

# West Sussex County Council Event/Activity Full Report

04/11/2021

Number of records: 9

## Event/Activity Data

| Event ID | Event Name                     | Event Type   |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| EWS221   | Part excav, Butler GR, 1949-52 | Intervention |

External Reference:

Dates:

## Project Details:

### Event/Activity Types

Part Excavation

### Thesaurus Event Types

EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

## Location

### Grid Reference

|                      |        |       |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| TQ 0238 0278 (point) | TQ00SW | Point |
|----------------------|--------|-------|

### Administrative Areas

|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex |
| District     | Arun, West Sussex                |

Address - None recorded

## Description and Sources

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

## Associated Monuments

MWS3083 IA-RB farmstead - Wick (Monument MWS3083)

Event ID: EWS604      Name: Watching Brief, Littlehampton Museum, 1990

| Event ID | Event Name                                 | Event Type |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| EWS604   | Watching Brief, Littlehampton Museum, 1990 | Survey     |

External Reference:

Dates:

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TQ 01965 03425 (530m by 410m)      TQ00SW      Dispersed

Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Description and Sources**

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments**

|         |                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| MWS3898 | Ditches - Littlehampton By-pass (Monument MWS3898)             |
| MWS3899 | Pits & Postholes - Littlehampton By-pass (Monument MWS3899)    |
| MWS3900 | Iron Age Occupation - Littlehampton By-pass (Monument MWS3900) |
| MWS3901 | Trackway - Littlehampton By-pass (Monument MWS3901)            |
| MWS3902 | Roman Features - Littlehampton By-pass (Monument MWS3902)      |
| MWS5738 | Flint - Littlehampton By-pass (Monument MWS5738)               |

Event ID: EWS727      Name: Arunside - Evaluation

| Event ID | Event Name            | Event Type     |
|----------|-----------------------|----------------|
| EWS727   | Arunside - Evaluation | Interpretation |

External Reference:

Dates:

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Evaluation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EVALUATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: AOC Archaeology Group

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TQ 01969 02743 (41m by 12m)      TQ00SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

Address - None recorded

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**Description and Sources**

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments**

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| MWS7434 | Arunside Industrial Estates, Littlehampton- Bronze Age Activity (Monument MWS7434)                       |
| MWS7435 | Arunside Industrial Estates, Littlehampton - Iron Age - Early Romano-British Activity (Monument MWS7435) |
| MWS7436 | Arunside Industrial Estates, Littlehampton - Late Romano-British activity (Monument MWS7436)             |

Event ID: EWS728      Name: Arunside - Watching Brief and Excavation

| Event ID | Event Name                               | Event Type   |
|----------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| EWS728   | Arunside - Watching Brief and Excavation | Intervention |

**External Reference:**

Dates: 19/01/2004 - 12/02/2004

**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**

**Grid Reference**

TQ 01976 02742 (point)      TQ00SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

**Address - None recorded**

**Description and Sources**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources - None recorded**

**Associated Monuments**

MWS7434      Arunside Industrial Estates, Littlehampton- Bronze Age Activity (Monument MWS7434)

MWS7435      Arunside Industrial Estates, Littlehampton - Iron Age - Early Romano-British Activity (Monument MWS7435)

MWS7436      Arunside Industrial Estates, Littlehampton - Late Romano-British activity (Monument MWS7436)

Event ID: EWS1641      Name: Littlehampton Arun Tidal Walls (East Bank) Scheme - Heritage Appraisal

| Event ID | Event Name                                                             | Event Type            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| EWS1641  | Littlehampton Arun Tidal Walls (East Bank) Scheme - Heritage Appraisal | Desk Based Assessment |

External Reference: IMSO000737

Dates: 01/09/2010 - 30/09/2010, between (September 2010)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Desk-Based Assessment

**Thesaurus Event Types**

DESK BASED ASSESSMENT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Environment Agency

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

Littlehampton Arun Tidal Walls

**Grid Reference**

Centred TQ 0197 0236 (1420m by 1922m)      TQ00SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

District      Arun, West Sussex

**Address**

Littlehampton Arun Tidal Walls, Littlehampton, West Sussex

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A scoping consultation document was drawn up ahead of proposed works associated with work on the Littlehampton Arun tidal walls (East Bank). The preferred option for the scheme was seen to include the construction of new sheet piled walls and embankments with some managed re-alignment in the rural area and improved pedestrian and amenity facilities along the urban river front of Littlehampton.

The proposed scheme was seen to have no direct effect on Littlehampton Fort scheduled monument and any potential impacts on the setting of the Fort were unlikely to be significant.

One Grade II listed building 'The Cairo Club' lies near the flood defences. Potential impacts on the setting of this building would need to be considered. The Old Fort located near the amusement park was not seen to be directly affected by the scheme.

Three further sites located along the purposed scheme were seen to possibly have associated buried remains these being the site of a swing bridge, a harbour and a windmill. There was also the possibility of buried timbers being identified within the river corridor.

In addition, palaeoenvironmental deposits (with potential for microfossils and plant remains in peaty deposits interweaved with alluvium) were likely to exist in the intertidal areas that could be affected by construction works (particularly piling). Geo-archaeological monitoring of boreholes may be required prior to scheme construction. {1}

A cultural heritage appraisal was undertaken ahead of a proposed flood prevention scheme at Littlehampton (River Arun East Bank). The report stated that Littlehampton Fort would physically not be affected by the proposed scheme however it is possible that it may impact upon the historical setting of the site. The Cairo Club was also seen to possibly be affected by proposed works.

It was thought that the presence of buried archaeology especially in the form of three former sites was possible. The remains of a swing bridge, harbour and windmill were all seen to have potential to survive in the form of buried remains. Buried timber remains were also thought to have possibly survived; this would include boat or ship wrecks, timber revetments, structures associated with wharves or quaysides and general material associated with seaborne trading activity.

Due to the location of the site it was also thought that environmental remains relevant to the early prehistoric period may also be present. As a result of the findings it was suggested that a suitable form of mitigation should take place on the site should it be needed. Furthermore it was also concluded that any potential impacts of listed buildings should be considered and mitigated.{2}

**Sources**

- (1) Grey Literature Report: Environment Agency. 2010. Littlehampton Arun Tidal Walls (East Bank): Scoping Consultation Document. Reference number IMSO000737.
  - (2) Grey Literature Report: Halcrow Group Limited. 2009. Littlehampton Arun Tidal Walls (East Bank): Cultural Heritage Appraisal.
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***Associated Monuments - None recorded***

Event ID: EWS469      Name: Land at Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Evaluation

| Event ID | Event Name                                         | Event Type   |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| EWS469   | Land at Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Evaluation | Intervention |

External Reference:      Project Number: 496

Dates:      19/08/1996 - 23/08/1996, between (August 1996)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Evaluation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EVALUATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation:      South Eastern Archaeological Services

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

Land at Courtwick Lane

**Grid Reference**

TQ 02100 03800 (point)      TQ00SW      Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

District      Arun, West Sussex

**Address**

Land at Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An archaeological evaluation on land adjacent to Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, centred at TQ 0210 0380, prior to a proposed residential development of the site. 15 trenches and 10 test pits were dug positioned across the site: 15-17th century pottery sherds were recovered from six of the test pits, relating to manuring activity. The test pits revealed relatively high quantities of struck flintwork many of which display evidence of retouching. The density of the material and its unrolled condition suggest that prehistoric activity areas are located within the immediate vicinity. The absence of any archaeological features is surprising given the quantity of worked flint. The finds are all from topsoil and therefore unstratified. {1}

**Sources**

- (1)      Grey Literature Report: South Eastern Archaeological Services. 1996. An Archaeological Evaluation at Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton. Project Number: 496.

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**Associated Monuments**

MWS4531      Land at Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Evaluation (Monument MWS4531)

Event ID: EWS1591      Name: Arun Tidal Defences, Littlehampton - Watching Brief

| Event ID | Event Name                                          | Event Type   |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| EWS1591  | Arun Tidal Defences, Littlehampton - Watching Brief | Intervention |

External Reference:      Project Number: 5671

Dates:      18/09/2012 - 11/10/2012, between (September 2012 - October 2012)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation:      Archaeology South-East

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

Arun Tidal Defences

**Grid Reference**

Centred TQ 02161 02092 (1338m by 1604m)      TQ00SW      Line

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

District      Arun, West Sussex

**Address**

Arun Tidal Defences, Littlehampton, West Sussex

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during geotechnical investigations on the River Arun in Littlehampton. The site consisted of a level stretch of land along the eastern bank of the River Arun in Littlehampton. The superficial deposits were listed as Raised Marine Deposits - clay, silt, sand and gravel formed in shallow seas with mainly siliciclastic sediments deposited as mud, silt, sand and gravel.

Visits were made to the site to monitor the risings from several geotechnical boreholes and hand dug investigation pits at the top of borehole locations made in advance of bore holing. Five visits were made in total from September 2012 to October 2012. No archaeological finds, features or deposits were identified, only modern made ground and natural deposits. The results of the watching brief are consistent with those from other boreholes not monitored in the watching brief which imply that the area monitored consists of modern made ground to varying depth of between 0.75 and 4.50m below ground surface.{1}

**Sources**

(1) XY      Grey Literature Report: Archaeology South-East. 2012. Archaeological Watching Brief Report - Arun Tidal Defences, Littlehampton. Project Number: 5671. [Mapped feature: #1145 ]

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**Associated Monuments**

MWS12321      Arun Tidal Defences, Littlehampton - Watching Brief (Negative Evidence MWS12321)

Event ID: EWS1125      Name: Land off Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Investigations

| Event ID | Event Name                                                             | Event Type   |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| EWS1125  | Land off Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Investigations | Intervention |

External Reference:      Site Code: CLL10/85

Dates:      23/08/2010 - 21/08/2017, between (2010 - 2017)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Evaluation

Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EVALUATION

TEST PIT

TRIAL TRENCH

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation:      Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

Land off Courtwick Lane

**Grid Reference**

Centred TQ 01696 03649 (970m by 865m)      TQ00SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

District      Arun, West Sussex

**Address**

Land off Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

A multi-period site was identified through archaeological evaluation (23/08/2010 - 01/10/2010) - features dating mainly from the Bronze Age, Late Iron Age and Roman periods were located, but several Saxon and Medieval features were also present. The majority of features and finds were found to the south-eastern part of the site, where there is certainly a Late Iron Age to Roman settlement. {1}

A watching brief was carried out (20/11/2013 - 21/08/2017) at Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, during the excavation of a large number of new house footing trenches for a residential development. The watching brief was carried out in the western and northern area of the site, immediately to the west of the excavation area. The area covered amounted to around 12ha. The underlying geology consists of Aeolian Deposits.

The footings monitored were in general 0.9–1.1m deep and between 0.60m and 0.70m wide. It was therefore difficult to excavate and/or interpret some of the archaeology as so little of it was exposed. Archaeological features were observed in eleven areas out of the two hundred plots monitored. Fifteen features were recorded and out of those, eleven contained pottery, dated from the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. These included four Bronze Age pits, three Iron Age pits, two Iron Age ditches, one Bronze Age ditch and one Bronze Age Posthole. An undated ditch, pit and posthole were also revealed as well as a spread containing charcoal flecks and struck and fire cracked flint. The features were widely distributed across the site but evidently relate to landscape use and possibly settlement. None produced evidence of industrial processes or funerary activity. {2}

**Sources**

(1)      Grey Literature Report: Thames Valley Archaeological Services. 2010. Land off Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex An Archaeological Evaluation for Gleeson Strategic Land Limited.

**Event ID:** EWS1125      **Name:** Land off Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Investigations

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(2)      Grey Literature Report: Thames Valley Archaeological Services South. 2018. Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton, West Sussex - Archaeological Watching Brief. Report 10/85.

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***Associated Monuments***

MWS9428      Multi-Period Site, Land off Courtwick Lane, Littlehampton - Archaeological Evaluation  
(Monument MWS9428)

Event ID: EWS1281      Name: Wickbourne Swan Public House, Littlehampton - Archaeological Recording

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                    | Event Type   |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| EWS1281  | Wickbourne Swan Public House, Littlehampton - Archaeological Recording Action | Intervention |

External Reference: WSL10/129

Dates: 26/01/2011 - 01/02/2011, between (January - February 2011)

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**Project Details:**

**Event/Activity Types**

Strip & Record

**Thesaurus Event Types**

OPEN AREA EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Thames Valley Archaeological Services Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

Site of Wickbourne Public House

**Grid Reference**

Centred TQ 02114 02841 (68m by 68m)      TQ00SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Littlehampton, Arun, West Sussex

District      Arun, West Sussex

**Address**

Site of Wickbourne Public House, Clun Road, West Sussex

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**Description and Sources**

**Description**

An archaeological recording action was undertaken at the site of Wickbourne Swan Public House, Littlehampton. During the recording action a small number of ditches and post holes were recorded. An assemblage of late Bronze Age pottery and struck flint (including a broken flaked axe) was recovered. A single sherd of late Iron Age pottery was also recovered during the recording action. The report concluded that the recording action had successfully recorded those archaeological features which would have been most affected by the re-development of the site. The report also stated that whilst few finds were recovered from the features themselves, flint work and Bronze Age pottery was found in the layer immediately above the natural brickearth. This layer probably represented a mix of natural subsoil and the upper fills of the archaeological features. Unfortunately the features could not be clearly defined into this layer had been removed and although it is possible to speculate that certain finds came from particular features, the possibility of finds being moved through ploughing cannot be ruled out. {1}

**Sources**

(1) XY      Grey Literature Report: Thames Valley Archaeological Services. 2011. Wickbourne Swan Public House, Littlehampton, West Sussex, Archaeological Recording Action. WSL10/129. [Mapped feature: #1360 ]

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**Associated Monuments**

MWS11449      Wickbourne Swan Public House, Clun Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, Archaeological Recording Action (Monument MWS11449)