

West Sussex County Council Designation Full Report

27/09/2022

Archaeological Notification Areas

DesigUID: DWS8495	Type: Archaeological Notification Area	Status: Active
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Name: Multi-Period Site at the former Toddington Nurseries and surrounding area, Littlehampton

Grade: Red **Date Assigned:** 25/09/2013 **Amended:** 25/08/2002 **Revoked:**

Legal Description

Land formerly occupied by Toddington Nurseries revealed evidence for activity dating from the Mesolithic to the post-medieval period. Mesolithic and Neolithic flints were found, along with a possibly Neolithic ditch, Middle and Late Bronze Age occupation comprising waterholes/wells and a possible roundhouse with associated spreads of domestic rubbish, a parallel ditch and gully with an intervening possible occupation surface, and a second undated gully as well as a large shallow pit. Further features to the north included a pit and a linear feature producing prehistoric and fire-cracked flints. Iron Age activity was poorly represented on site, only a small quantity of Iron Age Pottery and a glass bead of probable 1st century date being recovered. Intensive cereal production during the Romano-British period is indicated by environmental remains recovered from a double-ditched field system and was part of a wider agricultural complex associated with the estate of the nearby Angmering Roman Villa. A large number of Roman features, dated using pottery sherds, ranged from c. C1-C4, with most were C2. There were also ditches forming field boundaries, re-cut enclosures, and other functions. Two Romano-British pottery vessels were found containing burnt bone. Residual Early to Middle Saxon pottery was found along with some Saxo-Norman pottery with the bulk of the assemblage dates to the 13th-14th centuries, when a trackway was created and a field system established.

There was also a Anti-Aircraft Artillery base within the Toddington Area.

Curatorial Notes

HER Search Required: Very sensitive area for Archaeology; Thresholds for RED Area apply.

Designating Organisation: West Sussex County Council Historic Environment Record

Location

Grid Reference: Centred TQ 0357 0376 (2135m by 1381m)

Map sheet: TQ00SW **Area (Ha):** 167.43

Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

District Arun, West Sussex

Postal Addresses - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

Associated Monuments

MWS12071	Monument: Land at Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Evaluation (Phase 1)
MWS1260	Find Spot: Stone axe - Toddington
MWS12955	Monument: Toddington Farm Historic Farmstead, Littlehampton
MWS13587	Monument: Site of South Barn Historic Outfarm, Littlehampton
MWS13627	Monument: Land at Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Evaluation - Phase 3
MWS13666	Monument: Land at Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Evaluation Phase 2
MWS13678	Monument: Land at Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Evaluation Phase 1
MWS13771	Negative Evidence: Norway Lane and Worthing Road, Littlehampton - Watching Brief
MWS14363	Monument: Land at Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Evaluation (Phase 4)
MWS14382	Monument: Fairhaven Nursery and Allotment Land, Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Evaluation
MWS14397	Monument: Land at Toddington Lane (Phase 6), Littlehampton - Evaluation
MWS14581	Monument: Lyminster Bypass, Lyminster - Archaeological Investigations
MWS15217	Negative Evidence: Central Wetland Area at Toddington Lane, Littlehampton - Evaluation

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MWS3077	Find Spot: Bronze Age scraper - Wick
MWS3086	Find Spot: Roman pottery - Wick
MWS3094	Find Spot: Roman pottery - Toddington
MWS3095	Find Spot: Neolithic axes - Toddington
MWS3476	Monument: Roman Pit - Rustington By-pass, Littlehampton
MWS3480	Monument: Late Iron Age feature - Rustington By-pass
MWS3481	Monument: Roman ditch - Rustington By-pass
MWS3482	Find Spot: Roman pottery - Rustington By-pass
MWS3483	Monument: Unknown feature - Rustington By-pass
MWS3484	Monument: Possible chapel site - Sack Lane
MWS3485	Find Spot: Flint implement - Rustington By-pass
MWS3486	Monument: Flint scatter - Rustington By-pass
MWS3487	Monument: Roman structure - Rustington By-pass
MWS3492	Monument: Roman cremation - Granary Way
MWS3730	Monument: Roman Feature - Rustington By-pass
MWS4096	Monument: Roman features - Toddington
MWS4097	Monument: Watersmead Industrial Estate, Littlehampton
MWS4369	Monument: Bronze Age features - Worthing Rd
MWS4370	Monument: Enclosed? Roman Occupation - Worthing Rd
MWS4371	Monument: Undetermined Ditches - Worthing Rd
MWS5762	Monument: Iron Age Occupation - Worthing Rd
MWS7056	Monument: Worthing Road, Littlehampton - R-B boundary ditch
MWS7057	Monument: Romano-British Pottery Production - Worthing Road, Littlehampton
MWS7128	Monument: Anti Aircraft Artillery-Toddington
MWS7430	Monument: An Archaeological Evaluation on Land at the former Horticultural Research International (HRI West) site, Littlehampton
MWS7450	Monument: Possible BA occupation - Worthing Road
MWS7992	Monument: Barn Close Nurseries, Toddington - Geoarchaeological Evaluation
MWS8084	Monument: Multiperiod site - Toddington Nurseries, Littlehampton

Additional Information

List Locality:

List Parish:

List District:

List County:

Creation Date: 25/09/2013
