Medieval moated site at South Park, Grayswood (SU 9160 3555) Archaeological watching brief

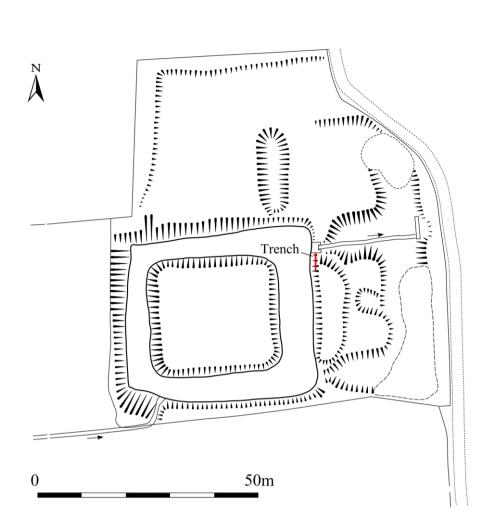
Repair works to the dam at South Park moat (Scheduled Monument Surrey Nat No 12756) were carried out in July 2004 and involved cutting a 40cm-wide, 4m long and 2m deep slit trench roughly centrally from the south edge of the sluice (see location plan).

No finds of archaeological material were made but the west section of the trench was recorded (see section). Below the topsoil and three recent cuts, the dam at this point consists of a uniform deposit of Head (yellow-brown sand and sandstone) resting on a thin band of redeposited clay, in turn lying on what appeared to be a buried soil. Underlying this was the natural Weald Clay. While the trench was narrow and difficult to observe, there were no visible signs of tip lines or of a clay core other than the narrow band of clay that appeared to have been deposited on the original ground surface.

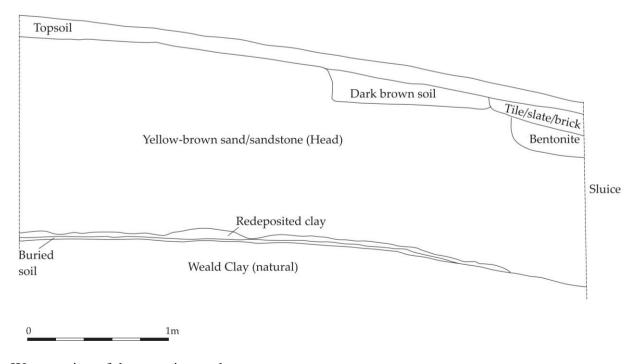
The trench was backfilled with bentonite (to seal a leak) and the topsoil replaced.

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South Park Moat, Grayswood, Surrey. Location of dam repair trench (red) - July 2004



West section of dam repair trench