

West Sussex County Council Event/Activity Full Report

18/06/2019

Number of records: 18

Event / Activity Data

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1148	Hotham Park, Bognor Regis - Geological and Palaenvironmental Investigations	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates:

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Environmental Sampling

Geoarchaeological Test Pits

Thesaurus Event Types

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING

TEST PIT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Hotham Park

Upper Bognor Road

Grid Reference

SZ 9387 9972 (point)

SZ99NW

Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

District

Arun, West Sussex

Address

Hotham Park, Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

A geological and palaenvironmental investigation was carried out at Hotham Park, Bognor Regis. One test pit was excavated. The results showed a sequence of terrestrial and marine Pleistocene sediments beneath the modern ground level. The terrestrial sediments comprised brickearth unit that becomes mixed with depth, initially with other terrestrial sediments but also with marine sediments associated with a raised beach sequence. No archaeological finds were recovered during the excavation of the test pit or examination of the deposits. Four samples were taken from the Pleistocene sediments. The upper sample contained a mixture of terrestrial and marine material. The samples below contained warm marine indicators. The investigation was carried out by University College of London {1}

Sources

- (1) Grey Literature Report: UCL. 2006. Geological and Palaeoenvironmental Investigation of Late Middle-Late Pleistocene Sediments at Hotham Park, Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis.

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: EWS1148

Name: Hotham Park, Bognor Regis - Geological and Palaenvironmental

Event ID: EWS1421 **Name:** 3 Sudley Road, Bogor Regis - Archaeological Monitoring

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1421	3 Sudley Road, Bogor Regis - Archaeological Monitoring	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 04/05/1999 - 13/05/1999, between (May 1999)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Watching Brief

Thesaurus Event Types

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Development Archaeology Services

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

3 Sudley Road

Grid Reference

SZ 93715 99140 (point) SZ99NW Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
District	Arun, West Sussex

Address

3 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

No archaeological remains discovered during the monitoring of this development. {1}

Sources

(1) Grey Literature Report: Development Archaeology services. 1999. A Report on the Archaeological Monitoring at the Site of 3 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

Associated Monuments

MWS6749 3 Sudley Road, Bognor Regis - Archaeological Monitoring (Negative Evidence MWS6749)

Event ID: EWS1677 **Name:** Edward Bryant Primary School, Bognor Regis - Watching Brief

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1677	Edward Bryant Primary School, Bognor Regis - Watching Brief	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 02/12/2013 - 06/12/2013, between (December 2013)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Watching Brief

Thesaurus Event Types

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Edward Bryant Primary School
London Road

Grid Reference

Centred SZ 93699 99562 (52m by 49m) SZ99NW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Edward Bryant Primary School, London Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during the removal of overburden at the site of an extension to the existing school building to expose the natural geology.

The site is located on the eastern side of London Road and currently consists of part of the playground of the Edward Bryant School. It is surrounded by a car park and school playing fields. The underlying geology consists of Aeolian deposits and the site lies at a height of around 6.50m aOD.

The area stripped measured around 28m x 40m and was dug to a depth of between 0.20m and 0.60m. No deposits of archaeological interest were observed in the stripped area and as the whole extent of the archaeologically relevant horizon had been observed, no monitoring of groundbeam trenches or other deep intrusions took place. {1}

Sources

- (1) Grey Literature Report: Thames Valley Archaeological Services South. 2014. Edward Bryant Primary School, London Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex - An Archaeological Watching Brief.
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Associated Monuments

MWS13229 Edward Bryant Primary School, Bognor Regis - Watching Brief (Negative Evidence MWS13229)

Event ID: EWS33 **Name:** Field Obs, Taylor M, Feb 96

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS33	Field Obs, Taylor M, Feb 96	Survey

External Reference:

Dates:

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Field Observation

Thesaurus Event Types

FIELD OBSERVATION (VISUAL ASSESSMENT)

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SZ 9291 9947 (point) SZ99NW Point

Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Associated Monuments

MWS4216 Archaeological Intervention - Servite Close (Negative Evidence MWS4216)

Event ID: EWS721 **Name:** Old Scrap Yard - Excavation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS721	Old Scrap Yard - Excavation	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates:

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Environmental Sampling
Part Excavation

Thesaurus Event Types

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING
EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Development Archaeology Services

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SU 93895 00283 (point) SU90SW Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

Unpublished document: Development Archaeological Services. 2002. Assessment Report of an Archaeological Excavation at 'The Old Scrap Yard', Old Shripney Lane, South Bersted, West Sussex.

Associated Monuments

MWS6751	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - Medieval (Monument MWS6751)
MWS7427	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - Postmed. (Monument MWS7427)
MWS7428	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - IA (Monument MWS7428)
MWS7429	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - Roman (Monument MWS7429)

Event ID: EWS722 **Name:** Old Scrap Yard - Evaluation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS722	Old Scrap Yard - Evaluation	Interpretation

External Reference:

Dates: 14/06/2001 - 15/05/2001

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Evaluation

Thesaurus Event Types

EVALUATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Development Archaeology Services

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SU 93868 00297 (point) SU90SW Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources

Unpublished document: Development Archaeology Services. 2001. Summary report of an archaeological evaluation at 'The Old Scrapyard', Old Shripney Lane, South Bersted, West Sussex.

Associated Monuments

MWS6751	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - Medieval (Monument MWS6751)
MWS7427	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - Postmed. (Monument MWS7427)
MWS7428	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - IA (Monument MWS7428)
MWS7429	'The Old Scrapyard' - Archaeological Intervention - Roman (Monument MWS7429)

Event ID: EWS725 **Name:** Bersted Street - Excavation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS725	Bersted Street - Excavation	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 15/03/2002 - 05/04/2002, between (Spring 2002)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Environmental Sampling
Part Excavation
Watching Brief

Thesaurus Event Types

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING
EXCAVATION
WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Archaeology South-East

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Former Site of Tribe's Yard
Bersted Street

Grid Reference

SU 93720 00266 (point) SU90SW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
District	Arun, West Sussex

Address

Former Site of Tribe's Yard, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

Investigations at the Former Site of Tribe's Yard, Bersted Street, identified a group of features ranging in date from the Middle Saxon to later medieval periods from which assemblages of pottery, stone, animal bone and environmental remains were recovered. Residual flint suggests evidence of Mesolithic and later prehistoric activity at the site or in the immediate vicinity.

Sources

- (1) Article in serial: Sussex Archaeological Collections. 2006. Excavations at the Former Site of Tribe's Yard, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex. Volume 144, Page 115-127.

Associated Monuments

MWS6988 Former Site of Tribe's Yard, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis (Monument MWS6988)

Event ID: EWS726 **Name:** Bersted Street - Evaluation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS726	Bersted Street - Evaluation	Interpretation

External Reference:

Dates:

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Evaluation

Thesaurus Event Types

EVALUATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Archaeology South-East

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SU 93725 00259 (point)	SU90SW	Dispersed
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Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
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Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Associated Monuments

MWS6988	Former Site of Tribe's Yard, Bersted Street, Bognor Regis (Monument MWS6988)
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Event ID: EWS729 **Name:** Upper Bognor Road - Evaluation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS729	Upper Bognor Road - Evaluation	Interpretation

External Reference:

Dates:

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Evaluation

Thesaurus Event Types

EVALUATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Archaeology South-East

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Grid Reference

SZ 93988 99745 (point)	SZ99NW	Point
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Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
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Address - None recorded

Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Associated Monuments

MWS6754	43-47 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Archaeological evaluation (Monument MWS6754)
MWS7437	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Mesolithic Occupation (Monument MWS7437)
MWS7438	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Neolithic/Bronze Age finds (Find Spot MWS7438)
MWS7439	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Anglo-Saxon occupation (Monument MWS7439)
MWS7440	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Post-medieval activity (Monument MWS7440)

Event ID: EWS730 **Name:** Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Excavation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS730	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Excavation	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 01/11/2001 - 30/11/2001, between (2001)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Environmental Sampling
Excavation

Thesaurus Event Types

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING
EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Archaeology South-East

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Upper Bognor Road

Grid Reference

SZ 93984 99740 (point) SZ99NW Dispersed

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

An excavation carried out at Upper Bognor Road, BognorRegis identified Mesolithic features and flintwork, including evidence for a possible structure. Neolithic/Bronze Age and Roman activity was also represented within the finds assemblages and a single Roman feature was identified. A Saxon building associated with late sixth-to early/mid seventh century pottery was also identified. {1}

Sources

- (1) Article in serial: Sussex Archaeological Collections. 2006. Excavation of a Mesolithic Occupation Site and a Saxon Building to the rear of Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex. Volume 144, Page 51 -67.

Associated Monuments

MWS6754	43-47 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Archaeological evaluation (Monument MWS6754)
MWS7437	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Mesolithic Occupation (Monument MWS7437)
MWS7438	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Neolithic/Bronze Age finds (Find Spot MWS7438)
MWS7439	Upper Bognor Road , Bognor Regis- Anglo-Saxon occupation (Monument MWS7439)
MWS7440	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Post-medieval activity (Monument MWS7440)

Event ID: EWS896 **Name:** Investigations at the Butlins Hotel Site, Bognor Regis

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS896	Investigations at the Butlins Hotel Site, Bognor Regis	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 01/01/2004 - 31/12/2005, at some time (2004-2005)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Desk-Based Assessment
Environmental Sampling

Thesaurus Event Types

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: University of Wales, Lampeter

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Butlins Siteq

Grid Reference

SZ 94535 99211 (point) SZ99NW Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Butlins Siteq, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

A desk based assessment for the site revealed that although no archaeological records survive for the site itself, work carried out on the modern shoreline to the south has established that it lies within the wide ancient channel of the Aldingbourne Rife and its meanderings. Thick Holocene sediment sequences fill this channel and associated peat sequences have been demonstrated to contain organic remains which have high palaeoenvironmental potential, most notably for the period of rising sea levels and local change from a freshwater to a saltwater regime in the late Neolithic or Early Bronze Age. Artefacts and structures recorded during archaeological work on the nearby beach have shown intermittent activity in the immediate vicinity of the site during the Bronze Age and good preservation allowed the use of scientific dating techniques on these and other remains apparently washed down from further inland. The site is also near to medieval fisheries owned by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the mouth of the Aldingbourne Rife. Considerable erosion by the sea in the 18th and 19th centuries brought the beach closer to the site and the only building known to have been erected within the footprint of the development proposal is a small isolation hospital on stilts, built in the 1890s and subsequently used as a sports pavilion. Nearby excavations and geotechnical investigations not only have shown the potential for good survival of artefacts and structures, but also have demonstrated the presence of important exofactual and geological archaeological material. {1}

Evidence of changing patterns of local vegetation across the Mesolithic-Bronze Age; local inundation, possibly during the Mesolithic/Neolithic, suggests that changes in the nature of the archaeological record may be expected. {2}

A purpose geoarchaeological borehole investigation was undertaken at the Butlins site, Bognor Regis. The survey demonstrated that the upper 4.00m of the study area was considered to be modern fill and therefore had limited archaeological potential.

Previously 'peats' had been recorded on the site however analysis indicated that no peat bed/fen carr deposits were present suggesting that previously logs had been recorded incorrectly.

The main recorded sediment unit consisted of sand and silts laid down under a low to moderate water driven depositional regime typical of Holocene tidal/sub tidal depositions. There was no apparent change in the depositional environment or breaks in sedimentation in the recovered cores though concentrations of shell material suggesting localised episodic variation in water regime may have occurred.

At boreholes 1 and 2, immediately overlying bedrock, a thin c.0.30m deep basal organic silt unit was recorded. The mollusc fraction seen within this unit at Borehole 2, on initial observation appeared to be terrestrial. This basal organic complex was considered comparable to silt rich organic units previously recorded in lower sections of major river systems such as the Thames, and the Solent although a lack of a major gravel unit at the base of the sequence suggest infilling of the river channel occurred in a different depositional regime.

Overall the sequences at Bognor was seen to be of considerable regional significance as at present relatively little is known of the landscape units associated with the river system of West Sussex.

It is considered that analysis of recovered samples would allow landscape/ environmental variation and development at a regional level to be modelled. It was anticipated that the results would greatly assist in placing local and regional early to mid-Holocene archaeology within a defined environmental context. {3}

Sources

- (1) Grey Literature Report: Archaeological Investigations Ltd. 2004. Butlins Hotel, Bognor Regis, West Sussex Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment.
 - (2) Unpublished document: University of Wales, Lampeter. 2005. Palaeoenvironmental investigations at the Butlins Hotel site, Bognor, West Sussex.
 - (3) Grey Literature Report: C. A. Pine. 2004. Summary Report on Stratigraphic Survey Undertaken at Butlins Site Bognor Regis.
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Associated Monuments

MWS8177 Palaeoenvironmental investigations at the Butlins Hotel Site, Bognor Regis (Negative Evidence MWS8177)

Event ID: EWS993 **Name:** Bronze Age Remains on the Foreshore at Bognor Regis

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS993	Bronze Age Remains on the Foreshore at Bognor Regis	Intervention

External Reference:

Dates: 01/01/1998 - 31/12/1998, between (1998)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Borehole log
Desk-Based Assessment
Excavation
Field Survey

Thesaurus Event Types

BOREHOLE SURVEY
DESK BASED ASSESSMENT
EXCAVATION
FIELD SURVEY

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Wessex Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Bognor Regis Foreshore

Grid Reference

Centred SZ 9454 9906 (774m by 346m) SZ99NW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish	Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
Civil Parish	Felpham, Arun, West Sussex
District	Arun, West Sussex

Address

Bognor Regis Foreshore, Felpham / Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

Tree trunks and branches were radiocarbon dated to the Early Bronze Age. Bronze Age activity in the form of pottery, worked flints and a fence line were found along the western side of the ancient channel. Pollen evidence and dendrochronological analysis suggest that there had been a wood in the area, its demise being due to rising relative sea levels. [Approximate extent of site shown in mapping.] {1}

Sources

- (1) Article in serial: Sussex Archaeological Collections. 2004. Tree trunks, Bronze Age remains and an ancient channel exposed on the foreshore at Bognor Regis, West Sussex. Volume 142, Page 7-23. 142: 7-23
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Associated Monuments

MWS6758 Bronze Age Remains on the Foreshore at Bognor Regis (Monument MWS6758)

Event ID: EWS1495 **Name:** Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Archaeological Evaluation

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1495	Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis - Archaeological Evaluation	Intervention

External Reference: 65710.02

Dates: 16/05/2007 - 19/05/2007, between (May 2007)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Evaluation

Thesaurus Event Types

EVALUATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Wessex Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Upper Bognor Road

Grid Reference

Centred SZ 9386 9972 (82m by 49m) SZ99NW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

An archaeological evaluation was undertaken on land at Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis. No archaeological features were encountered and only one sherd of prehistoric pottery and four prehistoric flints were recovered.

Sources

(1) XY Grey Literature Report: Wessex Archaeology. 2007. Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis: Archaeological Evaluation. 65710.02. [Mapped feature: #1566]

Associated Monuments

MWS12043 Upper Bognor Road, Bognor Regis: Archaeological Evaluation (Negative Evidence MWS12043)

Event ID: EWS1115 **Name:** Butlins Spa Hotel, Bognor Regis

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1115	Butlins Spa Hotel, Bognor Regis	Desk Based Assessment

External Reference: 772

Dates: 01/12/2007 - 31/12/2007, between (2007)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Desk-Based Assessment

Thesaurus Event Types

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Archaeological Investigations Ltd.

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Butlins Spa Hotel

Grid Reference

SZ 9448 9941 (point) SZ99NW Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Butlins Spa Hotel, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

The site lies within the wide Pleistocene channel of the Aldingbourne Rife. Unlike many of the early channels on the south coast the Aldingbourne Rife's initial sedimentation occurred in marine rather than freshwater conditions. This has been taken to indicate a catastrophic event that destroyed the barriers that once stood further out to sea and prevented the inundation of seawater. Deposition appears to commence around the Mesolithic/Neolithic periods on the basis of pollen evidence. From the Bronze Age onwards the site lay within a low-lying tidal floodplain, the scene of constant battles against ingress by the sea. The site is near to medieval fisheries owned by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the mouth of the Aldingbourne Rife. Cartographic evidence from the late 16th century onwards shows the new hotel lying on the north side of the later historic rife. Considerable erosion by the sea in the 18th and 19th centuries brought the beach close to the site. In 1959 Butlins built on the site, involving diversion and infilling of the loop of the Aldingbourne Rife, together with the introduction of overburden for levelling. The area of the proposed new hotel was occupied by an artificial boasting lake.

Sources

- (1) Grey Literature Report: Archaeological Investigations Ltd. 2007. Butlins Spa Hotel, Bognor Regis, West Sussex Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment. Hereford Archaeology Series 772.

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: EWS1450 **Name:** Butlins Hotel A, Bognor Regis - Desk Based Assessment

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1450	Butlins Hotel A, Bognor Regis - Desk Based Assessment	Desk Based Assessment

External Reference: 860

Dates: 01/11/2010 - 30/11/2010, between (November 2010)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Desk-Based Assessment

Thesaurus Event Types

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Headland Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Butlins

Grid Reference

Centred SZ 9446 9930 (693m by 410m) SZ99NW Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Butlins, Bognor Regis

Description and Sources

Description

An archaeological desk-based assessment was carried out of the Butlins site at Bognor Regis ahead of the construction a new hotel. The desk based assessment suggested there was a high potential for discovering archaeology dating over a wide range of periods as the proposed site lies on the edge of a Pleistocene channel. The new hotel and car park lie to the west of the Holocene Aldingbourne Rife and straddle the edge of the earlier Pleistocene channel. Previous work within the channel has demonstrated that unlike other water courses along the south coast, the Aldingborune Rife became a marine environment very early in its life, other channels being fresh water. The assessment work has identified a focus of past occupation along the edges of the channel including Bronze Age activity immediately to the south of the site.

Whilst there is little likelihood of occupation within the Pleistocene channel; there is a good chance for occupation debris to find its way into the silts and a potential for high levels of preservation of organic material. More significantly, the location of the current proposals on the edge of this channel could be viewed as having a high potential for uncovering occupation sites from a wide range of periods. {1}

Sources

(1) XY Grey Literature Report: Headland Archaeology Ltd. 2010. Butlins Hotel A, Bognor Regis: Desk Based Assessment. HAS Ref: 860. [Mapped feature: #1522]

Associated Monuments - None recorded

Event ID: EWS1320 **Name:** Archaeological Investigation at Butlin's Bognor

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1320	Archaeological Investigation at Butlin's Bognor	Intervention

External Reference: BR/106/11/DOC

Dates: 01/12/2010 - 30/04/2011, between (April 2011)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Evaluation

Geoarchaeological Test Pits

Thesaurus Event Types

EVALUATION

GEOTECHNICAL TEST PIT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Headland Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Butlins

Grid Reference

Centred SZ 9420 9934 (136m by 116m)

SZ99NW

Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Butlins, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

An evaluation was undertaken at Butlins, Bognor Regis ahead of the proposed building of a new hotel and an associated car park.

During the investigations targeting what was believed to be the edge of the Pleistocene channel the bank of the Pagham Raised Beach was identified. The sediment sequence associated with the bank is seen to be rare for the south coast as normally only the high energy deposits survive. In addition to this the preservation of foraminifera is also seen to be rare and similarly supports high energy deposition. The samples from the peat showed that pollen was poorly preserved, but plant macrofossils had survived in good condition. The peat overlying the Holocene alluvial deposits that filled the channel may imply the area was a boggy wetland during the Medieval/post-medieval period. {1}

An investigation was undertaken into the Pleistocene sediment beneath the Butlins site in Bognor Regis. During the investigation parts of the final phase of marine sedimentation in the interglacial were recovered for the first time, elements of the regressive sequence (period of sea level fall) were also documented. Cold or cool freshwater faunas, seen elsewhere on the coastal plain but very rarely superimposed on marine sediments, indicate a transition into a cold climate period. However, the relationship between this and the marine regressive elements of the faunal evidence may be a result of post depositional mixing of deposits.

More globally it appears that elements of the true marine faunas found patchily preserved at the base of a number of the test pits indicate a complex reworking history from older, higher raised beaches. Carbon dating places upper levels of peat deposition between 1640 and 1800 AD. {2}

Sources

- (1) Grey Literature Report: Headland Archaeology Ltd. 2011. Butlins, Bognor Regis: Evaluation. BUBR10.
- (2) Grey Literature Report: Headland Archaeology Ltd. 2012. An Investigation into the Sediments at Butlin's Bognor: The Pagham Raised Beach. BR/106/11/DOC.

Event ID: EWS1320

Name: Archaeological Investigation at Butlin's Bognor

Associated Monuments

MWS11618 An Investigation into the Sediments at Butlin's Bognor: The Pagham Raised Beach
(Monument MWS11618)

Event ID: EWS1321 **Name:** Palaeoenvironmental Investigations at Butlins Ocean Hotel Site, Bognor

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS1321	Palaeoenvironmental Investigations at Butlins Ocean Hotel Site, Bognor	Intervention

External Reference: BUBR10/003

Dates: 01/07/2010 - 31/07/2010, between (July 2010)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Borehole log
Pollen Analysis

Thesaurus Event Types

BOREHOLE SURVEY

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Headland Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Ocean Hotel, Butlins

Grid Reference

SZ 9450 9936 (point) SZ99NW Point

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex
District Arun, West Sussex

Address

Ocean Hotel, Butlins, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

An investigation was undertaken in order to address the nature of the sediments beneath the ocean hotel at Butlins Bognor Regis.
A borehole was drilled from which samples were taken which were seen to contain microfossils however the sequence encountered was seen to be shallower than other found in nearby studies within the area. A lack of dating material was seen to pose a problem to reconstructing a chronology of the sediment deposition.
A pollen assessment was also undertaken with the samples all found to contain pollen grains.
Overall it was deemed that the site should not be subjected to further work.

Sources

(1) Grey Literature Report: Headland Archaeology Ltd. 2010. Palaeoenvironmental Investigations at Butlins Ocean Hotel Site, Bognor. BUBR10/003.

Associated Monuments

MWS11619 Palaeoenvironmental Investigations at Butlins Ocean Hotel Site, Bognor (Monument MWS11619)

Event ID: EWS908 **Name:** Elizabeth House, Bognor Regis

Event ID	Event Name	Event Type
EWS908	Elizabeth House, Bognor Regis	Intervention

External Reference: Project No. 7517

Dates: 23/03/2006 - 29/03/2006, between (2006)

Project Details:

Event/Activity Types

Excavation

Watching Brief

Thesaurus Event Types

EXCAVATION

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: AOC Archaeology Group

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

Location

Elizabeth House

Victoria Drive

Grid Reference

Centred SZ 93013 99551 (87m by 96m)

SZ99NW

Area

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Bognor Regis, Arun, West Sussex

Address

Elizabeth House, Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Description and Sources

Description

A watching brief followed by excavation, carried out by AOC Archaeology Group in March 2006, revealed no archaeological features, deposits or finds. (1)

Sources

- (1) Grey Literature Report: AOC Archaeology Group. 2006. Elizabeth House, Bognor Regis, West Sussex. An Archaeological Evaluation and Watching Brief Report. Project No. 7517.
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Associated Monuments

MWS9100 Elizabeth House, Bognor Regis - Evaluation and Watching Brief (Negative Evidence MWS9100)