

**Archaeological attendance and recording  
(watching brief) at  
Howe Farm, Grange Road,  
Tillingham, Essex  
June - July 2014**



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**on behalf of  
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Summary sheet**

<b>Address:</b> Howe Farm, Grange Road, Tillingham, Essex	
<b>Parish:</b> Tillingham	<b>District:</b> Maldon
<b>NGR:</b> TL 9866 2452 (centre)	<b>Site code:</b> CAT project code – 13/2f ECCPS project code – TIHF13
<b>Type of work:</b> Watching brief	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 30th June – 1st July 2014	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> 10x15m footprint
<b>Location of curating museum:</b> Colchester and Ipswich Museum accession code – 2013.5	<b>Funding source:</b> Developer
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related EHER numbers:</b> --
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 799	
<b>Periods represented:</b> modern	
<p><b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b></p> <p>The site is located to the south east of the village of Tillingham on the Dengie Peninsular, located on reclaimed marshland. The area is characterised by small isolated farms scattered throughout flat open fields protected by a sea wall, the result of reclamation of the Dengie and Tillingham marshes in the 19th century. The now-demolished Howe Farmhouse consisted of a two-storey structure on late 18th/early 19th century origin that had been unoccupied since the 1950s. A comprehensive building recording survey was carried out by CAT in February 2013 (CAT Report 690) prior to its demolition.</p> <p>A watching brief was carried out in June/July 2013, on behalf of Mr Nicolas Mee in accordance with a brief prepared by ECC (Medlycott 2013). Observations were made during the excavation of ground beams for a new build on the previous site of Howe Farmhouse. The footprint of the new build has been moved 7m south of Grange Road and was therefore excavated into what would have been the associated farmyard rather than in the original footprint of the dwelling. The ground beams were excavated through modern topsoil (L1) and into natural geological deposits (L2) of boulder clay and sand, to a formation depth of 900mm-1.1m.</p> <p>No archaeological features or materials were observed, although brick and tile associated with the demolition of the farmhouse was observed in the north edge of the ground beams, (this would be material from the rear of the house). In addition more recent 20th century infrastructure (water and drainage) was observed on the eastern edge of the ground</p>	

beams. The lack of archaeological material suggests that the footprint of the new build is located within the area of the yard associated with Howe Farm, an area that was marsh land on the fringes of the Dengie peninsular until the reclamation of the marshes and the foundation of the farm itself in the late 18th early 19th centuries.	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> CAT report 690	
<b>Keywords:</b> modern	<b>Significance:</b> neg
<b>Author of summary:</b> Ben Holloway	<b>Date of summary:</b> July 2014
<b>ECC HEM Monitor:</b> Maria Medlycott	

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## References

Note: all CAT reports, except for DBAs, are available online in .pdf format at <http://cat.essex.ac.uk>

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|--------------|-------|---|
| CAT          | 2013  | <i>Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Building Recording and Monitoring at Howe Farm, Tillingham, Essex</i>     |
| CAT          | 2013  | Historic Building recording of the former farmhouse at Howe Farm, Grange Road, Tillingham Essex                                 |
| DoE          | 2010  | <i>Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment</i>   |
| EAA 14       | 2003  | <i>Standards for field archaeology in the East of England, East Anglian Archaeology, Occasional Papers, 14</i> , ed by D Gurney |
| IfA          | 2008  | <i>Standard and Guidance for an archaeological watching brief</i>   |
| IfA          | 2008a | <i>Standard and guidance for the collection, documentation, conservation and research of archaeological materials</i>           |
| Medlycott, M | 2013  | <i>Brief for archaeological building recording and monitoring, Howe Farm, Tillingham Essex County Council brief</i>             |
| MoRPHE       | 2006  | <i>Management of research projects in the historic environment</i> (English Heritage)   |

## Abbreviations and glossary

CAT	Colchester Archaeological Trust
ECC	Essex County Council
EHHER	Essex Historic Environment Record, held by the ECC
feature	an identifiable thing like a pit, a wall, a floor; can contain 'contexts'
HE	Historic Environment
IfA	Institute for Archaeologists
Medieval	period from AD 1066 to Henry VIII
modern	period from the 19th century onwards to the present
NGR	National Grid Reference
post-medieval	after Henry VIII to around the late 18th century

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- 2.3 Attendance register
- 2.4 Site photographic record on CD

### **3 Research archive**

- 3.1 Client report

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