

# RSPB Nature Reserve Minsmere Suffolk



Archaeological  
Watching Brief Report



March 2009

Client: Black and Veatch Ltd

OA East Report No: 1096

OASIS No: 58751

NGR: TM 476 670

Archaeological Monitoring at  
RSPB Nature Reserve, Minsmere, Suffolk  
(AB 1234 5678)

*Watching Brief*

*Site Code: XSF MIN 09*

*Date of Works: 10-12<sup>th</sup> March 2009*

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**Planning Ref:**  
**Grid Ref:** TM 476 670  
**Site Code:** XNFMIN09  
**Finance Code:** XNFMIN09  
**Receiving Body:**  
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### **Summary**

*Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2009, OA East carried out an archaeological watching brief at site location TM 476 670. The monitoring was carried out during investigations to the area south of the North Wall embankment to determine the suitability of material from the marsh for use in the expansion of the existing embankment. No artefacts or archaeological deposits were encountered*

## 1 METHODOLOGY

- 1.1.1 Black & Veatch had planned a Site Investigation to inform a flood risk management project for the Environment Agency. In scoping the investigation the Environment Agency's archaeological expert (Phil Catherall) had identified the risk of undiscovered archaeology. A watching brief was required for the SI. The objective of this watching brief was to determine as far as reasonably possible the presence/absence, location, nature, extent, date, quality, condition and significance of any surviving archaeological deposits discovered during the Site Investigation. Small trenches were excavated using a 360 tracked excavator with a 0.6m bucket.
- 1.1.2 The area of investigation was located at the end of Sheepwash Lane in the Nature Reserve, TM 476 670. Refer to Fig 1 for further details of the SI.

## 2 RESULTS

- 2.1.1 No artefacts or archaeological deposits were encountered. All trial pits were excavated to a depth of several metres. Natural sub strata consisted of sands, marine clays and peat deposits.

## 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 2.1.1 The author would like to thank Black & Veatch who commissioned and funded the archaeological work. Site works were conducted by Fugro GeoConsulting Limited. The project was managed by James Drummond Murray of Oxford Archaeology (East).

## APPENDIX A. OASIS REPORT FORM

All fields are required unless they are not applicable.

### Project Details

OASIS Number	oxfordar3-58751		
Project Name	RSPB Nature Reserve, Minsmere, Suffolk: An Archaeological Watching Brief		
Project Dates (fieldwork) Start	10-03-2009	Finish	12-03-2009
Previous Work (by OA East)	No	Future Work	Unknown

### Project Reference Codes

Site Code	XSF MIN 09	Planning App. No.	n/a
HER No.	n/a	Related HER/OASIS No.	n/a

### Type of Project/Techniques Used

Prompt

### Please select all techniques used:

<input type="checkbox"/> Field Observation (periodic visits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Part Excavation	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvage Record
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<input type="checkbox"/> Full Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Recorded Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Systematic Metal Detector Survey
<input type="checkbox"/> Geophysical Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Remote Operated Vehicle Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Test Pit Survey
<input type="checkbox"/> Open-Area Excavation	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvage Excavation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watching Brief

### Monument Types/Significant Finds & Their Periods

List feature types using the [NMR Monument Type Thesaurus](#) and significant finds using the [MDA Object type Thesaurus](#) together with their respective periods. If no features/finds were found, please state "none".

Monument	Period	Object	Period
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	Select period...		Select period...

### Project Location

County	Suffolk	Site Address (including postcode if possible)	
District	Suffolk Coastal	RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve Wesleton Suffolk IP17 3BY	
Parish	Leiston		
HER	Suffolk		
Study Area	40 sqm	National Grid Reference	TM 476 670

## Project Originators

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Project Brief Originator	Environment Agency
Project Design Originator	OA East
Project Manager	James Drummond Murray
Supervisor	Thomas Lyons

## Project Archives

Physical Archive	Digital Archive	Paper Archive
N/A	OA EAST	OA EAST
N/A	XNFMIN09.	N/A.

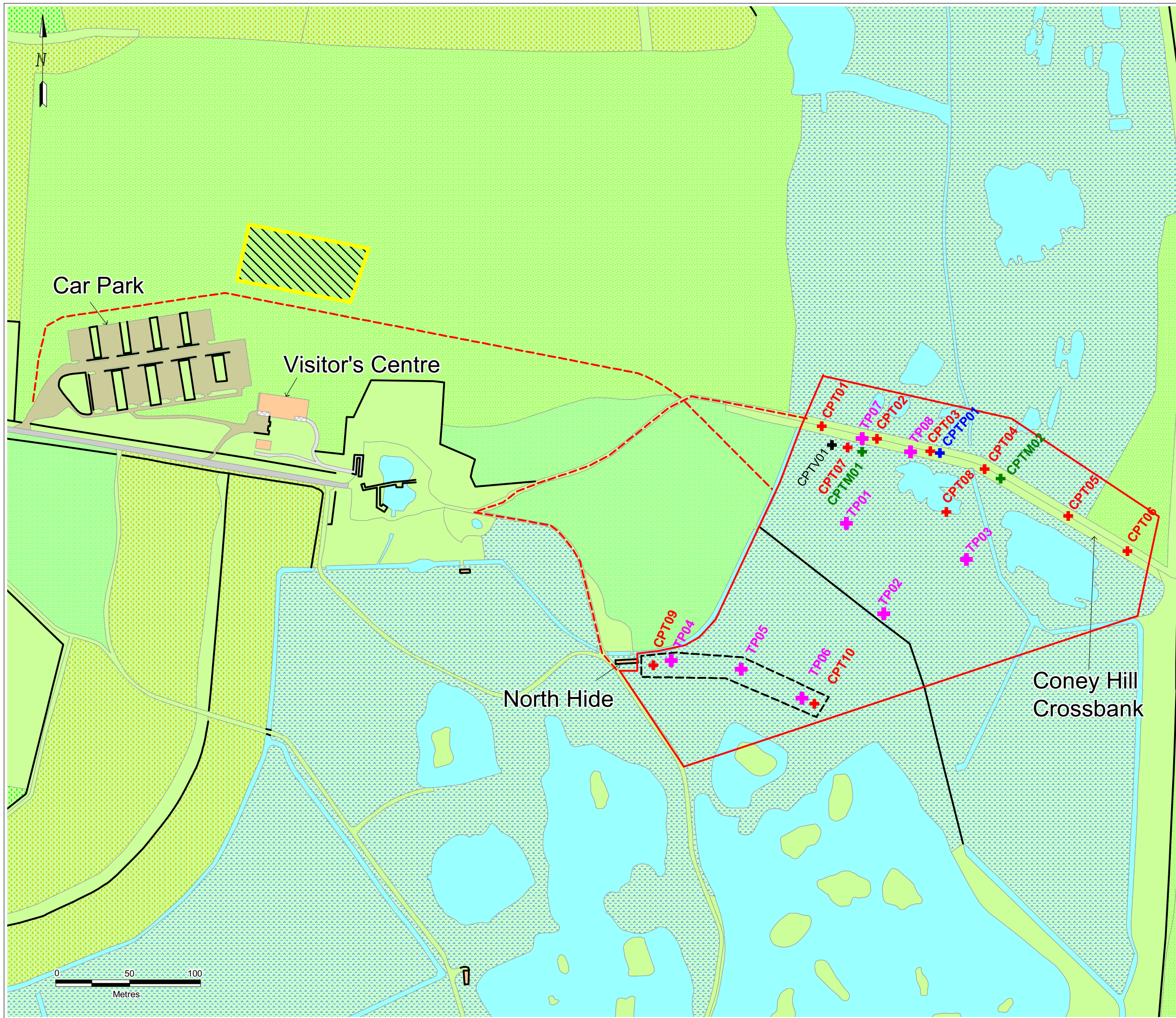
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### Notes:





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**LEGEND**

- + TP
- + CPT
- + CPTV
- + CPTM (MOTSAP)
- + CPT
- Site Boundary
- Access Route
- Storage Area / Site Compound

Overview Map 1- 250,000



Minsmere  
Site Location boundary and access routes

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