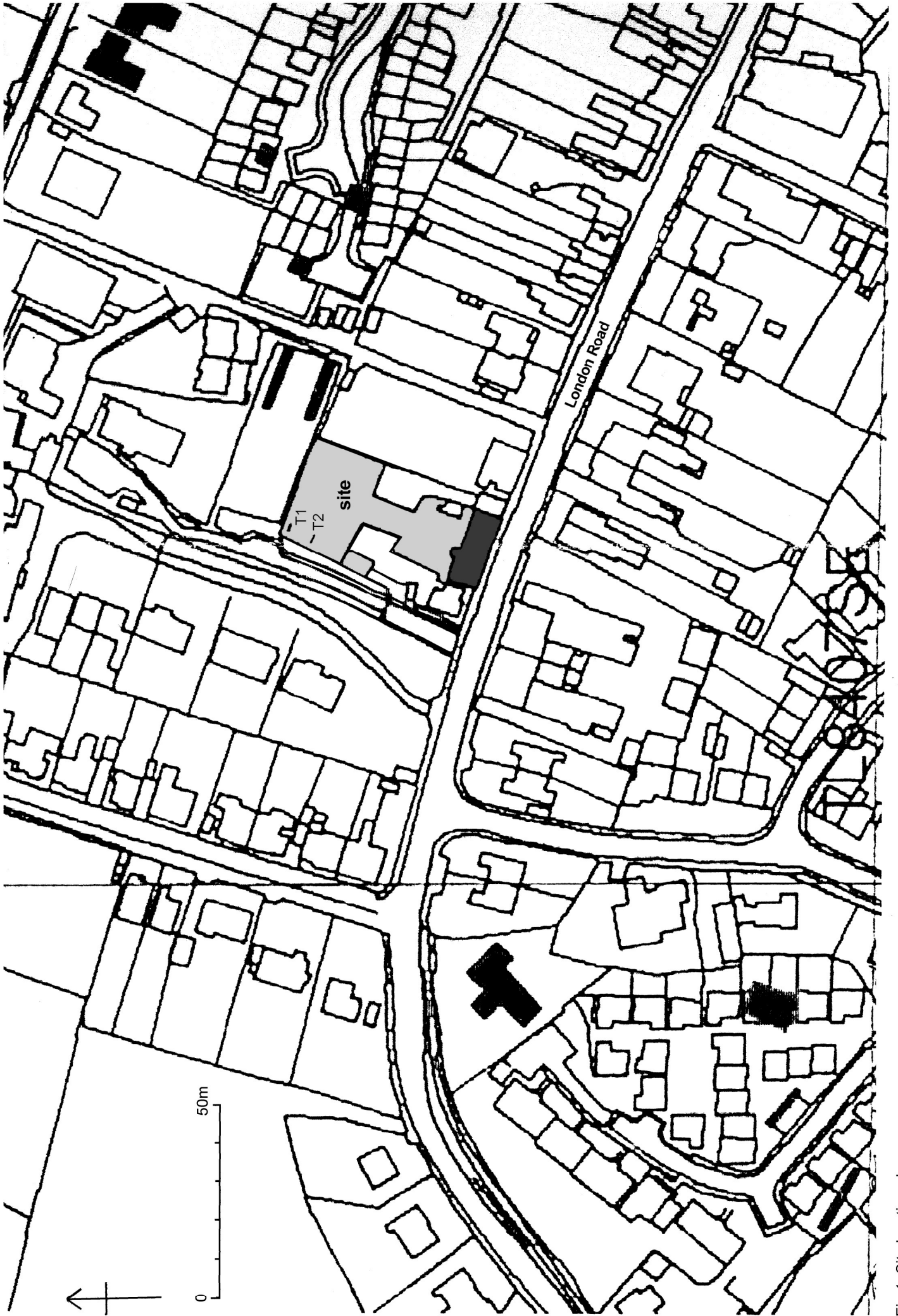


Fig 1 Site location plan.

11/9c REEDS HOUSE, 40 LONDON RD., MARDON

TWO TRENCHES WERE DUG IN N.W. PART OF SITE.

T1

APPROX. 2.1m E-W x 0.6m N-S

APPROX. 1.45m DEEP

REPRESENTATIVE SECTION:

0 - 0.4m DEEP MODERN TOPSOIL, BARK CHIPPINGS, LEAVES ETC

0.4 - 0.9m " GRAYISH-BROWN 10YR 5/2-5/3 SANDY LOAM,
MODERATE SMALL-MEDIUM GRAZES, SPARSE
PER-TILE FRAGS + MODERN FINDS - TOPSOIL
MODERN
? REDEPOSITED

0.9 - 1.2m DEEP DARK GRAYISH-BROWN 10YR 4/2-4/3
SANDY LOAM, MODERATE SMALL-MEDIUM GRAZES
- POST-MOD/ MODERN TOPSOIL

1.2 - 1.4m DEEP OLIVE BROWN 2.5Y 5/2-5/3 CLAY LOAM
- REWORKED SUBSOIL, ? MOD/POST-MOD?

1.4 - 1.45m DEEP PALE BROWN 10YR 7/2 SILTY CLAY LOAM
- NATURAL SUBSOIL, ? LOAM LOAM?

MIDDLE OF N. EDGE OF T1 TO N. BOUNDARY WALL = 1.2m

W. EDGE OF T1 TO W. BOUNDARY FENCE = 1.15m

T2

APPROX. 2.3m E-W x 0.4m N-S

APPROX. 1m DEEP.

W. EDGE OF T2 TO W. BOUNDARY FENCE = 0.8m

MIDDLE OF N. EDGE OF T2 TO S. EDGE OF T1 = 6.1m

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S. EDGE OF T2 TO N. EDGE OF GARAGE = 7.3m

P.F.O. FOR REPRESENTATIVE SX.

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OF LAYERS →

REPRESENTATIVE SECTION OF T2:

0 - 0.2m DEEP MODERN TOPSOIL, BARK CHIPPINGS, LEAVES ETC

0.2 - 0.45m " GREYISH-BROWN LOYAL 2 SANDY LOAM,
MODERATE SMALL-MEDIUM GRAVELS,
SPARSE PEB-TILE + MODERN FINDS

0.45 - 0.77m " MODERN TOPSOIL

0.45 - 0.77m " GREYISH-BROWN WITH OLIVE TINGE
2.5Y 5/2-5/3 SANDY CLAY LOAM,
MODERATE SMALL-MEDIUM GRAVELS,
SPARSE PEB-TILE + POST-MOD/MOD. FINDS
- POST-MOD/MODERN TOPSOIL

0.77 - 1m DEEP LIGHT BROWN WITH OLIVE TINGE
2.5Y 6/3 CLAY LOAM P.O
- REWORKED SUBSOIL, ? MOD / POST-MOD?

with
Shed of
LIFE MOD/POST-MOD
POT →

1m + DEEP LIGHT BROWN WITH OLIVE TINGE
LOYAL 2 SILTY CLAY LOAM
- NATURAL SUBSOIL, LOYAL LOAM?

T2

0.2m x 0.2m x 0.2m
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0.8m x 0.8m x 0.8m
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0.7m x 0.7m x 0.7m



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Photographic log for Maldon, Reeds House, 40 London Road WB

Filename	Description
11.09c_Photograph_01.jpg	T1, view north-east
11.09c_Photograph_02.jpg	T1, view north-west
11.09c_Photograph_03.jpg	T1, view north
11.09c_Photograph_04.jpg	General shot of T1, view north-west
11.09c_Photograph_05.jpg	T2, view north-east
11.09c_Photograph_06.jpg	T2, view north
11.09c_Photograph_07.jpg	T2, view south
11.09c_Photograph_08.jpg	T2, view south-west
11.09c_Photograph_09.jpg	T2, view south
11.09c_Photograph_10.jpg	General shot of T2, view south-west
11.09c_Photograph_11.jpg	Rear of Reeds House from garden, view south
11.09c_Photograph_12.jpg	Frontage of Reeds House from London Road, view north-east
11.09c_Photograph_13.jpg	Frontage of Reeds House from London Road, view north-west
11.09c_Photograph_14.jpg	Frontage of Reeds House from London Road, view north-east