

## GOODRINGTON – WALLED AREA OF THE INN ON THE QUAY

Observations made of machine cut test pits 28<sup>th</sup> June 1995.

Pit located towards the north-west corner of the garden and aligned approx. NW/SE on the southern edge of the area shown to contain a greenhouse on the OS map of 1933.

The pit revealed a substantial intrusion of some 1.35m. depth below present ground surface, located to the immediate south of the remains of the foundations of the greenhouse, and extending beyond the south and west sides of the southern corner of the test pit. In the south-west side of the pit the intrusion had a vertical cut. It contained three fills:

- Primary: Greyish/red. Ash layer. Lensed to 10cm depth.
- Secondary: Black. Fine grits and cinders including small frags. Of coal, no binding matrix. Lensed to 30cm depth. Contained small frags. Of china (willow pattern) and a larger frag. Of stoneware.
- Tertiary: Red/brown clay loam, stone free. Redeposited natural.

The full extent of the intrusion was not ascertained, and its function is not clear. The dark material appeared to have been sieved and had the appearance of prepared cinders such as were commonly used in the time of coal fired heating to create paths in kitchen gardens. The intrusion could be interpreted as a pit associated with gardening activity, although its depth is unusual in such a context. It could be a soakaway for rain water falling on the greenhouse, in which case the ash could have been leached from the cinder layer.

I don't think this feature predates the period of occupation of the site as outlined in the documentary evidence.

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