

Manor Farm, Weston-on-the-Green

Watching Brief Report

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Excavation of 10 stanchion holes and 4 smaller holes were overseen by the Oxford Archaeological Unit. They were located within an area of 216 square metres at Manor Farm, for a proposed agricultural building. This area is known to have been the site of a medieval green, with the possibility of pre-medieval remains surviving undisturbed below the surface.

The stanchion holes were approximately 1.80 m long, 1.00 m wide and a depth of 1.00 m. Levelling had already been carried out and as a result there already was some disturbance; however, there were three main layers. Beneath the disturbance in the NW of the area was a tenacious dark greyish brown sandy clay (context 4), which could conceivably be remains of the medieval green - but no artefacts were found to substantiate this. Beneath layer 4 was a bluish grey clay thought to be subsoil which lay on top of natural clay. No features were observed to be cutting the clay within the sections. Further monitoring of the building work was not felt to be required.

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