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**CAT Report 1992**

**Archaeological monitoring at  
34 Yorick Road, West Mersea, Essex,  
CO5 8HU: September-October 2023**

**Planning reference:** 220570

**CHER Event no.:** ECC4821

**OASIS ref.:** colchest3-509385

**Grid Reference:** TM 01186 12597 (centre)

**Number of site visits:** 2

**Dates of visit:** 1st September 2023 & 26th  
October 2023

**Nature of the work:** Observation of groundworks for a new two-storey dwelling.

**Reason for condition:** The site lies near to a Roman wheel-shaped mausoleum uncovered at 20 Yorick Road (MCC8355; Scheduled Monument no. 1002195) and a Roman brick tomb (MCC8786), as well an area of Middle Bronze Age and Roman remains excavated at 5 Yorick Road (ECC4443).

**% of total seen:** 100% of the groundworks.

**Results:**

All groundworks were machine-excavated and monitored by CAT archaeologists.

The first area measuring 175m<sup>2</sup> was reduced by 0.5-0.8m to accommodate the new dwelling. A second, smaller area was excavated for a soakaway, measuring 3.2 x 2.5m. This was dug to a depth of 1.8m.



**Photograph 1** General shot of area reduced for new dwelling from north end, view south-east.



**Photograph 2** General shot of area reduced for dwelling from south end, view north-east.



**Photograph 3** Soakaway during excavation, view south-west.



**Photograph 4** General shot of soakaway, view south-west.

Three horizons were observed throughout:

- modern topsoil (L1, c 0.2-0.35m thick, friable, moist dark brown/grey loamy-sand with 2% stones) sealed
- buried soil layer (L2, c 0.3-0.4m thick, friable, moist medium orange/brown silty-sand with 2% stones) above
- natural (L3, identified at a depth of c 0.6m below current ground level, friable, moist medium orange sand with 30% gravel).

No archaeological features or material were encountered.

**Recorded by:** Megan Beale

**Date:** 22/11/2023

**Checked by:** Laura Pooley

**Date:** 04/12/2023

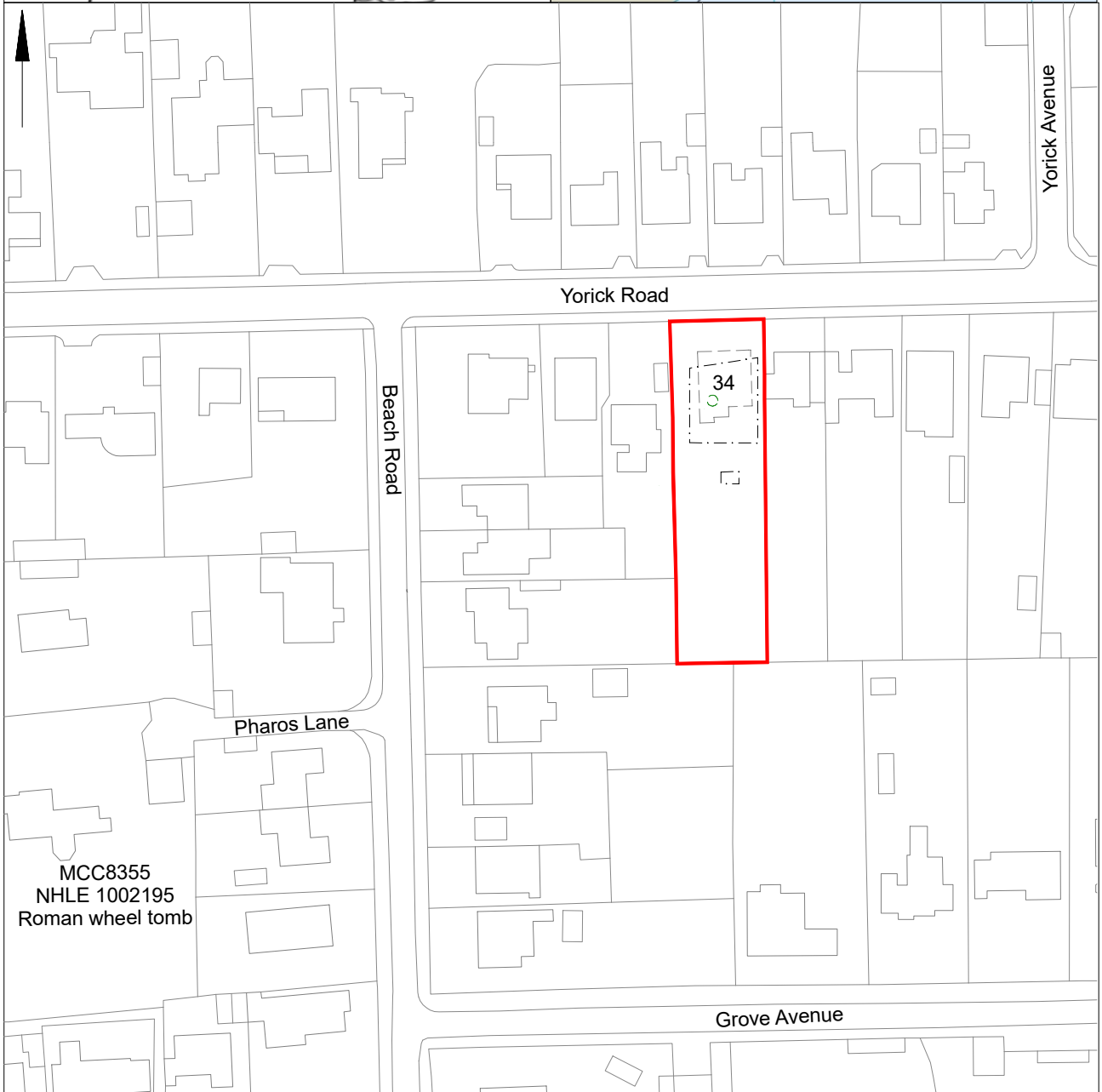
# Essex Historic Environment Record/ Essex Archaeology and History

## Summary sheet

<b>Address:</b> 34 Yorick Road, West Mersea Colchester, Essex, CO5 8HU	
<b>Parish:</b> West Mersea	<b>District:</b> Colchester
<b>NGR:</b> TM 01186 12597 (centre)	<b>Site code:</b> CAT project ref.: 2022/09d CHER ref.: ECC4821 OASIS ref.: colchest3-509385
<b>Type of work:</b> Monitoring	<b>Site director/group:</b> Colchester Archaeological Trust
<b>Date of work:</b> 1st September 2023 and 26th October 2023	<b>Size of area investigated:</b> <0.01ha
<b>Location of curating museum:</b> Archaeology Data Service	<b>Funding source:</b> Homeowner
<b>Further seasons anticipated?</b> No	<b>Related CHER/SMR number:</b> MCC8355, MCC2973, MCC5406, MCC8786, MCC8909, MCC4666, MCC8858, ECC4443, SMC1002195
<b>Final report:</b> CAT Report 1992	
<b>Periods represented:</b> Modern	
<b>Summary of fieldwork results:</b>  Archaeological monitoring was carried out at 34 Yorick Road in West Mersea ahead of the construction of a new two-storey dwelling and associated groundworks. The site lies near to a Roman mausoleum and brick tomb. An area was reduced within the footprint of the dwelling, as well as a small soakaway. No archaeological features or material were encountered.	
<b>Previous summaries/reports:</b> -	
<b>CCC monitor:</b> Dr Richard Hoggett	
<b>Keywords:</b> -	<b>Significance:</b> -
<b>Author of summary:</b> Megan Beale	<b>Date of summary:</b> November 2023

# OASIS Summary for colchest3-509385

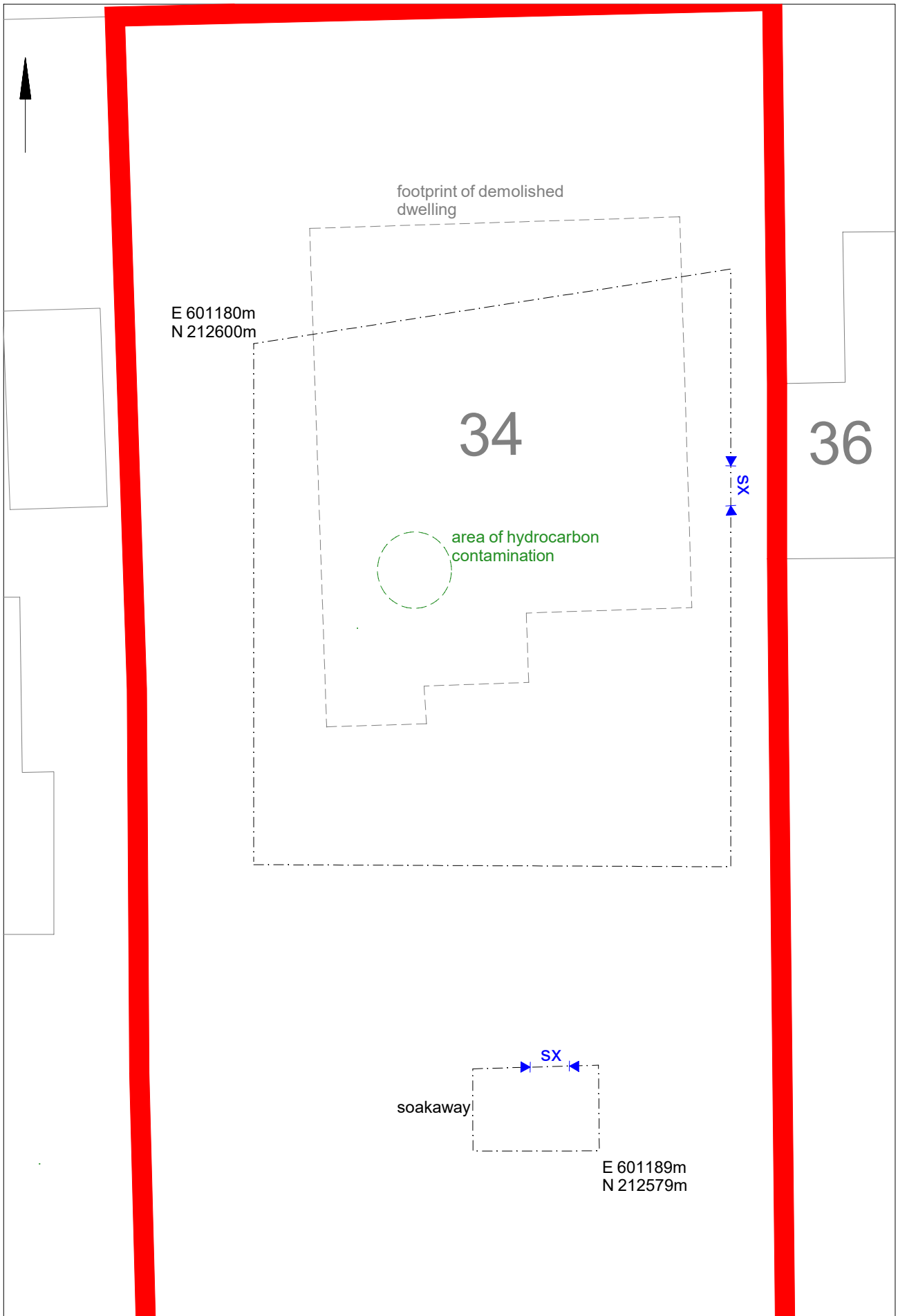
OASIS ID (UID)	colchest3-509385
Project Name	Archaeological monitoring at 34 Yorick Road, West Mersea, Essex, CO5 8HU: September-October 2023
Sitename	34 Yorick Road Colchester, Essex, CO5 8HU
Sitecode	
Project Identifier(s)	2022/09d
Activity type	Watching Brief
Planning Id	220570
Reason For Investigation	Planning: Post determination
Organisation Responsible for work	Colchester Archaeological Trust
Project Dates	01-Sep-2023 - 26-Oct-2023
Location	34 Yorick Road Colchester, Essex, CO5 8HU NGR : TM 01186 12597 LL : 51.7758699805873, 0.914846592429893 12 Fig : 601186,212597
Administrative Areas	Country : England County/Local Authority : Essex Local Authority District : Colchester Parish : West Mersea
Project Methodology	Archaeological monitoring took place at 34 Yorick Road, West Mersea ahead of the construction of a new two-storey dwelling. All work was carried out in accordance with the Brief and WSI.
Project Results	Archaeological monitoring took place at 34 Yorick Road, West Mersea ahead of the construction of a new two-storey dwelling. The site lies near to a Roman wheel-shaped mausoleum uncovered at 20 Yorick Road (MCC8355; Scheduled Monument no. 1002195) and a Roman brick tomb (MCC8786), as well an area of Middle Bronze Age and Roman remains excavated at 5 Yorick Road (ECC4443).No archaeological features or material were encountered.
Keywords	
Funder	Private individual
HER	Colchester Borough Council - unRev - STANDARD
Person Responsible for work	Chris Lister, Adam Wightman
HER Identifiers	HER Event No - ECC4821
Archives	Digital Archive - to be deposited with Archaeology Data Service Archive;



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Fig 1 Site location.





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Fig 2 Results.



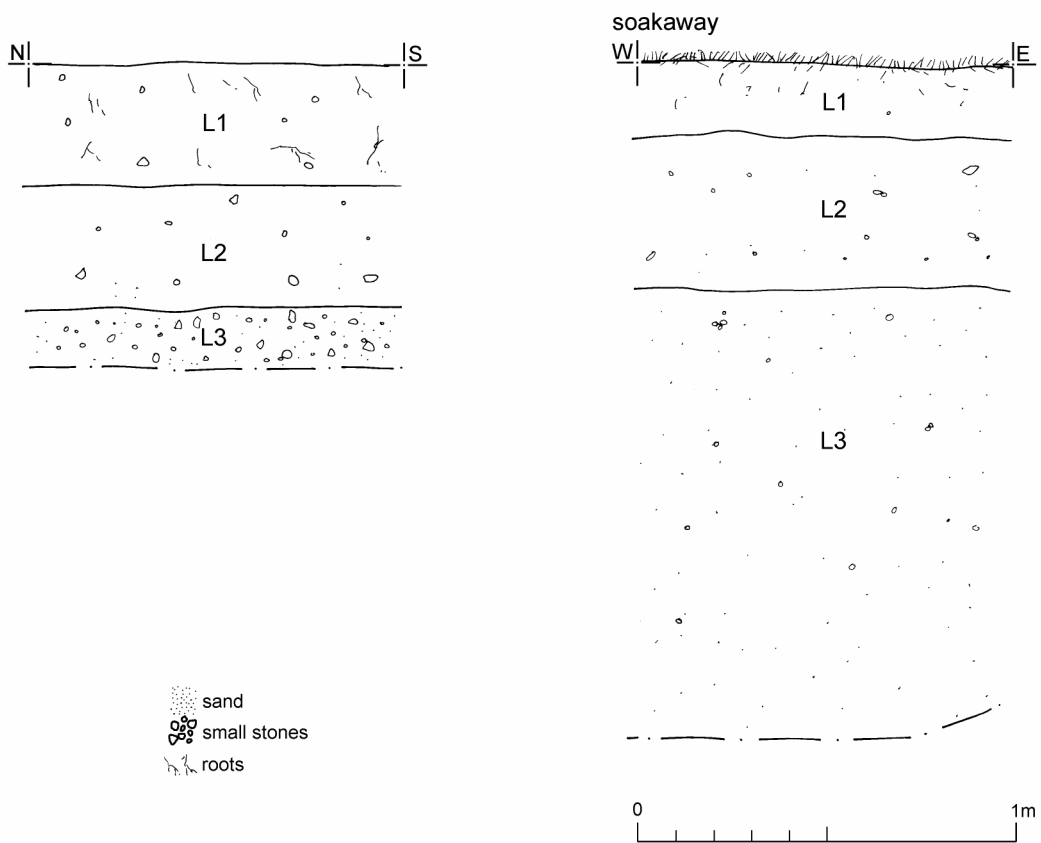


Fig 3 Representative sections.