

# West Sussex County Council Designation Full Report

10/07/2018

## Archaeological Notification Area

**Designation ID:** DWS8515      **Type:** Archaeological Notification Area      **Status:** Active

**Preferred Ref**      **Unused**      **Unused**

Arun 022

**Name:** Bronze Age Activity and Roman Occupation, Yapton Deserted Medieval Village and the Parish Church of St Mary, Yapton

**Grade:** Amber      **Date Assigned:** 02/12/2013      **Amended:** 17/02/2016      **Revoked:**

### Legal Description

A Bronze Age hoard was found in a hoard near Yapton. It consisted of eight socketed celts, six with loops, six rings and some copper cake. It is in the British Museum. A late Bronze Age pot was found in Yapton, just to N. of Drove Lane and a few yards from the W. bank of the disused Chichester - Arundel canal. The restored pot is in Worthing Museum and is analogous to type A1 pottery of the late Bronze Age.

A Romano-British occupation site was indicated by a scatter of pottery and tile on the surface of a ploughed field 'off the end of Mill View Road, Yapton, where a ditch has been culverted'. Finds included coarse ware, a fragment of flue tile, several loom weights and coins of Victorinus (268-270), a dupondius of Vespasian, a sesterius of 1st or 2nd Century and a 3rd Century barbarous radiate. The finds are retained by the finder. There are traces of enclosures visible as cropmarks on air photographs. Surface finds of Roman artefacts including coarse ware, flue tile and loom weights off the end of Mill View Road may indicate the site of a Roman villa.

In the pasture fields adjacent to the published site of Yapton Place and St. Mary's Church are a number of banks and linear depressions demarcating roughly rectangular areas. They probably represent the remains of a Medieval village. There was a manor at Yapton in Elizabethan times. Yapton Place was reconstructed in 1800, and apparently almost demolished in 1829. The only remains were a dovecot in a field, on the E. side of which the house is thought to have been situated. St. Mary's Church, Yapton, is a complete church of c.1180-1220. The chancel is of mid C13.

A barge canal was originally projected to run from the Arun at Ford to Salterns in Chichester Harbour, with a branch from Hunston to Chichester. The W. section from Salterns to Chichester was finally cut as a ship canal. From Hunston the barge canal ran for 9.75 miles to Ford, where two locks took it down to the Arun. Work began in 1818 and the canal opened in 1822, but by 1833 it had fallen into disuse. It survives as an earthwork along most of its line except where destroyed by agriculture or development.

The Historic Farmstead of Bonhams is a 19th century U-Plan regular courtyard farmstead with additional detached elements to the main plan. The farmhouse is detached and set away from the yard. It is within a village location and is extant (no apparent alteration).

Within the area is a unique design air raid shelter which would have been built at the instigation of the landowner. Brick built with blast wall across the entrance, probably for four people.

### Curatorial Notes

HER Search Required: Sensitive area for Archaeology; Thresholds for AMBER Area apply.

**Designating Organisation:** West Sussex County Council Historic Environment Record

### Location

**Grid Reference:** Centred SU 9791 0314 (1171m by 1134m)

**Map sheet:** SU90SE      **Area (Ha):** 26.21

### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish      Yapton, Arun, West Sussex

District      Arun, West Sussex

**Postal Addresses - None recorded**

### Sources - None recorded

### Associated Monuments

MWS12740      Monument: Site of Outfarm Historic Outfarm, Yapton

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| MWS2397 | Find Spot: Bronze Age Hoard - Yapton                  |
| MWS2402 | Find Spot: Late Bronze Age Pot - Yapton               |
| MWS2403 | Listed Building: The Parish Church of St Mary, Yapton |
| MWS2405 | Monument: Yapton Place                                |
| MWS2406 | Monument: Dovecot - Yapton Place                      |
| MWS2415 | Monument: Possible Roman Occupation Site , Yapton     |
| MWS2423 | Landscape: Parkscape - Yapton                         |
| MWS3369 | Monument: Yapton DMV                                  |
| MWS5754 | Canal: Portsmouth - Arundel Canal                     |
| MWS8120 | Building: Family air raid shelter - Yapton            |
| MWS9453 | Monument: Bonhams Historic Farmstead, Yapton          |

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***Additional Information***

**List Locality:**

**List Parish:**

**List District:**

**List County:**

**Creation Date:** 02/12/2013

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