

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL DESK-BASED ASSESSMENT

Land at Pirton

Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 3RA

Indicative Residential Development of 30 dwellings

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# 1. Executive Summary

This Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment has been revised following receipt of the formal Hertfordshire Historic Environment Record (HHER) commercial search and associated GIS data supplied by Hertfordshire County Council on 16 September 2026. The revised evidence includes the County Council monument and event reports, mapped archaeological intervention extents, Scheduled Monument and listed building layers, Archaeological Alert Areas and Historic Landscape Character data.

The Site comprises agricultural land on the north-eastern edge of Pirton, adjoining West Lane and the wider open agricultural landscape. The submitted indicative layout shows residential parcels arranged around an internal road, with substantial areas of grass, mixed scrub and open space. No Scheduled Monument is shown within the red-line Site on the submitted plan. The wider village, however, contains three Scheduled Monument complexes within the HCC search area: Toot Hill motte and bailey with the shrunken medieval settlement; the Rectory Farm moated site and enclosure; and the Anglo-Saxon settlement with probable prehistoric ring ditches at Priors Hill.

The formal HHER confirms that the eastern and north-eastern side of Pirton has been subject to a comparatively dense programme of archaeological survey, evaluation, excavation and monitoring. The most important site-near evidence is the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age archaeology at Holwell Road, where evaluation and subsequent strip-and-map excavation identified a probable roundhouse, groups of extraction pits, cremation deposits and an Iron Age ditch. Conversely, geophysical surveys across adjoining fields recorded extensive ridge and furrow, old field boundaries and only limited or no other clear archaeological anomalies, while evaluation at Royal Oak Lane produced no features predating the post-medieval period. This mixed evidence is important: the archaeological resource is demonstrably significant but not uniformly distributed.

The formal HHER also corrects a previous record. MHT31514 is the record for medieval pottery and possible medieval earthworks at Doles Mead, Wrights Farm; the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pits and postholes at Pollards Way are MHT31515. This revised report uses the HCC identifiers and descriptions as supplied in September 2026.

## Key archaeological conclusion

The Site should be treated as having a meaningful potential for previously unrecorded buried archaeology, with the strongest potential relating to Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age activity. Roman, Saxon and medieval archaeology also remains plausible in the wider settlement landscape. At the same time, the existing investigation record demonstrates that some nearby fields are dominated by ridge and furrow, historic boundaries or archaeologically negative areas. The appropriate response is therefore targeted and proportionate evaluation, not an assumption of either archaeological absence or blanket high significance across the whole Site.

Before intrusive work is commissioned, the red-line boundary should be accurately overlaid against the formal HCC event polygons to establish whether any part of the Site has already been subject to adequate magnetometer survey, trial trenching or monitoring. If areas remain untested, a staged programme should be agreed with Hertfordshire County Council Historic Environment Advisory Service, normally comprising geophysical survey where useful followed by targeted trial-trench evaluation. Important remains should be preserved in situ where proportionate and feasible; where preservation is not required, excavation, recording, analysis, reporting and archive deposition can provide appropriate mitigation.

# 2. Introduction and Scope

PSK Rural Limited has prepared this Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment for the land shown within the red line on drawing LAP SITE 001 Rev A. Its purpose is to identify known and potential archaeological heritage assets that may be affected by the proposed residential development, assess their likely significance, consider the potential

effects of development and set out a proportionate strategy for evaluation and mitigation.

The assessment is focused on below-ground archaeology and the historic landscape evidence that informs archaeological potential. It does not replace a dedicated built heritage and setting assessment for listed buildings or the Pirton Conservation Area if such an assessment is separately required by the Local Planning Authority.

The principal objectives are to:

- Integrate the formal HCC HHER monument, event, designation and Historic Landscape Character data into the archaeological baseline.
- Identify the archaeological records and previous investigations most relevant to the Site and its immediate landscape.
- Distinguish positive archaeological evidence from negative or low-yield fieldwork so that potential is assessed proportionately.
- Consider the submitted development layout and the types of ground disturbance that could affect buried remains.
- Provide a clear and proportionate sequence for any further archaeological evaluation and mitigation.

### 3. Methodology and Sources

The assessment follows the principles of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists Standard for historic environment desk-based assessment and associated professional guidance. Archaeological potential is assessed through the combined consideration of known records, previous interventions, designated assets, historic landscape character, historic mapping information contained in the HHER and comparative reports, and the likely degree of modern disturbance.

#### 3.1 Formal HHER dataset

The principal evidence base is the HCC dataset generated on 16 September 2026. The Monument Full Report contains 86 records and the Event Full Report contains 82 records. The GIS package includes monument points, lines and polygons; event points and polygons; Scheduled Monument polygons; listed building points; Archaeological Alert Area polygons; and Historic Landscape Character polygons. Figure 2 reproduces the HCC overview map supplied with the dataset and Figure 3 shows the GIS dataset reproduced on aerial imagery.

The HCC package does not contain a georeferenced copy of the application red-line boundary. The relationship between the submitted drawing and the HCC event polygons has therefore been assessed visually for this DBA. Exact overlap should be confirmed by georeferencing or supplying the Site boundary as a GIS polygon before the fieldwork scope is fixed.

#### 3.2 Other sources

- Historic England National Heritage List for England and Scheduled Monument descriptions cited in the earlier draft.
- North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031 and the adopted heritage and archaeology policies.
- Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031 and the Pirton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.
- Comparative archaeological reports and consultation responses already assembled for the Version 1.0 assessment, including previous work at Holwell Road, Hambridge Way, Elm Tree Farm, Pollards Way and Walnut Tree Road.
- The submitted indicative site layout drawing and mapped context.

### 3.3 Assessment terminology

Potential is expressed as Low, Low-Moderate, Moderate, Moderate-High or High. These terms describe the likelihood of remains being present; they do not predetermine significance. The significance of any remains can only be established with confidence once their date, character, extent, preservation, rarity and research value are better understood through field evaluation where necessary.

### 3.4 Limitations

The conclusions are based on the submitted site plan, formal HHER/GIS data and the archaeological sources identified in this report and a physical site walkover.

## 4. Site Location and Development Proposal

The Site lies on the north-eastern edge of Pirton, where the built village transitions into open agricultural land. The indicative proposal provides residential development arranged around a simple internal access road, together with landscaped areas, grass and mixed scrub planting and retained access to adjoining agricultural land. The design is indicative and therefore retains flexibility for detailed layout changes should archaeological evaluation identify remains warranting avoidance or preservation.



Figure 1. Submitted Indicative Site Layout Plan extract - LAP SITE 001 Rev A, August 2026.

The principal potential archaeological impacts arise from foundations, topsoil stripping, roads and hardstanding, drainage and services, attenuation or other below-ground infrastructure, landscaping excavation and construction plant. Areas of proposed open space and structural planting may provide opportunities for archaeological avoidance, although planting pits, drainage and soil reworking can themselves affect shallow deposits and should be considered in the final mitigation design.

## 5. Planning Policy and Guidance

### 5.1 National Planning Policy Framework - August 2026

The National Planning Policy Framework published on 17 August 2026 provides the current national decision-making framework for the historic environment. Policy HE3 addresses the maintenance and use of Historic Environment Records. Policy HE5 requires applicants to describe the significance of heritage assets affected by a proposal to a proportionate level, using relevant expertise where necessary, and requires consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record. Where a site includes or has the potential to include heritage assets with archaeological interest, an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, field evaluation are required. The Framework also establishes that where important archaeological remains cannot reasonably be preserved in situ, investigation, recording, analysis and public dissemination should be secured in a proportionate manner.

### 5.2 North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031

The North Herts Local Plan was adopted on 8 November 2022. Policy SP13 establishes the strategic approach to the historic environment. Policy HE4 (Archaeology) requires an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where justified, archaeological field evaluation for proposals affecting sites of archaeological interest. Where important remains are present, preservation and incorporation within the development should be considered. Where loss is accepted, the policy requires appropriate recording, reporting, publication and archiving before the remains are damaged or destroyed.

### 5.3 Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan was made on 27 April 2018. Policy PNP8 seeks the conservation or enhancement of heritage assets and their settings in a manner appropriate to significance. It also expects archaeological survey work where sites contain or may contain archaeological heritage assets and requires appropriate consultation of the Hertfordshire Historic Environment Record. This revised DBA directly responds to that requirement by incorporating the formal HCC dataset.

## 6. Site and Historic Landscape Context

### 6.1 Present land use and disturbance

The submitted information shows the Site as open agricultural land without standing structures across the principal development area. No evidence has been identified of extensive former building development, mineral extraction or other wholesale ground disturbance. Long-term cultivation is the principal historic land use and is likely to have affected the upper horizon of archaeological deposits while leaving deeper cut features capable of survival.

### 6.2 Historic Landscape Character

The formal HCC Historic Landscape Character layer identifies the Site vicinity within character area HHT3008, classified as "Boundary Loss" and summarised as post-1950 boundary loss. This is consistent with the broader evidence for field rationalisation in the agricultural landscape north and east of Pirton. The HLC evidence is relevant because former boundaries can produce linear geophysical anomalies that need to be distinguished from earlier archaeological features.

### 6.3 Historic mapping implications

The earlier DBA and the HHER source references identify the 1818 enclosure map, the 1881-82 Ordnance Survey and other historic mapping as important evidence for the development of the field pattern. The HHER record for MHT31509, for example, identifies an east-west field boundary documented on the 1882 OS map and on an earlier

pre-enclosure map. MHT31519 similarly records post-medieval field boundaries visible during geophysical survey. Historic map regression should therefore remain part of the interpretation of any new or existing geophysical data.

## 7. Formal HHER and GIS Review

The September 2026 HCC search materially changes the status of the DBA from a public-domain appraisal to a formal HER-informed baseline. The HCC records show a high density of recorded monuments and interventions around Pirton, but the spatial pattern reflects both genuine archaeological concentrations and the uneven distribution of modern fieldwork.

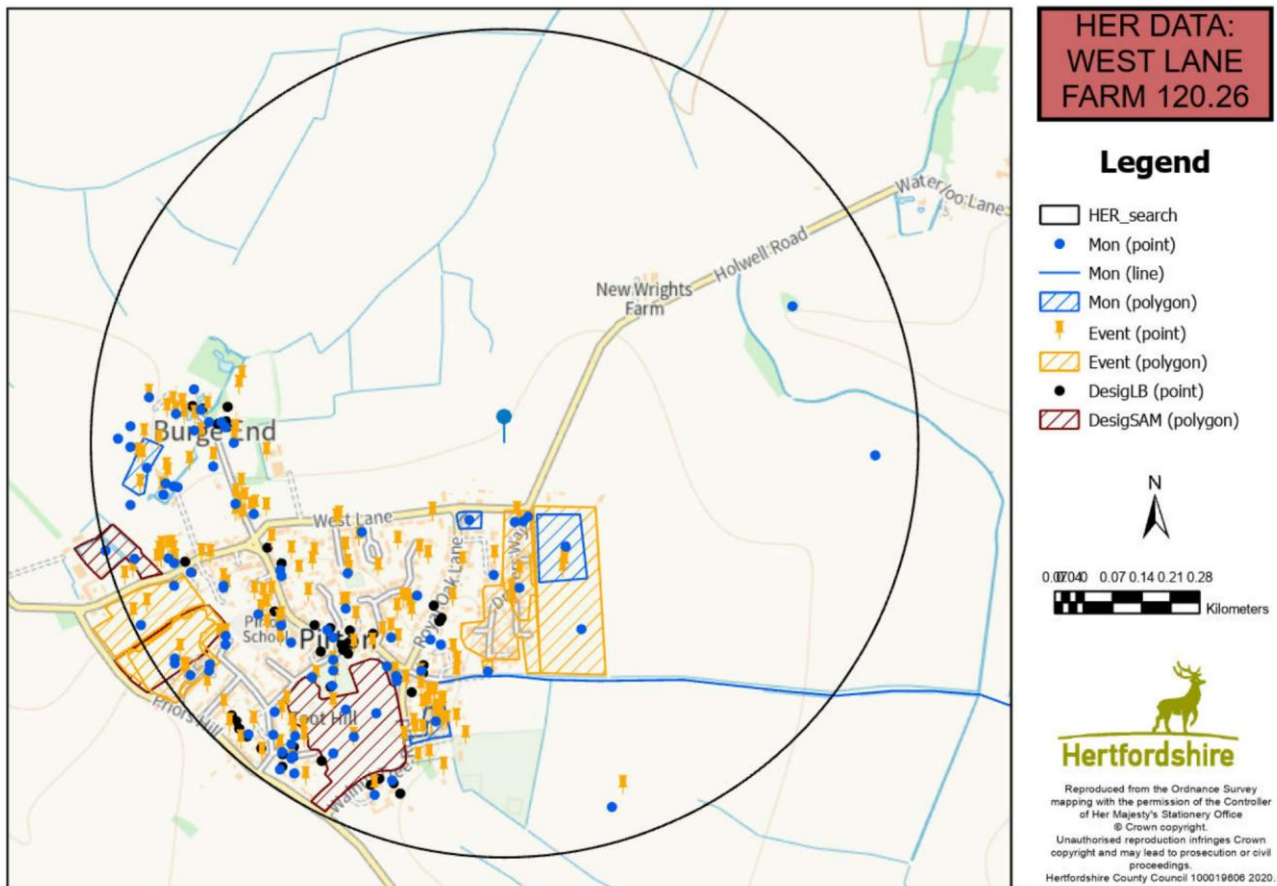


Figure 2. Hertfordshire Historic Environment Record GIS overview: "HER DATA: WEST LANE FARM 120.26". Source: Hertfordshire County Council HHER, supplied September 2026. HCC copyright and licence conditions apply. Figure reproduced without substantive alteration.



Figure 3. Hertfordshire Historic Environment Record GIS dataset overlaid onto mapshaper aerial imagery. Source: Hertfordshire County Council HHER, supplied September 2026. HCC copyright and licence conditions apply. Figure reproduced without substantive alteration.

## 7.1 Principal site-near monument records

| HHER     | Period                         | Record                                                      | Relevance                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MHT31090 | Medieval/Post-medieval         | Ridge and furrow north of Hambridge Way                     | Geophysical evidence for former strip cultivation across a long field east of Pirton; directly relevant to interpreting agricultural anomalies.                                  |
| MHT31348 | Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age | Probable roundhouse, Holwell Road                           | Incomplete circle of postholes with prehistoric pottery, identified by evaluation and subsequent excavation.                                                                     |
| MHT31349 | Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age | Quarry/extraction pits and cremation deposits, Holwell Road | Intercutting pits with prehistoric pottery, animal bone, worked flint and cremated human bone; strong evidence for prehistoric activity close to the north-eastern village edge. |
| MHT18218 | Iron Age                       | Ditch, Holwell Road                                         | Iron Age ditch associated with the Holwell Road evaluation/excavation sequence.                                                                                                  |

| HHER     | Period                                | Record                                              | Relevance                                                                                                                                   |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MHT31509 | Post-medieval                         | Historic field boundary, Royal Oak Lane             | Mapped and excavated east-west boundary dating to the 18th century or earlier; illustrates survival of historic agricultural features.      |
| MHT31519 | Medieval/Post-medieval                | Ridge and furrow and field boundaries, Holwell Lane | 2017 geophysical survey recorded strip-field cultivation and mapped boundaries.                                                             |
| MHT31036 | 19th century                          | Former allotments, West Lane                        | Historic land-use evidence on the northern village edge.                                                                                    |
| MHT39138 | Late Iron Age                         | Coin findspot                                       | GIS point records a Late Iron Age coin find in the wider eastern Pirton landscape; the formal report provides limited descriptive detail.   |
| MHT40436 | Possibly prehistoric / historic route | Possible routeway, Hambridge Way / Ickleford        | Recently created HHER record for a long-lived routeway in the broader eastern landscape; contextual rather than evidence of a Site feature. |

## 7.2 Corrected record attribution

The formal HCC report confirms that MHT31514 relates to medieval pottery and possible medieval earthworks at Doles Mead, Wrights Farm. The Pollards Way Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pits, postholes and 237-shard prehistoric pottery assemblage are recorded as MHT31515.

## 7.3 Overall interpretation of the HHER distribution

The formal GIS demonstrates that archaeological evidence around Pirton is concentrated in several clusters rather than forming a uniform blanket. The historic village core and western Scheduled Monument complexes contain dense multi-period records. On the eastern side, the Holwell Road/Hambridge Way investigations provide the closest strong evidence for later prehistoric activity, whereas other nearby surveys are characterised by agricultural features or largely negative results. The Site therefore lies in an archaeologically informed landscape where significant remains are plausible, but their presence, extent and importance cannot be assumed without site-specific evaluation.

# 8. Designated and Locally Identified Heritage Assets

## 8.1 Scheduled Monuments

| NHLE    | Asset                                                                               | Relationship / archaeological relevance                                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1012325 | Toot Hill motte and bailey castle and shrunken medieval village at Pirton           | West/south-west of Site; nationally designated medieval settlement complex.                 |
| 1434415 | Anglo-Saxon settlement and probable prehistoric ring ditches west of Pirton village | West of village; nationally important 5th-9th century settlement with prehistoric elements. |
| 1009451 | Moated site and associated enclosure at Rectory Farm                                | North-west of village core; nationally important medieval moated complex.                   |

The HCC GIS contains three Scheduled Monument polygons within the formal search area. None is shown within the red-line development land on the submitted drawing. The DBA therefore treats them primarily as evidence of the exceptional depth of the wider settlement sequence. Any planning assessment of setting effects on these designated assets should be addressed separately if the final scheme has the potential to alter their significance through changes to setting.

## 8.2 Archaeological Alert Areas

The HCC GIS package includes Archaeological Alert Area polygons and the Pirton Neighbourhood Plan recognises

the importance of archaeology across the village and wider parish. Alert Areas are not statutory heritage designations, but they are planning consultation tools identifying places where archaeological interest is known or considered likely.

### **8.3 Conservation Area and listed buildings**

The formal GIS includes listed building points within the 1km radius search area and Pirton Conservation Area lies within the wider historic settlement. These assets are relevant to understanding settlement development, but this report does not make a detailed assessment of built heritage setting effects. That exercise should be undertaken through a separate heritage statement if required.

## **9. Archaeological and Historical Baseline**

### **9.1 Palaeolithic and Mesolithic**

The formal HHER dataset does not identify a clear concentration of Palaeolithic or Mesolithic evidence in the Site vicinity. Isolated or residual material cannot be excluded, but there is no site-specific evidence to justify a high potential for remains of these periods.

### **9.2 Neolithic and Early Bronze Age**

The wider Pirton landscape includes probable prehistoric ring ditches within the Priors Hill Scheduled Monument complex and other cropmark evidence. These records demonstrate prehistoric use of the locality, but the strongest site-near excavated evidence belongs to the later Bronze Age and Iron Age. Potential for Neolithic/Early Bronze Age remains is therefore considered lower than for the later prehistoric periods.

### **9.3 Late Bronze Age and Iron Age**

This is the clearest archaeological sensitivity for the north-eastern side of Pirton. At Holwell Road, MHT31348 records a probable Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age roundhouse represented by an incomplete ring of postholes containing prehistoric pottery. MHT31349 records groups of extraction pits containing Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery, animal bone, worked flint and cremation deposits. MHT18218 records an Iron Age ditch in the same investigation area. These remains were first identified through trial trenching in 2015 and were subsequently investigated by strip-and-map excavation in 2016-17.

The wider village also contains the Pollards Way assemblage MHT31515, where pits and postholes produced a substantial collection of Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age pottery. Taken together, these records support a Moderate-High potential for later prehistoric features in suitable undisturbed parts of the Site, although nearby negative and low-yield surveys show that the remains are spatially variable.

### **9.4 Roman**

Roman activity is well attested in the wider Pirton area through pottery, structural evidence and multi-period test-pit assemblages. The formal HHER records include Roman and Late Iron Age material in the wider settlement, but the nearest eastern investigations are less emphatic for Roman activity than for later prehistory. A Moderate potential is therefore appropriate pending site-specific evaluation.

### **9.5 Anglo-Saxon**

Pirton contains nationally important Anglo-Saxon archaeology at Priors Hill, where the Scheduled Monument includes an enclosed settlement occupied between the fifth and ninth centuries. Saxon and early medieval material is also recorded in village test-pits and excavations. The strongest concentrations lie west and within the historic

settlement rather than immediately adjacent to the Site, so a Moderate potential is considered proportionate.

9.6 Medieval

The medieval archaeological landscape includes the Toot Hill castle and shrunken settlement, the Rectory Farm moated complex, medieval ditches and pits, farmstead landscapes and widespread ridge and furrow. Site-near records MHT31090 and MHT31519 demonstrate former strip-field cultivation in the eastern agricultural fields. Medieval remains of settlement character are less directly demonstrated at the Site edge, but the proximity of the historic village and the wider record justify a Moderate potential for buried features.

9.7 Post-medieval and modern

Post-medieval agricultural features have a high likelihood of occurrence, particularly former boundaries, drainage features, trackways and cultivation remains. MHT31509 provides a clear example of an 18th-century or earlier boundary preserved archaeologically and on historic mapping. Such features are generally of local or low significance unless they make a particular contribution to understanding the historic field pattern or settlement development. Modern archaeological potential is low.

10. Previous Archaeological Investigation and Remote Sensing

A major strength of the formal HHER dataset is its event record. The eastern edge of Pirton has already been subject to substantial archaeological investigation, and this evidence should inform both the assessment of potential and the design of any new fieldwork.

| Event                       | Investigation                                           | Key implication                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7979                     | 2015 geophysical survey - Elm Tree Farm / Hambridge Way | Survey of a long strip north from Hambridge Way identified mainly ridge and furrow, with only a few possible ditches/pit in the northern part. |
| EHT8016                     | 2015 trial-trench evaluation - Holwell Road             | Fifteen trenches; identified the Iron Age ditch, probable roundhouse and prehistoric pit groups.                                               |
| EHT8352                     | 2016-17 strip-and-map excavation - Holwell Road         | Opened the northern part of the site where EHT8016 had identified features; investigated the later prehistoric remains.                        |
| EHT8416                     | 2017 geophysical survey - Holwell Road                  | No clear archaeological anomalies beyond old field boundaries and ridge and furrow.                                                            |
| EHT9352                     | 2018 evaluation - Holwell Road                          | Completed trial-trench event recorded by HCC. The earlier record EHT8495 relates to a proposed evaluation that did not take place.             |
| EHT8041                     | 2016 evaluation - 40 Royal Oak Lane                     | Seven trenches; no features or deposits predating the post-medieval period, with most features natural, undated or modern.                     |
| EHT8869                     | 2018-20 monitoring - Elm Tree Farm / Hambridge Way      | Watching brief record notes no archaeology apart from an Iron Age ditch and was discontinued in part of the monitored area.                    |
| EHT5425 / EHT5581           | 2004 and 2006 Elm Tree Farm evaluation/strip-map        | Earlier investigation on the village edge contributing to the medieval settlement baseline.                                                    |
| EHT8630 / EHT8902 / EHT8932 | 2018-21 Walnut Tree Road evaluation and excavation      | Demonstrated Saxon/medieval features elsewhere in the village.                                                                                 |
| EHT9310                     | 2024 monitoring - 1 West Lane                           | Recent intervention in the northern village-edge context.                                                                                      |

10.1 Implication for the proposed Site

The HCC overview map shows recorded event polygons immediately around the north-eastern village edge. It appears that no particular prior survey definitely covers any stated percentage of the Site.

10.2 Geophysical survey limitations

The local investigation record also demonstrates that absence of a strong magnetic anomaly cannot by itself be equated with archaeological absence. EHT8416 was dominated by historic boundaries and ridge and furrow, whereas intrusive evaluation elsewhere identified significant features. Any trenching strategy should therefore test both geophysical anomalies and selected apparently blank areas, with trench density and targeting agreed with the County Archaeologist.

## 11. Archaeological Potential and Significance

| Period                       | Potential           | Likely significance if present                                           | Reasoned assessment                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Palaeolithic / Mesolithic    | Low                 | Local to Regional if present                                             | No specific Site-near concentration in the formal HHER; isolated residual material cannot be excluded.                                   |
| Neolithic / Early Bronze Age | Low-Moderate        | Local to Regional                                                        | Wider ring-ditch/cropmark evidence demonstrates prehistoric use, but little direct Site-near evidence.                                   |
| Late Bronze Age / Iron Age   | Moderate-High       | Local to Regional; potentially higher                                    | Strong evidence at Holwell Road including roundhouse, extraction pits, cremations and Iron Age ditch; wider Pollards Way evidence.       |
| Roman                        | Moderate            | Local to Regional                                                        | Roman activity occurs across Pirton, but the closest eastern fieldwork is less strongly Roman than later prehistoric.                    |
| Early / Middle Saxon         | Moderate            | Regional; potentially National if coherent settlement or burial survives | Nationally important Priors Hill settlement and wider village evidence, but strongest concentration lies west of Site.                   |
| Late Saxon / Medieval        | Moderate            | Local to Regional                                                        | Historic village, moated sites, medieval ditches and extensive ridge and furrow; agricultural character dominates the site-near records. |
| Post-medieval                | High for occurrence | Generally Local / Low                                                    | Historic boundaries, ridge and furrow, drainage and agricultural features are likely.                                                    |
| Modern                       | Low                 | Negligible                                                               | Continuing agricultural use; modern features unlikely to have archaeological significance.                                               |

The potential ratings are deliberately separated from significance. A common agricultural ditch may have high probability but low significance, whereas a rare prehistoric burial or coherent settlement component may have lower probability but much greater significance. Site-specific evaluation is required to resolve this distinction.

## 12. Development Effects

The proposed development can affect archaeological remains through direct removal, truncation, compaction or changes to their physical environment. The principal pathways are topsoil stripping, foundation excavation, road and parking construction, service trenches, drainage and attenuation works, landscaping and tree/shrub pits, construction compounds and repeated trafficking by heavy plant.

Where remains are shallow, even apparently modest ground reduction can remove or truncate archaeological horizons. Conversely, areas retained as open space may offer opportunities for preservation in situ if they can be designed to avoid deep drainage, service runs, tree planting or other intrusive works. Archaeological evaluation should therefore inform the reserved matters or detailed design process early enough for meaningful avoidance to remain possible.

## 13. Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy

A proportionate staged strategy is recommended. The sequence should be agreed with Hertfordshire County Council Historic Environment Advisory Service and adapted to the confirmed extent of previous investigation.

| Stage                                 | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Archive review                     | Obtain and retain the reports associated with the closest investigations, particularly RNO 3535 (2015 geophysics), RNO 3823 (2015 Holwell Road evaluation), RNO 3759 / RNO 3824 (2016-17 mitigation/excavation) and RNO 3934 (2017 geophysics). Use these to understand survey quality, coverage and anomaly interpretation.                       |
| 2. Geophysical survey where justified | Undertake magnetometer survey across accessible parts of the Site that have not already been adequately surveyed, subject to agreement with HCC. If the event overlay shows complete and suitable previous coverage, avoid unnecessary repeat survey and proceed to the next proportionate stage.                                                  |
| 3. Trial-trench evaluation            | Prepare a Written Scheme of Investigation agreed with HCC. Trenches should test significant or uncertain anomalies and a representative sample of apparently blank areas. Targeting should have particular regard to the later prehistoric evidence at Holwell Road and the possibility of features that do not produce strong magnetic responses. |
| 4. Design response                    | Use the evaluation results to refine the detailed layout. Where remains of high significance are present and preservation in situ is proportionate and feasible, place them within open space or otherwise avoid direct impact, with appropriate management of drainage, utilities and planting.                                                   |
| 5. Archaeological mitigation          | Where preservation in situ is not required, undertake controlled excavation/recording, post-excavation assessment and analysis, reporting, publication and archive deposition in accordance with an approved WSI and the significance of the remains.                                                                                              |
| 6. Monitoring of residual works       | Use watching brief or targeted monitoring only where justified by the evaluation results and HCC advice, rather than as a substitute for adequate pre-determination or pre-commencement evaluation where significant archaeology may be present.                                                                                                   |

### Design flexibility

The indicative scheme contains substantial open space, landscape areas and an unfixed detailed housing layout. This provides a practical opportunity to respond to evaluation results before detailed design is fixed, should locally important or higher-significance remains require avoidance.

## 14. Conclusion and Recommendations

The formal September 2026 HHER dataset confirms that Pirton has a rich multi-period archaeological landscape and significantly improves the evidence base available for the proposed Site. Three Scheduled Monument complexes occur within the wider HCC search area, while repeated development-led investigations demonstrate later prehistoric, Roman, Saxon, medieval and post-medieval activity across the village and its edges.

For the north-eastern village edge, the most relevant positive evidence is the Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age archaeology at Holwell Road, including a probable roundhouse, extraction pits, cremation deposits and an Iron Age ditch. The same landscape also contains extensive ridge and furrow, historic field boundaries and areas where geophysical survey, evaluation or monitoring found little or no archaeology. The correct interpretation is therefore one of meaningful but spatially variable archaeological potential.

No Scheduled Monument is shown within the red-line Site. On the present evidence, Late Bronze Age/Iron Age potential is assessed as Moderate-High; Roman, Early/Middle Saxon and Late Saxon/medieval potential as Moderate; Neolithic/Early Bronze Age as Low-Moderate; and post-medieval agricultural features as High in probability but generally low in significance. These ratings are capable of refinement through site-specific field evaluation.

There is no archaeological evidence at this stage that requires an in-principle conclusion against development. The appropriate planning response is to establish the exact relationship between the Site and previous event footprints,

avoid duplication of earlier work, undertake any necessary additional geophysical survey and targeted trial trenching, and use the results to secure preservation in situ or proportionate excavation/recording as significance requires to be secured through pre-commencement conditions and/or Reserved Matters submission. This approach is consistent with the current national and local planning policy framework for archaeological assessment and mitigation.

## Appendix A - Principal HHER Gazetteer

The table below summarises the principal HHER monument records that materially inform this DBA. It is not a replacement for the complete HCC Monument Full Report, which contains 86 records and should be retained with the project archive.

| HHER     | Period                          | Asset                                              | Assessment relevance                                                           |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MHT32    | Medieval                        | Toot Hill motte and bailey castle, Pirton          | Scheduled medieval settlement/castle complex in wider study area.              |
| MHT2221  | Medieval                        | Rectory Farm moated site                           | Scheduled moated complex in wider study area.                                  |
| MHT31108 | Early/Middle Saxon              | Anglo-Saxon settlement, Priors Hill                | Part of nationally important Scheduled Monument complex.                       |
| MHT31109 | Prehistoric                     | Probable ring ditches, Priors Hill                 | Prehistoric component of Priors Hill Scheduled Monument complex.               |
| MHT31090 | Medieval/Post-medieval          | Ridge and furrow north of Hambridge Way            | Relevant eastern field evidence; geophysical origin.                           |
| MHT31348 | Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age  | Probable roundhouse, Holwell Road                  | Excavated post-built structure close to north-eastern village edge.            |
| MHT31349 | Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age  | Extraction pits and cremations, Holwell Road       | Strongest site-near prehistoric evidence.                                      |
| MHT18218 | Iron Age                        | Ditch, Holwell Road                                | Associated with later prehistoric activity.                                    |
| MHT31509 | Post-medieval                   | Field boundary, Royal Oak Lane                     | Historic boundary demonstrated through mapping and trenching.                  |
| MHT31519 | Medieval/Post-medieval          | Ridge and furrow, Holwell Lane                     | Agricultural remains recorded by 2017 geophysics.                              |
| MHT31514 | Medieval/Post-medieval          | Medieval pottery / possible earthworks, Doles Mead | Corrected identification: not the Pollards Way prehistoric record.             |
| MHT31515 | Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age  | Features at Pollards Way                           | Correct prehistoric record; pits/postholes and substantial pottery assemblage. |
| MHT12824 | Late Saxon/Medieval             | Ditches at Elm Tree Close                          | Evidence for medieval settlement activity in wider village.                    |
| MHT31642 | Saxon/Medieval                  | Features at 17 Walnut Tree Road                    | Settlement evidence elsewhere in village.                                      |
| MHT31036 | 19th century                    | Former allotments, West Lane                       | Historic land-use context on northern edge.                                    |
| MHT40436 | Possibly prehistoric / historic | Possible road/routeway, Hambridge Way              | Broader eastern landscape context; recent HHER record.                         |

## Appendix B - Principal Archaeological Events

The complete HCC Event Full Report contains 82 records. The following events are the most relevant to interpreting the Site and the eastern/northern edge of Pirton.

| Event                | Date    | Type / Location                                    | Key result or relevance                                                                            |
|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7979              | 2015    | Geophysical survey - Elm Tree Farm / Hambridge Way | Ridge and furrow dominant; few possible cut features in north.                                     |
| EHT8016              | 2015    | Trial-trench evaluation - Holwell Road             | 15 trenches; identified MHT18218, MHT31348 and MHT31349.                                           |
| EHT8352              | 2016-17 | Strip-and-map excavation - Holwell Road            | Investigated the significant prehistoric features identified by evaluation.                        |
| EHT8416              | 2017    | Geophysical survey - Holwell Road                  | No archaeological anomalies beyond old boundaries and ridge/furrow.                                |
| EHT9352              | 2018    | Evaluation - Holwell Road                          | Completed evaluation event. EHT8495 is a separate proposed event which HCC notes did not happen.   |
| EHT8041              | 2016    | Evaluation - 40 Royal Oak Lane                     | No pre-post-medieval features/deposits; mostly natural/undated/modern.                             |
| EHT8869              | 2018-20 | Monitoring - Elm Tree Farm / Hambridge Way         | Record notes no archaeology apart from an Iron Age ditch; monitoring reduced/discontinued in part. |
| EHT5425              | 2004    | Evaluation - Elm Tree Farm                         | Contributes to historic settlement baseline.                                                       |
| EHT5581              | 2006    | Strip/map - Elm Tree Farm                          | Follow-up intervention.                                                                            |
| EHT8630              | 2018    | Evaluation - rear of 17 Walnut Tree Road           | Saxon/medieval investigation sequence.                                                             |
| EHT8902 /<br>EHT8932 | 2020-21 | Excavation - rear of 17 Walnut Tree Road           | Further Saxon/medieval investigation.                                                              |
| EHT9310              | 2024    | Monitoring - 1 West Lane                           | Recent event on northern village edge.                                                             |

## Appendix C - Sources, Figures and Data Provenance

| Source                                                | Material used                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hertfordshire County Council                          | Monument Full Report, HER DATA, generated 16 September 2026; 86 records; supplied under HCC licence to PSK Rural Limited.                                                                                    |
| Hertfordshire County Council                          | Event / Activity Full Report, HER DATA, generated 16 September 2026; 82 records; supplied under HCC licence to PSK Rural Limited.                                                                            |
| Hertfordshire County Council                          | GIS package: monument, event, Scheduled Monument, listed building, Archaeological Alert Area and Historic Landscape Character layers; Map_WestLaneFarm.pdf.                                                  |
| Historic England                                      | National Heritage List for England entries for Toot Hill (1012325), Priors Hill Anglo-Saxon settlement/ring ditches (1434415) and Rectory Farm moated site (1009451), as referenced in the project baseline. |
| Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government | National Planning Policy Framework, published 17 August 2026, historic environment policies.                                                                                                                 |
| North Herts Council                                   | North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031, adopted 8 November 2022, including Policies SP13 and HE4.                                                                                                                  |
| Pirton Parish Council / North Herts Council           | Pirton Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031, made 27 April 2018, including Policy PNP8.                                                                                                                  |
| PSK Rural Limited                                     | LAP SITE 001 Rev A - Indicative Site Layout Plan, August 2026.                                                                                                                                               |
| Project archaeological baseline                       | Comparative archaeological reports and consultation responses previously assembled, including Holwell Road, Elm Tree Farm/Hambridge Way, Pollards Way and Walnut Tree Road material.                         |

### Figure Schedule

| Figure   | Description                                                                              | Source / provenance                                                                        |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Figure 1 | Submitted Indicative Site Layout Plan extract - LAP SITE 001 Rev A, August 2026.         | Applicant / PSK project drawing extract.                                                   |
| Figure 2 | Hertfordshire Historic Environment Record GIS overview: HER DATA: WEST LANE FARM 120.26. | Hertfordshire County Council HHER, September 2026. HCC copyright/licence conditions apply. |

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**Source:** HBSMR configured for

## Hertfordshire County Council

Date created: 2026-09-16

### United Kingdom

Number of records: 86

| SMR Number | Site Name                                    | Record Type |
|------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 32 - MHT32 | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE,<br>PIRTON | Monument    |

12th century earthwork castle, which may disguise a late Saxon fortified enclosure

### Monument Types and Dates

MOTTE AND BAILEY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence      EARTHWORK

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Motte 100m x 6.7m high. Summit mutilated by quarrying giving a false impression of 'breastwork' around the rim. Surrounded by a ditch c.2.5m deep, filled in to NE<1> , wet in south<2> . Trial excavation produced Saxo-Norman bowls<1> . See [1487] for the manor; the castle was put up by Ralph de Limesi or his father. 'The village lies in the middle of the parish, and is of particular interest, as it was at an early date, possibly before the Conquest, fortified by a ditch. The area inclosed, about 10 acres, was utilized later for a mount and bailey castle, the mount or 'motte' standing about 25 ft. high above the bottom of the surrounding ditch in the north-west corner of the inclosure, and the remainder of the area divided into three baileys, the largest stretching along the north side and including the church and the other two on the south. The ditches are well marked, and there is still at times a good deal of water in parts of them. This castle, unfortunately, has no history. It was probably made in the 12th century, perhaps during the anarchy of Stephen's reign, by Alan or Gerard de Limesi. There is little probability that it was ever defended by masonry walls. On the mount probably stood a timber tower, approached by a steep narrow bridge of timber from the bailey below over the ditch or moat which surrounds it. Timber palisades may have defended the surrounding outer banks of the baileys. We can only conjecture that it was dismantled by Henry II as an adulterine or unlicensed castle, hundreds of which he is said to have destroyed. When the site was abandoned by the Limesis the mount was probably used as a look-out and meetingplace of the villagers, and so came to be called Toot Hill'<3> . It is interesting that even in 1912 it was acknowledged that the earthworks may have a pre-Norman origin; but see [16620]. The late Saxon topography has been disguised by the Norman motte and bailey; see also [746, 1487, 16620, 12426]. For a different view, see<4> : 'the surviving greens at either end of the castle enclosure - which, to judge from the configuration of building lines and property boundaries, were once significantly larger - are clearly fragments of a once much more extensive common: the lord of the manor would, of necessity, have chosen a piece of open ground as the location for the castle, rather than taking up valuable land already cultivated or occupied by houses'.

#### Sources

Graphic material: Unknown. Toot Hill & GreatBury earthworks&interp from c.1800 & 1818 maps. DRN IMG 01

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services. 1995. Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 8412

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services. 1995. Motte & bailey castle, Toot Hill, Pirton. PNO 8413

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 20279

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 20280

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 20281

Bibliographic reference: EHAS newsl 1954,n4.

Cartographic material: Shire Consultancy (HCC). 1996. Contour plans of area of proposed moat at Pirtonbury; scale 1:200.

Bibliographic reference: Renn, Derek. 1971. Medieval castles in Hertfordshire. - p22

Cartographic material: Letchworth Museum. 1988. Survey of earthworks at Great Bury, Pirton.

Bibliographic reference: Page, W (ed.). 1908. VCH Hertfordshire vol.2. - p117

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- (1) Index: OS Records.
- (2) Unpublished document: Cave-Penny, Helena (HCC) site report. Site report 21.1.86
- (3) Bibliographic reference: Page, W (ed.). 1912. VCH Hertfordshire vol.3. - p44
- (4) Bibliographic reference: Rowe, Anne, & Williamson, Tom. 2013. Hertfordshire: a landscape history. - p42-3

#### Associated resources - None recorded

#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

TL 14804 31597 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District

North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

##### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

#### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

##### Associated Designations

|                                    |                                                                           |        |          |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument - 13612 | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE AND SHRUNKEN MEDIEVAL VILLAGE AT PIRTON | Active | DHT10716 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

##### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| HCC Map No. - 10/129 | Active |
|----------------------|--------|

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21 | Active |
|------------------------------------------|--------|

|                                            |        |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 32 | Active |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|

##### Ratings and Scorings

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| HCC Condition | Good |
|---------------|------|

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| HCC Survival | Most (60-79%) |
|--------------|---------------|

#### Land Use

##### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT7563   Historic Earthworks - HISTORIC EARTHWORK (Type Code: EAR-he)  
Toot Hill

#### Other Land Classes

|                         |                                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| HCC Landuse Around Site | GARDEN - private                                  |
| HCC Landuse Around Site | GRASSLAND low degree of management                |
| HCC Landuse Around Site | PATH/ROAD/TRACK/BRIDGE or other spec. throughfare |
| HCC Landuse On Site     | GRASSLAND low degree of management                |

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#### Related Monuments

|       |                                                                   |                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 746   | SHRUNKEN VILLAGE AND DEFENSIVE EARTHWORKS, THE BURY FIELD, PIRTON | Group - Element |
| 12426 | BLACKSMITH'S POND (COMMON), PIRTON                                | Group - Element |

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number               | Site Name            | Record Type |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 154 - MHT154             | RECTORY FARM, PIRTON | Building    |
| 17th century manor house |                      |             |

### Monument Types and Dates

|                                                  |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| BREWHOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)   |                 |
| Evidence                                         | EXTANT BUILDING |
| MANOR HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD) |                 |
| Evidence                                         | EXTANT BUILDING |

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Early 17th century manor house, much altered in the 18th and 19th centuries. Once surrounded by a moat [2221] (so it is presumably on the site of earlier manor houses<2> ). The house has a gabled porch and gabled projecting wings, a single-storey hipped 18th century brewhouse extending to the W and a gabled roughcast timber-framed stair turret projecting at the rear. Features include an original heavy studded door in a cyma moulded frame, a central large 17th century brick chimney and wooden Gothic traceried window with leaded glazing said to be from the church<1> . The manor belonged to the Priory of St Mary in Hertford until the Dissolution, when it was granted to Anthony Denny. The early 17th century brickwork of the house matches brickwork in the (older) Great Barn and the dovecote (see [6302]), and may date to 1609 when the estate was acquired by Sir John Davies<3> .

#### Sources

- Index: OS Records.
- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
  - (2) Report: Ashworth, Helen. 1998. Rectory Farm, Pirton, Herts: watching brief report. watching brief. RNO 706
  - (3) Report: Hillelson, David, & Ashworth, Helen. 2012. The Great Barn, Rectory Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: historic building record. building recording. RNO 3131

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1415 3199 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                                    |                                                      |        |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument - 20648 | MOATED SITE AND ASSOCIATED ENCLOSURE AT RECTORY FARM | Active | DHT10758 |
| SHINE                              | Medieval Moated Site at Rectory Farm, Pirton         | Active | DHT10150 |

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

**SMR Number** 154 - MHT154      **Site Name** RECTORY FARM, PIRTON

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|                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Listed Building (II*)                       | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 154 | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                        | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                       | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Importance - 21      | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|      |                                                                        |                        |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2221 | MOATED SITE, RECTORY FARM, PIRTON                                      | Functional Association |
| 6302 | MEDIEVAL BARN AND POST-MEDIEVAL FARM BUILDINGS AT RECTORY FARM, PIRTON | Functional Association |

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT4567 Watching brief at Rectory Farm, Pirton, 1996 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN051)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 195 - MHT195      **Site Name** IRON AGE OR ANGLO-SAXON POT BASE, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 195 - MHT195      | IRON AGE OR ANGLO-SAXON POT BASE,<br>PIRTON | Find Spot          |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Earlier Iron Age to Late Saxon - 800 BC to 1065 AD)

Evidence      FIND

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

'A rough pot base, probably Iron Age, possibly Anglo-Saxon'; NGR not verified<1> .

#### **Sources**

(1)      Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

TL 144 317 (point)      TL13SW      Centre/Point

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 195      Active

HCC Map No. - 10/129      Active

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)      Active

Area of Archaeological Importance - 21      Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT7556    18-19th C Enclosure - FORMAL STYLE PARLIAMENTARY ENCLOSURE (Type Code: LEF-pe)

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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#### **Associated Finds**

FHT1417    SHERD (FHT1417)      POTTERY

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                     | Site Name                        | Record Type |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 552 - MHT552                                                   | NEOLITHIC AXE, FAKESWELL, PIRTON | Find Spot   |
| Polished greenstone axe found in a chalk pit (disused by 1882) |                                  |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Neolithic - 4500 BC to 2501 BC)

Evidence FIND

CHALK PIT (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A polished greenstone axe<1> , 'probably the greenstone polished axehead accession number 1935.7167 in Letchworth Museum'<3, 4> . The NGR is for a pit shown on the 1882 OS map<2> , and named 'Old Chalk Pit'. It was about 50m in length and is now a patch of woodland. This is at the end of a spur overlooking the stream.

#### Sources

Serial: Herts Express. ?1930

- (1) Bibliographic reference: Lane. Natural history of Hitchin. - p239
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (3) Unpublished document: Information from Keith Fitzpatrick-Matthews, North Hertfordshire Museum.
- (4) Digital archive: <https://ehive.com/account/4308/>. Website. object/546466

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1581 3258 (point) TL13SE Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (No) Active

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 552 Active

HCC Map No. - 11/111 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT7593 20th C Agriculture - BOUNDARY LOSS (Type Code: TEF-bl)

**SMR Number** 552 - MHT552      **Site Name** NEOLITHIC AXE, FAKESWELL, PIRTON

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**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Associated Finds**

|        |                                                                   |            |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| FHT231 | POLISHED AXEHEAD (1) (Neolithic - 4500 BC to 2501 BC)<br>(FHT231) | GREENSTONE |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 553 - MHT553      **Site Name** PROBABLE BRONZE AGE HOARD, 'HILLY FIELDS',

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                  | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 553 - MHT553      | PROBABLE BRONZE AGE HOARD, 'HILLY FIELDS', PIRTON | Find Spot          |

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### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Bronze Age - 2500 BC to 801 BC)

Evidence      FIND

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A possible bronze hoard, consisting of four axes (looped and socketed) and a lump of metal<1> . 'Hilly Fields' has not been identified, so the NGR is arbitrary but within the parish of Pirton.

#### Sources

(1)      Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 142 318 (point)      TL13SW      Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 553      Active

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)      Active

HCC Map No. - 11/      Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT7556    18-19th C Enclosure - FORMAL STYLE PARLIAMENTARY ENCLOSURE (Type Code: LEF-pe)

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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### Associated Finds

FHT1350    SOCKETED AXEHEAD (Small quantity) (Bronze Age - 2500 BC to 801 BC) (FHT1350)    COPPER ALLOY

FHT232    HOARD? (Bronze Age - 2500 BC to 801 BC) (FHT232)    COPPER ALLOY

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 553 - MHT553

**Site Name** PROBABLE BRONZE AGE HOARD, 'HILLY FIELDS',

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**SMR Number** 746 - MHT746 **Site Name** SHRUNKEN VILLAGE AND DEFENSIVE

| SMR Number   | Site Name                                                            | Record Type |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 746 - MHT746 | SHRUNKEN VILLAGE AND DEFENSIVE<br>EARTHWORKS, THE BURY FIELD, PIRTON | Monument    |

### Monument Types and Dates

BAILEY (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

EARTHWORK (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

SHRUNKEN VILLAGE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The settlement lies by the Icknield Way. Earthworks of banks and ditches lie within a field named The Bury to the south and east of Toot Hill [32]<1> . These are probably the remains of one or more baileys, and shrunken village earthworks represented by hollow ways and house platforms, surveyed in 1987-8<2, 3, 4> . See

#### Sources

Bibliographic reference: Renn, Derek. 1971. Medieval castles in Hertfordshire. - p2

Bibliographic reference: Page, W (ed.). 1908. VCH Hertfordshire vol.2. - p117-18

Index: OS Records.

- (1) Unpublished document: Cave-Penny, Helena (HCC) site report. Site report 21.1.86
- (2) Cartographic material: Letchworth Museum. 1988. Survey of earthworks at Great Bury, Pirton.
- (3) Unpublished document: KJM (Fitzpatrick-Matthews, Keith). 1989. Pirton, The Bury. Details of 1988 surveying
- (4) Article in serial: Burleigh, Gil. 1988. North Herts archaeological project; North Hertfordshire Antiquary no.17 (March 1988), 1-5. - p3

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1475 3154 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                                    |                                                                                 |        |          |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument - 13612 | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY<br>CASTLE AND SHRUNKEN MEDIEVAL<br>VILLAGE AT PIRTON | Active | DHT10716 |
| SHINE                              | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle                                                  | Active | DHT10897 |

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

**SMR Number** 746 - MHT746      **Site Name** SHRUNKEN VILLAGE AND DEFENSIVE

|                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                       | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                        | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 746 | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21    | Active |

### Ratings and Scorings

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| HCC Condition | Good                        |
| HCC Survival  | Almost<br>comp.(80-<br>90%) |

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT7563    Historic Earthworks - HISTORIC EARTHWORK (Type Code: EAR-he)  
              Toot Hill

#### Other Land Classes

|                         |                                                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| HCC Landuse Around Site | CHURCHYARD                                           |
| HCC Landuse Around Site | GARDEN - private                                     |
| HCC Landuse Around Site | PATH/ROAD/TRACK/BRIDGE or other<br>spec. throughfare |
| HCC Landuse On Site     | GARDEN - private                                     |
| HCC Landuse On Site     | GRASSLAND low degree of<br>management                |

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### Related Monuments

|       |                                           |                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 32    | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE, PIRTON | Group - Element |
| 16620 | PIRTON VILLAGE                            | Group - Element |

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### Finds - None recorded

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### Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

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### Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 1474 - MHT1474 **Site Name** ROMAN COIN, CRABTREE FARM, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                  | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1474 - MHT1474    | ROMAN COIN, CRABTREE FARM, PIRTON | Find Spot          |
| Coin of Probus    |                                   |                    |

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### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Late Roman - 201 AD to 409 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Coin of Probus found in 1959. The NGR seems unlikely since it is at Walnut Tree Farm on the south of the village. Crabtree Lane runs between TL c.1455 3162 (W) to TL c. 1471 3174 (E); Crabtree Farm was presumably on its north side, now built over.

#### Sources

Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                    |        |              |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 148 314 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 1474 | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance          | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                        | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                         | Active |

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

|         |                                                                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HHT1654 | Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba) |
| Pirton  |                                                                                 |

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

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#### Related Monuments - None Recorded

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#### Associated Finds

|        |                                                   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| FHT544 | COIN (1) (Late Roman - 201 AD to 409 AD) (FHT544) |
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**SMR Number** 1474 - MHT1474 **Site Name** ROMAN COIN, CRABTREE FARM, PIRTON

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 1475 - MHT1475 **Site Name** ROMAN POTTERY, SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1475 - MHT1475    | ROMAN POTTERY, SCHOOL PLAYGROUND,<br>PIRTON | Find Spot          |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence FIND

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Romano-British pottery found in the school playground<1> .

#### **Sources**

(1) Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

TL 1459 3176 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) Active

HCC Map No. - 10/111 Active

Area of Archaeological Significance - 21 Active

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 1475 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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#### **Associated Finds**

FHT1952 SHERD (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD) (FHT1952) POTTERY

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number     | Site Name                                 | Record Type |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1477 - MHT1477 | ROMANO-BRITISH POTTERY, TOOT HILL, PIRTON | Find Spot   |

Redeposited Roman sherds in the Norman earthwork bank

### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence FIND

### Description and Sources

#### Description

'...6 sherds identified by Wheeler as RB including a scrap of Samian, a 3rd-4th century sherd, and nothing that is definitely not Roman ...' found in the outer bank of the castle at Toot Hill [32]<1> . These finds may be in Hitchin Museum.

#### Sources

Index: OS Records.

Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

(1) Unpublished document: Correspondence. John Morris, 26.4.1955

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 147 317 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21 | Active |
|------------------------------------------|--------|

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| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

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| HCC Map No. - 10/129 | Active |
|----------------------|--------|

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|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 1477 | Active |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

#### Related Monuments - None Recorded

**SMR Number** 1477 - MHT1477 **Site Name** ROMANO-BRITISH POTTERY, TOOT HILL, PIRTON

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**Associated Finds**

FHT1954 SHERD (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD) (FHT1954) POTTERY

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 1478 - MHT1478 **Site Name** ROMAN BUILDING, BURY FIELD, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                   | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1478 - MHT1478    | ROMAN BUILDING, BURY FIELD, PIRTON | Monument           |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

BUILDING (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

'Floor of Roman building and Flavian pottery excavated 1955'<1> . The precise position is not recorded.

#### **Sources**

(1) Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

TL 147 315 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Designations**

|                                    |                                                                           |        |          |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument - 13612 | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE AND SHRUNKEN MEDIEVAL VILLAGE AT PIRTON | Active | DHT10716 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

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| HCC Map No. - 10/129 | Active |
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| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21 | Active |
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|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 1478 | Active |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT7563 Historic Earthworks - HISTORIC EARTHWORK (Type Code: EAR-he)  
Toot Hill

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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#### **Associated Finds**

|         |                                                 |         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| FHT1955 | SHERD (Early Roman - 50 AD to 200 AD) (FHT1955) | POTTERY |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|

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**SMR Number** 1478 - MHT1478 **Site Name** ROMAN BUILDING, BURY FIELD, PIRTON

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**Associated Events/Activities** - None recorded

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations** - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 1480 - MHT1480 **Site Name** ROMANO-BRITISH SPINDLE WHORL, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                     | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1480 - MHT1480    | ROMANO-BRITISH SPINDLE WHORL, PIRTON | Find Spot          |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Roman spindle whorl found at Pirton.

#### **Sources**

Index: OS Records.

Unpublished document: Morris Gazetteer.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                    |        |              |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 144 317 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
|----------------------------|--------|

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| Area of Archaeological Importance - 21 | Active |
|----------------------------------------|--------|

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| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 1480 | Active |
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| HCC Map No. - 10/129 | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT7556 18-19th C Enclosure - FORMAL STYLE PARLIAMENTARY ENCLOSURE (Type Code: LEF-pe)

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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#### **Associated Finds**

FHT545 SPINDLE WHORL (1) (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD) (FHT545)

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number     | Site Name       | Record Type |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1487 - MHT1487 | MANOR OF PIRTON | Monument    |

### Monument Types and Dates

MANOR (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The manor is recorded in Domesday as 'Peritone'. At the Norman Conquest, Pirton was a thriving manorial estate held by the Archbishop of Canterbury. It passed to Ralph de Limesi, whose family held it for four generations. The motte and bailey castle [32] in the centre of the village, known as Toot Hill, was erected during this time. At end of the 12th century the manor was divided between William and Hugh, sons of Limesi's great-granddaughter. The manor remained in their families until the Dissolution. In 1538 Henry VIII granted the property to Anthony Denny, whose family held it until 1609 when it passed to Sir John Davies. In 1656 the manor was sold to Thomas Knight and in 1686 conveyed to Sir Anthony Dean. It was sold again in 1736 to Robert, second Lord Raymond and was inherited by Benesham Filmer. In 1870 the manor was sold to Mr Daniel Davies of Hexton Manor<1> . For evidence of shrinkage (and the settlement's complex history) see [746, 16620]. Also see [4315] for church, [746] for earthworks and [9677] for Saxo-Norman cemetery and possible church.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Ashworth, Helen. 1998. Rectory Farm, Pirton, Herts: watching brief report. watching brief. RNO 706

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1473 3160 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                                    |                                                                           |        |          |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument - 13612 | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE AND SHRUNKEN MEDIEVAL VILLAGE AT PIRTON | Active | DHT10716 |
| SHINE                              | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle                                            | Active | DHT10897 |

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21     | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                        | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                         | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 1487 | Active |

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

**SMR Number** 1487 - MHT1487 **Site Name** MANOR OF PIRTON

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**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT7563 Historic Earthworks - HISTORIC EARTHWORK (Type Code: EAR-he)  
Toot Hill

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT4567 Watching brief at Rectory Farm, Pirton, 1996 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN051)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 2334 - MHT2334 **Site Name** CROPMARKS OF A SUB-RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                 | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2334 - MHT2334    | CROPMARKS OF A SUB-RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE, PIRTON | Monument           |

### Monument Types and Dates

ENCLOSURE (Unknown date)

Evidence CROPMARK

RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE (Unknown date)

Evidence CROPMARK

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Cropmark of part of a subrectangular enclosure (one complete side and parts of two other sides). Straight-sided with curved corners. There are no gaps in the visible ditch circuit. Dimensions 60m x 90m (incomplete).

#### Sources

Index: OS Records.

(1) Aerial Photograph: CUCAP. Cropmarks of sub-rectangular enclosure, Pirton. PNO 3049

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1537 3137 (point) TL13SE Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                                                  |        |          |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Cropmarks of a sub-rectangular enclosure of unknown date, Pirton | Active | DHT10267 |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

SHINE Candidate (Yes) Active

HCC Map No. - 11/129 Active

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 2334 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT3009 20th C Agriculture - BOUNDARY LOSS (Type Code: TEF-bl)

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

#### Related Monuments - None Recorded

#### Finds - None recorded

**SMR Number** 2334 - MHT2334 **Site Name** CROPMARKS OF A SUB-RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE,

**Associated Events/Activities** - None recorded

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations** - None recorded

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| <b>SMR Number</b>      | <b>Site Name</b>         | <b>Record Type</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 4315 - MHT4315         | ST MARY'S CHURCH, PIRTON | Building           |
| Medieval parish church |                          |                    |

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**Monument Types and Dates**

CHURCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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**Description and Sources****Description**

12th century parish church, originally cruciform in plan until the transepts were destroyed by successive collapses of the tower. The S porch, windows, buttresses and chancel roof and fittings date from the 14th century with alterations in the 15th century and a full restoration programme in the 19th century. Features include an early 14th century double piscina, medieval stone corbels carved with heads, fragments of 14th century stained glass and an early 14th century south door<1> . In the 11th century or early 12th century the advowson of Pirton church was given by Ralph de Limesy to St Mary's, Hertford. The standing building is apparently 12th century in origin, a cruciform church; the upper part of the tower collapsed in the 13th century (possibly due to an earth tremor in 1298), destroying the north transept. It was not rebuilt, and by 1850 the south transept was ruinous and the tower in a state of collapse. Renovation and rebuilding in the period 1851-83 included the demolition and reconstruction of the tower. The south transept was rebuilt in 1914<2> . After bomb damage in 1944 the chancel was repaired. Continued subsidence beneath the north wall of the chancel led to limited investigation in 2003-4, revealing that in the late 19th or mid 20th century a brick foundation and concrete pad had been built around the chancel (and probably the south transept as well) to try to stabilise it. The foundation of the north transept, which did survive, consisted of clunch blocks over cobbles<2> . The stonework of the walls includes some hewn ashlar blocks of Bedfordshire Greensand (Woburn Sands Formation), an unusual material in Herts<3> . It is also notable for the amount of Totternhoe stone in the walls; much of this was quarried locally, from a source at (the significantly named) Glebe Pit which includes giant ammonites and other fossils<3> . See [9677] for a Saxo-Norman and earlier cemetery and possible church nearby.

**Sources**

Report: Hounsell, Dan. 2006. St Mary's church, Pirton, Herts: programme of archaeological test pitting. field evaluation. RNO 2224

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 20281

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 20280

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton. PNO 20279

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Report: Hounsell, Dan. 2006. St Mary's church, Pirton, Herts: programme of archaeological test pitting. field evaluation. RNO 2224
- (3) Bibliographic reference: Catt, John (ed.). 2010. Hertfordshire geology and landscape. Pl.89, p310-11; Pl.99, p317

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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**Location****National Grid Reference**TL 1469 3166 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

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### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 4315 | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                         | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                        | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21     | Active |
| Listed Building (I)                          | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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#### Associated Events/Activities

|         |                                                                      |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT1296 | Test pits at St Mary's church, Pirton, 2003-4 (Event - Intervention) |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                   | Site Name             | Record Type |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 4513 - MHT4513                                               | HAMMONDS FARM, PIRTON | Building    |
| Early 16th century timber-framed farmhouse of irregular plan |                       |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

OPEN HALL HOUSE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence ARCHITECTURAL COMPONENT

FARMHOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The farmhouse, timber-framed with red brick casing and red tile roofs, is an irregular 2-storeyed, L-shaped house facing S, with a 3-bay E crosswing projecting to the front and a gabled porch, internal chimney and gabled stair turret at the rear. It is dated to the early 16th century with late 16th century additions and rebuilding in the early 17th century<1> . The hall incorporates evidence of a medieval open hall house<2> . The name was recorded in 1609 as 'Hamondes', and 'is to be associated with the family of John Hamond', documented in 1513<3> . For the farmstead and its high-quality timber-framed buildings, see [6300].

#### Sources

Index: OS Records.

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Bibliographic reference: Smith, J T. 1993. Hertfordshire houses: selective inventory. - p139-40
- (3) Bibliographic reference: Gover, J E B, Mawer, Allen, & Stenton, F M. 1938. The place-names of Hertfordshire. - p21

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14439 32288 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                                |                                                                                      |        |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II*) - 163144 | HAMMOND'S FARMHOUSE                                                                  | Active | DHT7277 |
| SHINE                          | Hammond's Farm, Pirton, 16th Century House, possibly previously Medieval Moated Site | Active | DHT9946 |

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

**SMR Number** 4513 - MHT4513    **Site Name** HAMMONDS FARM, PIRTON

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|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Listed Building (II*)                        | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                        | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 4513 | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/111                         | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654    Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|      |                                                   |                        |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 6300 | TIMBER FARM BUILDINGS AT<br>HAMMONDS FARM, PIRTON | Functional Association |
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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 5297 - MHT5297 **Site Name** POST BOX, BURGE END, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 5297 - MHT5297    | POST BOX, BURGE END, PIRTON | Building           |
| Brick pillar box  |                             |                    |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

POST BOX (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence      STRUCTURE

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Brick pillar box.

#### **Sources**

Index: Branch Johnson, W. Survey of Industrial Monuments in Herts. Record 3680 (1965)

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

TL 144 323 (point)      TL13SW      Centre/Point

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

SHINE Candidate (Possible)      Active

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 5297      Active

HCC Map No. - 10/111      Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654   Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 6300 - MHT6300 **Site Name** TIMBER FARM BUILDINGS AT HAMMONDS FARM,

| SMR Number     | Site Name                                      | Record Type |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 6300 - MHT6300 | TIMBER FARM BUILDINGS AT HAMMONDS FARM, PIRTON | Building    |

Post-medieval farmstead with 16th century and later buildings

### Monument Types and Dates

BREWHOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

DOVECOTE? (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMSTEAD (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

GRANARY (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED BARN (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A square dovecote at Hammonds Farm is now part of another building<1> . The farm buildings include the north barn, 37m north of the early 16th century farmhouse [4513], a tall 16th century timber-framed and weatherboarded barn five bays long, facing south across the open space to the house. It has double doors in the south side of the middle bay, and a lean-to outshut opposite on the north side<2> . Just outside the back door of the house (on its north side) is an outbuilding which was probably built as a brewhouse in or before the 17th century. It is timber-framed on a brick sill, a single-storey rectangular structure of two bays. The north side has 18th century brick infill within the exposed framing, the east gable is stuccoed, and the south side, facing the house, has been cased in 19th century yellow brick. This side has a door and window<2> . It is this which appears to be the square 'dovecote', and is attached to the east end of the north granary, below. NW of the house by the road are two adjoining 16th century or earlier buildings thought to be granaries, 'unusually extensive granary provision in sophisticated timber framed buildings'<2> . Each is three bays wide and tall, originally two-storey, on a stuccoed brick sill with some surviving wattle and daub panels and dark weatherboarding. They stand at right-angles facing south and east. The north range has a weathervane on the east gable, and windows on the upper level, but the heavy floor beams have been cut away, removing the upper floor. The west range is similar and still has two bays of its upper floor. The double doors in the south bay are made from 'engraved (?temporary) memorial boards with groups of names annually from 1918 to 1920'<2> . The farmstead is shown on the later 19th century OS maps<3, 4> in more or less its present form.

#### Sources

- (1) Article in serial: Wittering, W O. 1974. Dovecotes and pigeon lofts of Hertfordshire: a comprehensive account; Herts Countryside no.177, vol.29 (Jan 1974), 41-4.
- (2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (4) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

#### Location

**SMR Number** 6300 - MHT6300 **Site Name** TIMBER FARM BUILDINGS AT HAMMONDS FARM,

**National Grid Reference**

TL 1443 3230 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations**

|                                |                                                        |        |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163145  | OUTHOUSE 10 METRES TO NORTH OF HOUSE AT HAMMOND'S FARM | Active | DHT7714 |
| Listed Building (II) - 163147  | NORTH BARN AT HAMMOND'S FARM                           | Active | DHT6981 |
| Listed Building (II*) - 163146 | FARM BUILDING AT ENTRANCE TO YARD AT HAMMOND'S FARM    | Active | DHT7576 |

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 6300 Active

HCC Map No. - 10/111 Active

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|      |                       |                        |
|------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 4513 | HAMMONDS FARM, PIRTON | Functional Association |
|------|-----------------------|------------------------|

**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 6301 - MHT6301 **Site Name** SITE OF DOVECOTE, BURGE END FARM, PIRTON

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| SMR Number     | Site Name                                   | Record Type |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 6301 - MHT6301 | SITE OF DOVECOTE, BURGE END FARM,<br>PIRTON | Monument    |

Post-medieval dovecote, demolished in the later 20th century

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### Monument Types and Dates

DOVECOTE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Square dovecote, very much altered with new flat roof<1> . For Burge End Farm, see [15902]. The dovecote is not present on the 2000 aerial photomapping<2> . It is shown on the later 19th century OS maps<3, 4> as a small structure standing on its own north of the farmyard.

#### Sources

- (1) Article in serial: Wittering, W O. 1974. Dovecotes and pigeon lofts of Hertfordshire: a comprehensive account; Herts Countryside no.177, vol.29 (Jan 1974), 41-4.
- (2) Aerial Photograph: Hertfordshire County Council. HCC vertical photomapping, 2000.
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (4) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

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|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1436 3237 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 6301 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)                   | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/111                         | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT7558 Pre18th C Enclosure - IRREGULAR ENCLOSURE (Type Code: AEF-if)

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 6301 - MHT6301    **Site Name** SITE OF DOVECOTE, BURGE END FARM, PIRTON

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**Associated Events/Activities** - None recorded

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations** - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 6508 - MHT6508 **Site Name** POSSIBLE PIT, VICARAGE, CRABTREE LANE, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                              | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6508 - MHT6508    | POSSIBLE PIT, VICARAGE, CRABTREE LANE, PIRTON | Monument           |

Large undated feature or layer

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### Monument Types and Dates

OCCUPATION SITE? (Unknown date)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

PIT? (Unknown date)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
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### Description and Sources

#### Description

An occupation level or possibly a large pit was observed near the centre of an area of new house footings at the Vicarage. The feature was an apparently rectangular depression c.6m x 4m and 3.1m deep, filled with clay and with a charcoal layer near the base. There were no finds and no evidence of date either in the depression or the spoil. The area was otherwise deeply cultivated<1> .

#### Sources

(1) Unpublished document: Mike Daniels (HCC), site report. 17.2.83

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                    |        |              |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 146 316 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| HCC Map No. - 10/129 | Active |
|----------------------|--------|

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

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|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 6508 | Active |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|

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|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Area of Archaeological Significance - 21 | Active |
|------------------------------------------|--------|

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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

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|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HHT1654 | Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba) |
| Pirton  |                                                                                 |

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 6508 - MHT6508 **Site Name** POSSIBLE PIT, VICARAGE, CRABTREE LANE, PIRTON

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 9059 - MHT9059 **Site Name** EARTHWORKS OF RIDGE AND FURROW, WRIGHT'S

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                         | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9059 - MHT9059    | EARTHWORKS OF RIDGE AND FURROW,<br>WRIGHT'S FARM, PIRTON | Monument           |

### Monument Types and Dates

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Evidence | EARTHWORK |
|----------|-----------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Ridge and furrow and other earthworks of field or property boundaries centred at the given NGR<1> . The earthworks cover approx. 3ha. One of these is the course of a footpath, shown on the 1882 OS map<2> and still functioning although diverted around the edge of a field.

#### Sources

- (1) Verbal communication: Stewart Bryant (HCC). Information. Site visit 27.4.97
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1421 3210 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                   | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance -        | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 9059 | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/111                         | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT7558 Pre18th C Enclosure - IRREGULAR ENCLOSURE (Type Code: AEF-if)

#### Other Land Classes

|                         |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| HCC Landuse Around Site | ARABLE                             |
| HCC Landuse On Site     | GRASSLAND low degree of management |

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 9059 - MHT9059 **Site Name** EARTHWORKS OF RIDGE AND FURROW, WRIGHT'S

**Associated Events/Activities** - None recorded

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations** - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 9676 - MHT9676 **Site Name** SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                           | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9676 - MHT9676    | SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, THE FOX, PIRTON | Monument           |

Occupation beginning in the 7th to 9th centuries

### Monument Types and Dates

OCCUPATION SITE (Middle Saxon to Medieval - 550 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

RUBBISH PIT (Middle Saxon to Medieval - 550 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

BUILDING (Middle Saxon to Post Medieval - 550 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Evaluation in 1993 revealed well-preserved medieval and probable Saxo-Norman occupation. Wall foundations, enclosures, pits and post-holes (some in alignment) were identified; provisional dating of the pottery ranges from c.900 to c.1450<1> . Subsequent excavation identified considerable evidence of Saxo-Norman and medieval occupation, including a series of buildings orientated E-W and N-S, surrounding a cemetery [9677]. Given its position and alignment, a building to the north of the cemetery may be an early church [9677]. Nine certain and four possible medieval buildings of post-hole and sill-beam construction were located in Areas B and C. Area A, near the street frontage, contained two substantial post-medieval buildings. A number of ditches and post-holes were found across the site. Though many features could not be dated or associated, some pits, post-holes and hearths were closely associated with buildings, and the quantity of domestic rubbish suggests considerable and sustained activity<2> . The occupation here appears both very dense and very well preserved<3, 4> . Reassessment by Paul Blinkhorn of the Saxon pottery has found it to date to the 7th-9th centuries<5> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Fenton, Penny. 1993. An archaeological evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 109
- (2) Report: Fenton, Penny. 1995. Land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological excavation interim summary. field excavation. RNO 94
- (3) Verbal communication: Stewart Bryant (HCC). Information. Interpretation
- (4) Report: Burleigh, G R. 1993. Land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Herts: recommendations of the Keeper of Field Archaeology as a result of the archaeological field evaluation. archaeological recommendation. RNO 635
- (5) Unpublished document: Information from Gil Burleigh. November 2016

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1473 3185 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 9676 - MHT9676 **Site Name** SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS,

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                   | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance          | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                         | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 9676 | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### **Related Monuments**

|       |                                                     |                        |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 16620 | PIRTON VILLAGE                                      | Group - Element        |
| 9677  | SAXO-NORMAN CEMETERY AND<br>POSSIBLE CHURCH, PIRTON | Functional Association |

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### **Associated Finds**

|         |                                                                   |         |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| FHT2193 | SHERD (Middle Saxon to Medieval - 550 AD to 1500 AD)<br>(FHT2193) | POTTERY |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|

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### **Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT4188 | Evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1993 (Event - Intervention) |
| EHT4203 | Excavation on land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1995 (Event - Intervention) |

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 9677 - MHT9677 **Site Name** SAXO-NORMAN CEMETERY AND POSSIBLE CHURCH,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                 | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9677 - MHT9677    | SAXO-NORMAN CEMETERY AND POSSIBLE CHURCH, PIRTON | Monument           |

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### Monument Types and Dates

CHURCH? (Late Saxon - 870 AD to 1065 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

INHUMATION CEMETERY (Late Saxon - 870 AD to 1065 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Evidence | BURIAL |
|----------|--------|

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The cemetery consisted of forty individuals, 26 adults, 4 adolescents, 8 children and one infant, all orientated E-W. Most graves were placed individually but some were in multiple graves indicating family plots. There was evidence for only one coffin, in one of the larger family graves. Few grave goods were present other than iron objects including a possible knife, an unidentified copper object, and a jet bead. The cemetery was well defined, with an alignment of post-holes on the W side, a ditch with two buildings beyond it to the north, and a building to the east. One of the buildings to the north was on a W-E orientation, and is possibly an early church that was replaced by the standing medieval parish church [4315]. An enclosure ditch surrounded the entire cemetery. Both the cemetery and the two buildings nearby may date to the Saxo-Norman period. But see also [9676], associated settlement with pottery dating to the 7th-9th centuries.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Fenton, Penny. 1993. An archaeological evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 109
- (2) Report: Burleigh, G R. 1993. Land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Herts: recommendations of the Keeper of Field Archaeology as a result of the archaeological field evaluation. archaeological recommendation. RNO 635
- (3) Report: Fenton, Penny. 1995. Land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological excavation interim summary. field excavation. RNO 94

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1473 3185 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

**SMR Number** 9677 - MHT9677 **Site Name** SAXO-NORMAN CEMETERY AND POSSIBLE CHURCH,

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 9677 Active

SHINE Candidate (Possible) Active

Area of Archaeological Significance Active

HCC Map No. - 10/129 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

9676 SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL Functional Association  
BUILDINGS, THE FOX, PIRTON

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT4188 Evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1993 (Event - Intervention)

EHT4203 Excavation on land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1995 (Event - Intervention)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 9680 - MHT9680 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL & LATER DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                                  | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9680 - MHT9680    | MEDIEVAL & LATER DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT,<br>WALNUT TREE FARM, PIRTON | Monument           |

Medieval and later features at the farmstead, with rubbish including 10th-12th century pottery

### Monument Types and Dates

RUBBISH PIT (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

DITCH (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

OCCUPATION SITE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Domestic settlement, possibly a forerunner to the farmstead, was recorded during building work. Ditches and gullies may represent former boundaries, and pits contained domestic rubbish including daub, butchered bone and 10th-12th century pottery. Two postholes were recorded but no other evidence of structures. Additional features recorded in the service trench may relate to activity to the north-west in the area of The Bury. There was also considerable post-medieval evidence. Most of this was structural, relating to walls, pathways and other garden features, and are likely to be associated with the present (?17th century and later) farmhouse and its associated buildings<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Fenton, Penny. 1996. Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological watching brief report. watching brief. RNO 116
- (2) Report: Ashworth, Helen. 1998. Barn 2, Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, Herts: archaeological observation report. watching brief. RNO 659

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1480 3140 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|----------|------------------------------------|

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                |        |          |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle | Active | DHT10897 |
|-------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| HCC Map No. - 10/129 | Active |
|----------------------|--------|

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|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 9680 | Active |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 9680 - MHT9680 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL & LATER DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT,

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                          |                 |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 15907 | WALNUT TREE FARM, PIRTON | Group - Element |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|

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**Associated Finds**

|         |                                                                     |         |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| FHT2267 | SHERD (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)<br>(FHT2267) | POTTERY |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT4209 | Watching brief at Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, 1996 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN022)       |
| EHT4805 | Observations at Barn 2, Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, 1997 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN091) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                                   | Record Type |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10549 - MHT10549 | MEDIEVAL FEATURES, 2 DAVIS CRESCENT, PIRTON | Monument    |

A ditch and pit containing medieval pottery

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### Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A gully and pit, both containing medieval pottery, were found during work on the driveway of 2 Davis Crescent<1> . The context is unclear, but they may represent small-scale occupation or industrial activity at the northern edge of the medieval village<2> .

#### Sources

- (1) Verbal communication: Observation, SRB (HCC) & M Stevenson (NHDC) 1998.
- (2) Verbal communication: Stewart Bryant (HCC). Information. Site visit, 22.5.00

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14769 32035 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 10549 Active

SHINE Candidate (Possible) Active

HCC Map No. - 10/129 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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#### Associated Finds

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**SMR Number** 10549 - MHT1054 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL FEATURES, 2 DAVIS CRESCENT, PIRTON

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FHT2386 SHERD (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD) (FHT2386) POTTERY

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 10894 - MHT1089 **Site Name** LATE POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, 77 HIGH

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                            | Record Type |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10894 - MHT10894 | LATE POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, 77 HIGH STREET, PIRTON | Monument    |

19th century buildings with some earlier features

### Monument Types and Dates

BUILDING (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

DITCH (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Redevelopment of the plot on the north side of the High Street revealed the brick floors of two outbuildings, apparently related to a recently demolished later 19th century building shown here at the rear of the plot on the OS maps<2, 3> . A cobbled area on the east side of this building represented the access alley shown on<2> , which ran alongside the smithy on the street frontage. Three pits contained domestic rubbish of the first half of the 19th century, predating the buildings shown on the OS maps. An earlier post-medieval boundary ditch and two other ditches which may represent a timber structure were also present<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Turner, Chris. 1998. 77 High Street, Pirton, Herts: archaeological observation and recording report. watching brief. RNO 670
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1484 3178 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 10894 Active

HCC Map No. - 10/ 129 Active

SHINE Candidate (Possible) Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**SMR Number** 10894 - MHT1089 **Site Name** LATE POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, 77 HIGH

### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

#### **Other Land Classes**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| HCC Landuse Around Site | ARABLE           |
| HCC Landuse On Site     | BUILDING or BLDG |

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#### **Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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#### **Finds - None recorded**

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#### **Associated Events/Activities**

EHT4816 Monitoring at 77 High Street, Pirton, 1998 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN 202)

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#### **Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                                 | Record Type |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 11409 - MHT11409 | SAXO-NORMAN FEATURES, LITTLE LANE, PIRTON | Monument    |

### Monument Types and Dates

BUILDING? (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

DITCH (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Two phases of investigation identified four phases of activity: a pit, two ditches and a beamslot dated by Saxo-Norman pottery; late post-medieval; 19th century occupation, when the site was divided into two plots; and 20th century demolition<1, 2> . The early medieval presumably relates to Saxo-Norman occupation 80m to the SW [9676].

#### Sources

Report: Ashworth, Helen, & Hillelson, David. 2000. Land at Little Lane, Pirton, Herts: desk-based archaeological assessment. desk-based assessment. RNO 713

(1) Report: Hillelson, David. 2001. Land at Little Lane, Pirton, Herts: archaeological evaluation. excavation. RNO 854

(2) Report: Hillelson, David. 2003. Land at Little Lane, Pirton, Herts: archaeological assessment report. Archaeological assessment. RNO 1420

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1473 3193 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 11409 Active

HCC Map No. - 10/129 Active

SHINE Candidate (Possible) Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

**SMR Number** 11409 - MHT1140 **Site Name** SAXO-NORMAN FEATURES, LITTLE LANE, PIRTON

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HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes**

HCC Landuse On Site GARDEN - public

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT4955 Evaluation of land at Little Lane, Pirton, 2001 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN 303)

EHT5319 Excavation on land at Little Lane, Pirton, 2001-2 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 181)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                                         | Site Name                          | Record Type |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 12426 - MHT12426                                                                   | BLACKSMITH'S POND (COMMON), PIRTON | Monument    |
| Village pond, a remnant of a medieval moat surrounding the Toot Hill castle bailey |                                    |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

COMMON LAND (Historic: period uncertain - 410 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

MOAT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Registered common land<1> . NGR = approximate centre. The later 19th century OS maps<2, 3> shows the pond extending further south beyond the path to Toot Hill, and marks it 'Moat' in lettering denoting an antiquity. It was then slightly wider at the north end than it is now. It was evidently regarded as part of the outworks of the castle [32], with a detached water-filled portion to the south at TL 14848 31554 which no longer survives, and another at TL 14758 31563, which does (although reduced). These pieces of water appear to have been part of a moat around the Toot Hill bailey, separate from the moat surrounding the motte.<4> shows the complete layout. Groundworks behind 6 Walnut Tree Road (an early 19th century house), just east of the pond, revealed part of the pond's edge as shown on the 1882 map<2, 5> . A deposit of subsoil and oxidised clay may represent consolidation and reshaping of the bank using material scoured from the pond<5> . This appears to have occurred more than once, as this southern end provided access to drinking water for cattle grazing on The Bury. In 2013 the edge of the bank here was restored to the historic line<6> .

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Commons Register. CL 249
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (4) Cartographic material: Letchworth Museum. 1988. Survey of earthworks at Great Bury, Pirton.
- (5) Report: Snee, James. 2012. 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological monitoring report. watching brief. RNO 3306
- (6) Report: Ashworth, Helen. 2013. Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: summary report. watching brief. RNO 3326

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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#### Location

##### National Grid Reference

TL 1483 3171 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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#### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

##### Associated Designations - None recorded

##### Other Statutes and Cross-References

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**SMR Number** 12426 - MHT1242 **Site Name** BLACKSMITH'S POND (COMMON), PIRTON

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 12426 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                    | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance -         | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|    |                                                              |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 32 | TOOT HILL MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE, Group - Element<br>PIRTON |
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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                                                  |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7102 | Monitoring at 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2012 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN971)                                |
| EHT7816 | Monitoring of garden works at Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2013 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN1070) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 12427 - MHT1242 **Site Name** GREAT GREEN, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b>                                   | <b>Site Name</b>    | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 12427 - MHT12427                                    | GREAT GREEN, PIRTON | Monument           |
| Common land, one of the focal points of the village |                     |                    |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

COMMON LAND (Historic: period uncertain - 410 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Registered common land. NGR = approximate centre. The later 19th century OS maps show two greens, Great and Little Green, SW and NE of the castle and the parish church. These were two of the focal points of the post-medieval village; see [16620]. Great Green is still lined with 15th to 17th century buildings, some of comparatively high status.

#### **Sources**

Digital archive: Commons Register. CL 250

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14555 31545 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 12427 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                    | Active |
| Area of Archaeological Significance -         | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 12762 - MHT1276 **Site Name** UNDATED PIT, 16 BUNYAN CLOSE, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                     | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 12762 - MHT12762  | UNDATED PIT, 16 BUNYAN CLOSE, PIRTON | Monument           |

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### Monument Types and Dates

PIT (Historic: period uncertain - 410 AD to 1900 AD)  
Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The profile of a pit 1.2 m in diameter and 1 m deep was seen in the footings for a house extension. The lower fill comprised humified charcoal and daub suggesting burning of a structure or industrial processing. There were no finds. The location is only 30m from a 16th century Listed Building on Royal Oak Lane. The pit is probably late medieval or early post-medieval, but could be earlier<1> .

#### Sources

(1) Verbal communication: Stewart Bryant (HCC). Information. Site visit

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14903 31881 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 12762 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                    | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 12824 - MHT1282 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL DITCHES, ELM TREE CLOSE, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 12824 - MHT12824  | MEDIEVAL DITCHES, ELM TREE CLOSE,<br>PIRTON | Monument           |

Ditches containing Saxo-Norman and medieval pottery

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

DITCH (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Evaluation in advance of residential development at Elm Tree Farm uncovered several ditches, of which three contained medieval pottery and building materials. The finds were scanty but include handmade sherds of possible 10th century (or somewhat later) date, and Herts Grey Wares (13th-14th century). The ceramic building materials consisted of tile and a brick, all probably 12th-15th century<1> . Further work found parts of at least two other ditches which may be related, although there was little dating evidence<2> . In the 19th and much of the 20th century this area was within the grounds of Littlegreen Farm [30752], north of Elm Tree Farm<3> .

#### **Sources**

- (1) Report: Doyle, Kate, Eddisford, Dan, & Williamson, Iain. 2005. Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, Herts: an archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 1650
- (2) Report: Semmelmann, Karin. 2006. Archaeological strip and record: Elm Tree Farm, Pirton, Herts. watching brief. RNO 1869
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-2

#### **Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1496 3176 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                    | Active |
| HCC Map No. - 10/129                          | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 12824 | Active |

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

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| HHT1654 | Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)<br>Pirton |
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**SMR Number** 12824 - MHT1282 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL DITCHES, ELM TREE CLOSE, PIRTON

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**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Associated Finds**

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|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| FHT2564 | SHERD (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)<br>(FHT2564) | POTTERY |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT5425 | Evaluation at Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, 2004 (Event - Intervention) |
| EHT5581 | Evaluation at Elm Tree Farm, Pirton, 2006 (Event - Intervention)                |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name             | Record Type |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 13426 - MHT13426 | 7-13 BURY END, PIRTON | Building    |

A pair of houses, 17th century or earlier, now divided into four

### Monument Types and Dates

SEMI DETACHED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Nos.7-13 Bury End were originally two properties, built in or before the 17th century. They are timber-framed on a projecting sill, forming a long range at the roadside facing west. The southern half (11 & 13) is a three-cell, internal-chimney plan house, with the chimney one third from the north end, and was heightened to two storeys at some point in the 18th or 19th century when both halves were subdivided and given two-storey gabled rear extensions and outshuts with catslide roofs. The northern half (7 & 9) was always two storeys, with a lower crosswing at the north end which has a weatherboarded gablet over the ridge of the crosswing, extending to the rear with a central internal chimney<1> . Evaluation behind nos.11-13 uncovered unfrosted bricks from one of two outbuildings shown on 19th century maps (but built after an 1818 map of the parish), a large rubbish pit and a posthole<2> . Finds included a few sherds of 14th-15th century pottery, and post-medieval pottery from 1500 to 1900. These properties are with others of similar date around Great Green, on the SW side of the castle and parish church; Little Green is on the NE side.

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Report: Edmondson, Gary, et al. 2001. Land at 11-13 Bury End, Pirton, Herts: archaeological field evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 1861

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14599 31522 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                               |                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163150 | No name for this Entry | Active | DHT7578 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
|----------------------------|--------|

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 13426 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

**SMR Number** 13426 - MHT1342 **Site Name** 7-13 BURY END, PIRTON

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**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT1654 Built-up Areas- Modern - BUILT-UP AREAS - URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Type Code: BUM-ba)  
Pirton

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 13757 - MHT1375 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL POTTERY, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 13757 - MHT13757  | MEDIEVAL POTTERY, BURGE END LANE,<br>PIRTON | Find Spot          |

Unstratified sherds including St Neots ware, indicating occupation beyond the present village limits

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FINDSPOT (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | UNSTRATIFIED FIND |
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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

A test pit in a field behind West End Lane, near Burge End Lane, yielded 'substantial quantities of pottery (18 sherds from 4 spits) dating to 1100-1400 AD, strongly suggestive of the presence of settlement in this area in this period'. Two sherds of St Neots ware (AD 900-1200) were also present<1, 2> . A test pit dug in the SE corner of the same field in 2008 produced another sherd of St Neots ware<3> .

#### **Sources**

- (1) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2008. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlement in East Anglia - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2007; Medieval Settlement Research Group Annual Report 22, 48-56. Pit PIR07/4, Fig 9; p52-3
- (2) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2007. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/07).
- (3) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2008. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/08).

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14464 32103 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 13757 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)                    | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

#### **Associated Historic Landscape Character Records**

HHT7558 Pre18th C Enclosure - IRREGULAR ENCLOSURE (Type Code: AEF-if)

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**SMR Number** 13757 - MHT1375 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL POTTERY, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON

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**Associated Finds**

FHT2789 SHERD (>10) (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD) POTTERY  
(FHT2789)

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT1206 Test pits in Pirton village, 2007 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/07)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                                         | Site Name              | Record Type |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 15902 - MHT15902                                                                   | BURGE END FARM, PIRTON | Building    |
| Post-medieval farmstead, with 17th century farmhouse and probable medieval origins |                        |             |

### Monument Types and Dates

FARMHOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMSTEAD (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

LOBBY ENTRY HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED BARN (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Burge End farmhouse is a two storey and attics timber-framed house built in the mid 17th century (<1>; early 17th century according to<2> ) on a two-cell lobby-entrance plan with staircase turret on the west side; south of the turret was a lean-to forming a pantry. The hall was south of the chimney stack<1> . In the late 18th century the house was refaced in brick, extended at both ends and subdivided, with new fireplaces<1, 2> . It faces north into the farmyard. The 18th century two-storey west wing is of red brick chequered with black brick; the east end is a lean-to addition containing a domed brick oven. The main entrance has an early 19th century door under a bracketed hood. Inside, the 17th century staircase survives<2> . NW of the house is a timber-framed and weatherboarded outbuilding on a low brick sill. The largely complete timber frame dates to the late 17th century; it is six bays long, aligned north-south, with sections of brick walling at the south end representing 18th and 19th century alterations. On the east side wall is an added lean-to, which may have replaced an earlier structure; the enclosed wall has wattle and plaster infill. The north and south gables have doors; inside, boarded partitions separate the two centre bays from the north and south sections<2> . For the dovecote, which has gone, see [6301]. The farmstead may have medieval origins: 'Burge End was probably the home of William atte Brugge', documented in 1302, and Nicholas ate Brigge, documented in 1307<3> . This was Bridge End in post-medieval records until a change of spelling before the 1818 Enclosure Act<3> . The later 19th century OS maps<4, 5> show the farmstead with the house at the SE end of the yard, which had barns and other farm buildings arranged in irregular fashion around it. A few small additions were made between 1882 and 1898. The farmstead stands alongside Washbrook Lane with a stream to the east, and two ponds. Some of the buildings shown on the 19th century maps have gone, but the layout survives.

#### Sources

- (1) Bibliographic reference: Smith, J T. 1993. Hertfordshire houses: selective inventory. - p139
- (2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (3) Bibliographic reference: Gover, J E B, Mawer, Allen, & Stenton, F M. 1938. The place-names of Hertfordshire. - p21
- (4) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (5) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TL 14380 32330 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations**

|                               |                                                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163148 | BURGE END FARMHOUSE                                    | Active | DHT7281 |
| Listed Building (II) - 433141 | FARM BUILDING TO THE NORTH WEST OF BURGE END FARMHOUSE | Active | DHT7487 |

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 15902 Active

SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                    | Site Name                        | Record Type |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 15903 - MHT15903              | THREE GABLES, 2 BURY END, PIRTON | Building    |
| Late medieval open hall house |                                  |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

CROSS WING HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

OPEN HALL HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A late medieval timber-framed open hall house (15th century or earlier, according to<2> ) with cross-wing at the upper (west) end; only the west end of the hall remains, the passage and service end having been demolished. An upper floor was put into the hall in the 17th century; the existing brick chimney-stack is later, perhaps 18th century, and was probably built when the east range of the hall was demolished. The wing chimney-stack was added in the early 19th century; the hall range heightened from one storey and attics to two storeys; and thatch replaced by slate, early in the 20th century<1, 2> . It is now a two-storey T-plan house facing north, with a tall narrow west cross-wing with projecting gable, and a 20th century rear extension. The cross-wing has one large room on each floor, and a stair in the half-bay at the rear<2> .

#### Sources

- (1) Bibliographic reference: Smith, J T. 1993. Hertfordshire houses: selective inventory. - p139
- (2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14577 31503 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                                |              |        |         |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II*) - 163151 | THREE GABLES | Active | DHT6982 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                            |        |
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| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
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| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 15903 | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 15903 - MHT1590 **Site Name** THREE GABLES, 2 BURY END, PIRTON

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**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                                           | Site Name                           | Record Type |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 15905 - MHT15905                                                                     | DOCWRA MANOR (THE OLD HALL), PIRTON | Building    |
| Flint and rubble house, c.1609, incorporating part of an earlier timber-framed house |                                     |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence DEMOLISHED BUILDING

HOUSE (c.1609, Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

Main Building FLINT

Material

Main Building RUBBLE

Material

PUBLIC HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1801 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The Old Hall, now called Docwra Manor, was built in 1609 for Thomas Docwra, who added a plaque to the west front (now reset above the principal fireplace). This bears his arms and the inscription '1609 / EN DIEV EST TOVT'. What Docwra built was a two-storey flint and limestone rubble structure with corners of red brick and moulded limestone windows, which was apparently a parlour wing added on the west end of an older timber-framed house; its east wall incorporates the timber framing. This was 'probably' an aisled hall house, which is said to have burnt down at the beginning of the 19th century. Docwra's west wing was a large two-storey cross-wing with two large rooms on each floor and a lobby between them, with a staircase at its west end and a large projecting chimney stack heating the north room on each floor. The south rooms remained unheated until a second chimney stack was added in the 18th century<1, 2> . After the destruction of much of the house in the early 19th century the surviving west wing became the Old Oak public house; this and large extensions to the east in the later 20th century have removed most older features<2> .

#### Sources

Bibliographic reference: RCHM (England). 1911. Inventory of the historical monuments in Hertfordshire. - p164-5

(1) Bibliographic reference: Smith, J T. 1993. Hertfordshire houses: selective inventory. - p139

(2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14571 31461 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**SMR Number** 15905 - MHT1590 **Site Name** DOCWRA MANOR (THE OLD HALL), PIRTON

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**Associated Designations**

|                               |              |        |         |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163175 | DOCWRA MANOR | Active | DHT7315 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|

**Other Statutes and Cross-References**

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| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
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| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 15905 | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                              | Site Name                   | Record Type |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 15906 - MHT15906                                                        | 28 SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON | Building    |
| Late medieval timber-framed house, with 17th century timber-framed barn |                             |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

CROSS WING HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1401 AD to 1600 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

OPEN HALL HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1401 AD to 1600 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1401 AD to 1600 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMSTEAD (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED BARN (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

28 Shillington Road was built in the 16th century or earlier, as an open hall house, timber-framed on a stuccoed brick sill. It is an L-plan house set well back from the road, facing south, with a one and a half storey hall range and lower two-storey east cross-wing. This wing has two rooms on each floor, and was probably the upper or parlour end of the house. In the (early) 17th century a large external chimney was added to this wing. Extensions at the east end and at the rear date to the 20th century<1, 2> . In the SE corner of the plot, by the road, is a 17th century timber-framed barn on a red brick sill. It is a tall three-bay structure with double doors in the central bay, facing west, with plastered panels and exposed framing on the west side and weatherboarding on the east and south sides<2> . In the later 19th century<3, 4> the barn extended at right-angles along the road frontage, and there were other buildings to the north; this was then a small farmstead. More buildings are shown on a map dated 1801<7> ; see [31512]. Photographs show that the large chimney was rebuilt in the 1930s. Application was made in 2013 to replace the 1960s extension<5> . This is at the NE end of the house, where the 2014 groundworks revealed a possible yard surface of compacted chalk. This had a sand bedding layer, beneath which was the natural clay<6> . There were no finds.

#### Sources

- (1) Bibliographic reference: Smith, J T. 1993. Hertfordshire houses: selective inventory. - p142
- (2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (4) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (5) Unpublished document: Temperton Miller Ltd. 2013. Heritage justification statement for householder extension proposal, no.28 Shilington Road, Pirton.
- (6) Report: Phillips, Daniel. 2014. The Old Bakery, 28 Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological monitoring report. watching brief. RNO 3926
- (7) Unpublished document: Burleigh, G R. 2017. Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a report on the archaeological earthworks and buried remains.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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#### Location

**SMR Number** 15906 - MHT1590 **Site Name** 28 SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON

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**National Grid Reference**

TL 14316 31959 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations**

|                               |                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163179 | No name for this Entry | Active | DHT6965 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|

|                               |                   |        |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163180 | BARN AT NUMBER 28 | Active | DHT7321 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 15906 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                                         |                        |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 31512 | EARTHWORKS, SHILLINGTON ROAD,<br>PIRTON | Functional Association |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7817 | Monitoring at 28 Shillington Road, Pirton, 2014 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN1096) |
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| <b>SMR Number</b>                                                                   | <b>Site Name</b>         | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 15907 - MHT15907                                                                    | WALNUT TREE FARM, PIRTON | Building           |
| Timber-framed farmhouse of late medieval origins, and large post-medieval farmstead |                          |                    |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMHOUSE (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1401 AD? to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMSTEAD (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1401 AD? to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

CATTLE SHELTER (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

LOBBY ENTRY HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

Main Building BRICK

Material

TIMBER FRAMED BARN (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The oldest part of the farmhouse is a late medieval timber-framed house at the east end; it comprised originally a two-storey east wing (no evidence of an original jetty), a low hall with an open hearth and, presumably, a service bay. In the late 17th century an internal-chimney house of brick with lobby-entrance, two storeys and attics, was added at the west end; it has a two-storey porch and the staircase was probably on the north side of the chimney-stack. Not long afterwards the presumed service bay of the original house was rebuilt in brick; a chimney-stack was built on the site of the cross-passage; and a staircase turret and gabled rear bay were added. After another comparatively short interval the internal-chimney house was converted into a house of double depth. There is no evidence of 18th century alteration. Considerable internal alterations took place in the late 19th century<1, 2> . The farm buildings on the road at the entrance to the yard are timber-framed and largely weatherboarded on brick sills, and consist of an east range of barns and storehouses, 17th century or earlier, and a lower 18th century north range open-fronted to the south. The east range has red brick infill on much of the east side. The north wall of the north range, facing the lane, is of chequered red and black brickwork, with a course of clunch at the eaves. At the NW end is an open-fronted six-bay cattle shed<2> . The farmstead retains much of the sprawling layout shown on the 1882 OS map<3> .

#### **Sources**

- (1) Bibliographic reference: Smith, J T. 1993. Hertfordshire houses: selective inventory. - p142
- (2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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#### **Location**

##### **National Grid Reference**

TL 14843 31435 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

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### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                               |                                                 |        |          |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163192 | WALNUT TREE FARMHOUSE                           | Active | DHT6969  |
| Listed Building (II) - 163193 | FARMBUILDINGS FRONTING ROAD AT WALNUT TREE FARM | Active | DHT7340  |
| SHINE                         | Pirton motte-and-bailey castle                  | Active | DHT10897 |

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 15907 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Yes)                         | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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### Related Monuments

|      |                                                                |                 |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9680 | MEDIEVAL & LATER DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT, WALNUT TREE FARM, PIRTON | Group - Element |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|

**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number              | Site Name                            | Record Type |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 16304 - MHT16304        | ELM TREE FARM, HAMBRIDGE WAY, PIRTON | Building    |
| Post-medieval farmstead |                                      |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

DOVECOTE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMHOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

FARMSTEAD (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED BARN (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The farmhouse is a 16th century timber-framed house, on a T plan; the south bay of the west crosswing dates to the early 17th century, and the NW wing was added in the later 17th century. This later wing is two storeys with a staircase and second entrance<1> . Most of the farm buildings have gone, but SE of the house, on the road, is a 17th century timber-framed and weatherboarded barn, a tall three-bay structure with a gabled projecting porch in the middle of the north wall, and a dovecote in the upper part of the gable<1> . The farmhouse and the barn are shown on the 1882 OS map<2> separated by a large irregular yard. Examination of the barn before conversion to domestic use included inspection of the brick sill, below ground<4> .

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-2
- (3) Graphic material: Planning application documents. 2009
- (4) Unpublished document: Pledge, Stuart. 2009. Structural survey report at Elm Tree barn, Pirton. Photographs

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14913 31700 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | 16304 - MHT1630 | <b>Site Name</b> | ELM TREE FARM, HAMBRIDGE WAY, PIRTON |  |
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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163164 | ELM TREE FARMHOUSE                      | Active | DHT7562 |
| Listed Building (II) - 163165 | SOUTH-EAST BARN AT NO 1 (ELM TREE FARM) | Active | DHT6987 |

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)                    | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 16304 | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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#### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name      | Record Type |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 16620 - MHT16620 | PIRTON VILLAGE | Place       |

Settlement with early Saxon origins and complex history, including a 75% drop in population at the time of the Black Death

### Monument Types and Dates

VILLAGE (Sub Roman to 21st Century - 410 AD to 2050 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING      |
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE    |

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Pirton has a long history of movement, expansion and contraction. For 5th to 9th century settlement NE of Priors Hill, in a field without later occupation, see [31108]. For 7th-9th century buildings, church and churchyard in the present village centre, see [9676, 9677], and for mid-late Saxon to medieval features between these two areas see [31388]. The standing parish church [4315], in a different position, dates to the 12th century and can be associated with the construction of the 12th century castle [32]. Test pitting across the area of the existing village in 2007, 2008 and 2009 confirmed the overall picture of a dynamic settlement sequence. A sherd of early/middle Saxon pottery, with some Roman pottery, residual in a medieval pit at Walnut Tree Farm [13757], may indicate some continuation from Roman to post-Roman. The test pits yielded nothing more until the later part of the late Saxon period, when settlement evidently became 'widespread across the eastern side of the present village, focused in particular on Burge End Farm, the area south of West Lane and the area north of Walnut Farm' <3> . Gaps in evidence between these areas may suggest polyfocal settlement. Nearly all the 56 2008-9 test pits yielded mid 11th to mid 14th century pottery, indicating a larger and more densely settled village which had become nucleated alongside the construction of the motte and bailey castle. After the 14th century the village contracted, test pits in the centre of the present village NE and SW of the church producing almost no contemporary pottery. It may have shrunk to no more than five clusters of farmsteads or cottages 'within an otherwise largely deserted landscape. Recovery does not seem to have been established until the 17th or even 18th century, and even then the volume of pottery recovered does not match that of the high medieval period' <3> . Further test pitting in 2010 concentrated at the north end of the village, where there is a notable lack of early to mid Saxon pottery; the later Saxon material suggests scattered farms rather than contiguous settlement here. These farms suffered less from the late medieval contraction than the village itself <6> . Test pitting in 2011 aimed to fill a number of gaps, and confirmed that the part of the settlement west of the motte and bailey 'came into existence at or shortly after the time when the castle was built', and was apparently less affected by the severe later medieval contraction of the rest of the village <7> . This contraction indicates that Pirton was severely affected by the Black Death. In a review of the test pitting programme across East Anglia <9> it became apparent that the drop in population at Pirton was especially severe; in 115 test pits across the village the amount of pottery for this period fell by 75%. The later 19th century OS maps show two greens, Great and Little Green, SW and NE of the castle and the parish church. Great Green [12427] is still lined with 15th to 17th century buildings, some of comparatively high status. Little Green, at the end of what in the 19th century was known as Town Street, is smaller and different in character but also has 16th to 17th century houses scattered around it. These greens are two of the post-medieval focal points of the village, but are relics of its earlier topography. <8> sees them as the remnants at each end of a 'once large tract of common pasture', upon which the Norman castle [32] was built. These remnants were gradually made even smaller by encroachment. A pre-1066 church and cemetery [9677], superseded by the present parish church [4315] within the castle bailey, 'lay to the north, on the edge of the former common'.

Saxo-Norman settlement [9676] is also known adjacent to the earlier church.

### Sources

- Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2011. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR11).
- Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2010. Pottery from Pirton community test-pits (PIR/10).
- Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2009. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/09).
- Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2007. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/07).
- (1) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2008. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlement in East Anglia - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2007; Medieval Settlement Research Group Annual Report 22, 48-56.
- (2) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2008. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/08).
- (2) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2008. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements: results of the HEFA CORS project in 2008; Medieval Settlement Research 23, 60-68.
- (3) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2009. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements: results of the HEFA CORS project in 2009; Medieval Settlement Research 24, 43-58. - p51
- (4) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (5) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (6) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2011. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2010; Medieval Settlement Research 26, 48-59. - p53-4
- (7) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2012. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements - results of the University of Cambridge CORS project in 2011; Medieval Settlement Research 27, 42-56. - p48
- (8) Bibliographic reference: Rowe, Anne, & Williamson, Tom. 2013. Hertfordshire: a landscape history. Fig.2.4; p42
- (9) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2016. Plague pits, pot sherds and the shock of the Black Death; British Archaeology (Sept-Oct 2016), 48-55.

### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1470 3178 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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#### Administrative Areas

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 16620 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Probable)                    | Active |

### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                                                                   |                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 746   | SHRUNKEN VILLAGE AND DEFENSIVE EARTHWORKS, THE BURY FIELD, PIRTON | Group - Element |
| 9676  | SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, THE FOX, PIRTON        | Group - Element |
| 31108 | ANGLO-SAXON SETTLEMENT, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON                       | Group - Element |

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8473 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2008 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/08) |
| EHT8474 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2009 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/09) |
| EHT8475 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2010 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/10) |
| EHT8476 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2011 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR11)  |
| EHT1206 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2007 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/07) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 16666 - MHT1666 **Site Name** HAMMOND'S ALMSHOUSES, 19-21 HIGH STREET,

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                       | Record Type |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 16666 - MHT16666 | HAMMOND'S ALMSHOUSES, 19-21 HIGH STREET, PIRTON | Building    |

Pair of cottages funded as almshouses under the will of John Hammond in 1641; rebuilt in the late 19th or early 20th century

### Monument Types and Dates

ALMSHOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
|----------|-----------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

This pair of houses are shown on the later 19th century OS maps<1, 2> as 'Almshouses (Hammond's Charity)'. ' In 1641 John Hammond by his will....devised two cottages, to be occupied by poor families rent free. The charity is regulated by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners, 3 May 1904. A premium of £12 10s. is usually paid, and the cottages, rebuilt by the Hanscombe family, are used as almshouses'<3> . For Hammonds Farm, see [4513].

#### Sources

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-2
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (3) Bibliographic reference: Page, W (ed.). 1912. VCH Hertfordshire vol.3. Pirton parish, p49

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14572 31943 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

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|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

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|----------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 16666 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

#### Related Monuments - None Recorded

#### Finds - None recorded

#### Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

**SMR Number** 16666 - MHT1666 **Site Name** HAMMOND'S ALMSHOUSES, 19-21 HIGH STREET,  
**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 16667 - MHT1666 **Site Name** METHODIST CHAPEL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b>                          | <b>Site Name</b>                      | <b>Record Type</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 16667 - MHT16667                           | METHODIST CHAPEL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON | Building           |
| 19th century chapel now in residential use |                                       |                    |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The building between nos.21 and 23 High Street is shown on the later 19th century OS maps<1, 2> as 'Methodist Chapel (Wesleyan)'. It had the common plan of a simple gable-ended building, the narrow gable end facing the street. In 1906 a new Methodist church was built 75m to the south on the other side of the High Street. The chapel is now a private house called, appropriately, Wesley.

#### **Sources**

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-2
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

TL 14575 31928 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)                    | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 16667 | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 17170 - MHT1717 **Site Name** ROMAN PIT, PIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                      | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 17170 - MHT17170  | ROMAN PIT, PIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON | Monument           |

Oval pit containing a sherd of Hadham ware

### **Monument Types and Dates**

PIT (Late Roman - 201 AD to 409 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

An oval pit measuring about 1.35 x 0.9 m, and about 33 cm deep, was uncovered during construction of a new building NW of the primary school building. The pit contained animal bone and a sherd of later Roman Hadham ware, dating to the 3rd to 4th century AD. Nothing else was found, but the area to the immediate south had been truncated in the 20th century<1> .

#### **Sources**

- (1) Report: Summerfield-Hill, Carina. 2010. Watching brief: Pirton Primary School, High Street, Pirton, Herts. watching brief. RNO 2658

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14519 31836 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Possible) | Active |
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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17170 | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT6790 | Watching brief at Pirton Primary School, High Street, Pirton, 2010 (Event - Intervention) |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**



**SMR Number** 17192 - MHT1719 **Site Name** SITE OF UNDATED BUILDING, BURGE END FARM,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                 | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 17192 - MHT17192  | SITE OF UNDATED BUILDING, BURGE END FARM, PIRTON | Monument           |

Chalk footing in pasture

### Monument Types and Dates

BUILDING? (Unknown date)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

An area of chalk found in pasture west of Burge End Farm appears to have been the footing of a building. Nearby were a gully and a large amorphous feature 7 m long; there were no finds. As no building is shown here on historic mapping the date and nature of these features are unknown<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Rouse, Calli. 2010. Archaeological strip, map and sample excavation: Burge End Farm, Pirton, Herts. field excavation. RNO 2678

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14255 32360 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17192 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                    | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### Associated Events/Activities

|         |                                                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT6811 | Evaluation at Burge End Farm, Pirton, 2010 (Event - Intervention) |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 17262 - MHT1726 **Site Name** SOILMARKS OF MOUNDS, BOUNDARIES AND

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                               | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 17262 - MHT17262  | SOILMARKS OF MOUNDS, BOUNDARIES AND<br>MEDIEVAL FIELDS, PIRTON | Monument           |

Traces of two possible prehistoric barrows, and medieval and 19th century fields

### Monument Types and Dates

ROUND BARROW? (Late Neolithic to Earlier Bronze Age - 3000 BC to 1201 BC)

Evidence SOILMARK

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence SOILMARK

FIELD BOUNDARY (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence SOILMARK

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The soilmarks show two small eroded mounds which may be the remains of prehistoric round barrows, although no ditches are apparent. There are also traces of heavily eroded medieval ridge and furrow and a probable post-enclosure boundary system<1> .

#### Sources

(1) Aerial Photograph: Hertfordshire County Council. HCC vertical photomapping, 2010.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1601 3222 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                                                |        |          |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | SOILMARKS OF MOUNDS, BOUNDARIES<br>AND MEDIEVAL FIELDS, PIRTON | Active | DHT11046 |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17262 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 17262 - MHT1726 **Site Name** SOILMARKS OF MOUNDS, BOUNDARIES AND

**Associated Events/Activities** - None recorded

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations** - None recorded

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                                   | Record Type |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 17684 - MHT17684 | SITE OF BAPTIST CHAPEL, GREAT GREEN, PIRTON | Monument    |

Apparently early 19th century Calvinist Baptist chapel

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### Monument Types and Dates

BAPTIST CHAPEL (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The 1881 OS map<1> shows a building set back from the north side of Great Green, and approached via a narrow alley. It was a long narrow building with a projecting front porch, and is marked 'Baptist Chapel (Calvinistic)' (an unusual designation). The shape is typical of early 19th century chapels. It was demolished at some time in the 20th century, after 1924<3> .

#### Sources

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 3rd edition (1913-1925). 1924

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14608 31542 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17684 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Possible)                    | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 17685 - MHT1768 **Site Name** SITE OF GLOVE WORKS, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b>          | <b>Site Name</b>                         | <b>Record Type</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 17685 - MHT17685           | SITE OF GLOVE WORKS, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON | Monument           |
| Early 20th century factory |                                          |                    |

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

GLOVE FACTORY (Early 20th Century - 1901 AD to 2000 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

A building labelled 'Glove Works' is shown here on the 1924 map<1> ; the site was an empty field on earlier editions. It was demolished at some time in the mid 20th century, as buildings developed along Priors Hill.

#### **Sources**

(1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 3rd edition (1913-1925). 1924

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14606 31452 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17685 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

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| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely) | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 17753 - MHT1775 **Site Name** 4 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b> | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
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|                  |                            |          |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 17753 - MHT17753 | 4 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON | Building |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------|

Early 18th century timber-framed cottage with thatched roof, possibly built encroaching onto Little Green

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

An early 18th century house, one and a half storeys tall, timber-framed on a stuccoed sill with heavy exposed framing and plastered panels on the frontage, under a steep-pitched thatched roof. This has a decorative ridge and eyebrow dormers. The house has end chimneys and a plank door is near the centre front<1> . The 1882 OS map<2> shows the house backing onto the ditch surrounding Toot Hill [32], and facing east onto the south end of Little Green. From the map it appears likely that the house was built encroaching onto the green itself. It is also evident that by 1882 the house was divided into three cottages. No.6 [17754] was then two dwellings, making up a row of five. This arrangement was not altered until the 20th century.

#### **Sources**

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14852 31687 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

#### **Associated Designations**

|                               |                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163196 | No name for this Entry | Active | DHT7710 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17753 | Active |
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)                    | Active |

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 17753 - MHT1775 **Site Name** 4 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 17754 - MHT1775 **Site Name** BURY COTTAGE, 6 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 17754 - MHT17754  | BURY COTTAGE, 6 WALNUT TREE ROAD,<br>PIRTON | Building           |

Early 19th century house at Little Green, once divided into two

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### Monument Types and Dates

HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
|----------|-----------------|

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

No. 6 was built in the early 19th century against the south end of no.4, an early 18th century house [17753]. They both face east onto the south end of Little Green, and back onto the ditch around Toot Hill [32]. No.6 is a two-storey, two-bay house, now roughcast, with a low-pitched slate roof, central chimney, casement windows, and a door beneath a bracketed hood. At the rear is a single-storey weatherboarded extension<1> . The 1882 OS map<2> shows that in the late 19th century it was divided into two dwellings, making with no.4 [17753] a row of five cottages. This arrangement had not changed by 1898<3> . Groundworks for new rear extensions in 2012 revealed a ditch or pit which was undated but could have been part of the original rear yard, perhaps part of its boundary<4> . Further west in the small garden only modern overburden lies on the clay natural, on the bank of the Blacksmith's Pond [12426]<5> .

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (4) Report: Snee, James. 2012. 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological monitoring report. watching brief. RNO 3306
- (5) Report: Ashworth, Helen. 2013. Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: summary report. watching brief. RNO 3326

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14854 31675 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                               |                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163196 | No name for this Entry | Active | DHT7710 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Unlikely)                    | Active |
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 17754 | Active |

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 17754 - MHT1775 **Site Name** BURY COTTAGE, 6 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT7102 Monitoring at 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2012 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN971)

EHT7816 Monitoring of garden works at Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2013 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN1070)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                        | Site Name                            | Record Type |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 18218 - MHT18218                  | IRON AGE DITCH, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON | Monument    |
| Ditch containing Iron Age pottery |                                      |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Earlier Iron Age to Middle Iron Age - 800 BC to 101 BC)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

(Former Type) FIELD BOUNDARY (Historic: period uncertain - 410 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A ditch found in a 2011 evaluation<1> running across the field south of Holwell Road near the sharp bend contained nothing other than a fragment of poorly preserved animal bone, possibly a horse metatarsus. The ditch ran NE-SW, in line with the NE continuation of Holwell Road, and parallel with Royal Oak Lane and other boundaries shown on the 1882 OS map<2> . These alignments suggested that the ditch represented a field boundary removed before the later 19th century (possibly at enclosure in 1818). However, further investigation in 2015<2> and 2016<3> yielded five small fragments of apparently early to middle Iron Age pottery (tempered with flint and quartz sand), and a possible worked flint, near the base of the ditch. An upper fill contained 'three fragments of grog-tempered pottery of indeterminate prehistoric date and emmer wheat grains'<3> . On this basis the ditch is considered to be Iron Age. All the pottery is fragmented and in poor condition, and only two small parts of the ditch were investigated. For possibly related features see [31349].

#### Sources

- Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: assessment and updated project design. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3824
- (1) Report: Hinman, Mark. 2011. Archaeological evaluation at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 2904
  - (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
  - (3) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological mitigation: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; interim report. interim report. RNO 3759
  - (4) Report: Tierney, Michael, Abrams, Joe, & Streatfeild-James, Jake. 2015. Land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation report. field evaluation. RNO 3823

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 15159 32060 (point) TL13SE Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 18218 Active

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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT6846 | Evaluation of land at Holwell Turn, Holwell Road, Pirton, 2011 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HHRP11)              |
| EHT8016 | Evaluation of land at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HOPH15)                            |
| EHT8352 | Archaeological 'strip and map' excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2016-17 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HRPM/01) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                               | Site Name                       | Record Type |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 18265 - MHT18265                                                         | THE FOX, 37 HIGH STREET, PIRTON | Building    |
| 17th century timber-framed lobby entry house, later converted into a pub |                                 |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

LOBBY ENTRY HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

PUBLIC HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The Fox was built in the 17th century as a two-storey two-cell house with internal chimney and lobby entry plan, set back from the road. The house is timber-framed, with central entrance and rear outshut. In the early 18th century it was updated with a new front in red and blue brick, and later in the 18th century a lower two-storey wing, slightly set back and in lighter red brick, was added at the east side<1> . It is shown as The Fox PH on the later 19th century OS maps<2, 3> . In the front yard was a pump<3> .

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14686 31798 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                               |             |        |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163170 | THE FOX INN | Active | DHT7310 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 18265 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 18265 - MHT1826 **Site Name** THE FOX, 37 HIGH STREET, PIRTON

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                       | Record Type |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 18649 - MHT18649 | ROMAN PIT, POLLARDS WAY, PIRTON | Monument    |

A pit containing a sequence of Roman pottery, and other features which may be Roman, or later

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### Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (? , Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Evaluation of the NE corner of the field adjacent to housing in Pollards Way revealed two scattered features. One was a pit containing a Roman greyware base sherd and three cattle teeth; the other was part of a ditch running NW-SE. In the ditch fill was a piece of possibly Roman tile. The paucity of the finds suggests the features are some distance from Roman buildings, and the ditch may be a field boundary<1> . Further work<2> found that the Roman features here amounted to a large pit and perhaps a few smaller features. The pit contained various fills including dumps of cess; in a lower fill were six sherds including residual prehistoric pottery, a 1st century grog-tempered sherd and a sherd from a 1st-2nd century white ware flagon, beneath an upper fill containing seven sherds including one of late 3rd to 4th century date. A post hole and two ditch fills contained a few highly abraded sherds, too worn to date these features. Environmental sampling (charred plant remains including cereals) implied that they are post-Roman. Even the pit contained probably post-Roman cereals. They may be intrusive, but this is uncertain. The NGR is for the pit.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Snee, James. 2012. Land at Pollards Way, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 2992
- (2) Report: Phillips, Daniel, & Ashworth, Helen. 2016. Land at Pollards Way, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological assessment report. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3930

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14440 31763 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 18649 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 18649 - MHT1864 **Site Name** ROMAN PIT, POLLARDS WAY, PIRTON

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**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7310 | Evaluation of land adjacent to Pollards Way, Pirton, 2012 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN 1017)                  |
| EHT7824 | Excavation and Monitoring on land adjacent to Pollards Way, Pirton, 2014-15 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN1141) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 18773 - MHT1877 **Site Name** WRIGHT'S FARM, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                           | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 18773 - MHT18773  | WRIGHT'S FARM, SHILLINGTON ROAD,<br>PIRTON | Building           |

Post-medieval farmstead, known before the late 19th century as Haxham's Farm; with possible medieval origins

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

FARMSTEAD (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING      |

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Wright's Farm is shown on the 1882 OS map<1> as Haxham's Farm, a group of buildings approached by a track 200m north of Shillington Road. The 1882 map shows two rows of barns and other buildings defining a long narrow yard, with what appears to have been a farmhouse at the south end, and orchards to the SW. By 1898<2> it had become Wright's Farm. Most, but not all, of the buildings appear to have been replaced on much the same layout during the 20th century, and a new house built closer to the road. The post-medieval farmhouse was demolished c.1968, and a new house built 112m to the south<3> . See<3> for the 1801 and 1879 sales particulars. 70m to the SW is an active spring, the water flowing NE towards Burge End past the farm buildings. The channels shown on the later 19th century maps are extant, although apparently less wet. Their course just south of the post-medieval farmhouse may be two arms of a medieval homestead moat [31510], used as the farmhouse garden in the 19th century. The barn is the sole surviving element of the post-medieval farmstead. It is the remaining half of a mid- to late 18th century combination barn.<4>

#### **Sources**

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (3) Unpublished document: Burleigh, G R. 2017. Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a report on the archaeological earthworks and buried remains.
- (4) Report: Glyde, M. 2019. Land at Wrights Farm, Pirton, Historic Building Appraisal of 18th Century Barn. Historic building Appraisal and Impact Assessment. RNO 4650

#### **Associated resources - None recorded**

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### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14295 32152 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

#### **Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 18773 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                                            |                        |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 31511 | SITE OF WATERMILL, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON    | Group - Element        |
| 31510 | PROBABLE MOATED SITE, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON | Functional Association |

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Finds - None recorded

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Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

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Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 30146 - MHT3014 **Site Name** LAVENDER COTTAGE, 21 SHILLINGTON ROAD,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                 | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 30146 - MHT30146  | LAVENDER COTTAGE, 21 SHILLINGTON ROAD,<br>PIRTON | Building           |

Early 16th century open hall house, updated and extended in the early 17th century

### Monument Types and Dates

OPEN HALL HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
|----------|-----------------|

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
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| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
|----------|-----------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Lavender Cottage was built in the early 16th century as a small open hall house. It is timber-framed on a battered brick plinth, with steep thatched roof, and was originally a two-room house open to the roof. Thick soot on the roof timbers shows the location of the hearth in the west room, and two timbers on the ground floor have stopped grooves for wattle infill. In the early 17th century the house was updated, with the insertion of an upper floor and a chimney stack opposite the plank door, to heat the west room, and the addition of a one and a half storey west crosswing. This projects only to the front, and contained an unheated parlour with chamber over, reached by a stair in the SE corner. The chamber was set partly in the roof, and traces of large windows remain. The rear extension is 20th century<1> . The house is set back from the road with its west crosswing against a side lane which is now a footpath. It is shown on the later 19th century OS maps<2, 3> in its rectangular plot, which was then somewhat wider than it is now. At the SW corner, beside the lane, were a pair of small cottages (now nos.23-25 Shillington Road). Paths led from these and from Lavender Cottage to a well beyond the plot boundary, 26m east of the Cottage and within a small compound. This is now in the garden of no.19, and 19A has been inserted between nos.19 and 21.

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14356 31937 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                               |                  |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163186 | LAVENDER COTTAGE | Active | DHT7708 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 30146 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**SMR Number** 30146 - MHT3014 **Site Name** LAVENDER COTTAGE, 21 SHILLINGTON ROAD,

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 30752 - MHT3075 **Site Name** SITE OF LITTLEGREEN FARM, ROYAL OAK LANE,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                 | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 30752 - MHT30752  | SITE OF LITTLEGREEN FARM, ROYAL OAK LANE, PIRTON | Monument           |

Post-medieval farmstead

### Monument Types and Dates

FARMSTEAD (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Littlegreen Farm is shown on the later 19th century OS maps<1, 2> on the east side of what was then Deadhorse Lane, with a farmhouse and ranges of farm buildings around a trapezoidal yard; the west range ran along the road frontage, and to the east was an orchard. Little Green is at and west of the crossroads just to the south, at the High Street. In the late 20th century the farmstead was encroached upon by Elm Tree Farm [16304] just to the south, and demolished for housing c.2005; see [12824].

#### Sources

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14935 31775 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 30752 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**



**SMR Number** 30753 - MHT3075 **Site Name** SITE OF THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON PH,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 30753 - MHT30753  | SITE OF THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON PH,<br>HAMBRIDGE WAY, PIRTON | Monument           |

Beer house on road which is now a bridleway

### Monument Types and Dates

BEER HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

PUBLIC HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
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| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The Shoulder of Mutton is shown on the 1882 OS map<1> as a public house, and on the 1898 map<2> as merely a beer house. It stood on the north side of Hambridge Way, then the road leading east out of Pirton village towards Ickleford; the main range projected into the roadway, with a rear projection making an L plan, and a long outbuilding and orchard trees in the rest of the plot. In the 1880s there was an open-fronted cartshed as well, forming the north range of a yard, but by 1898 this had been demolished. At some time in the 20th century the buildings were demolished; by 1980<3> only a single small building stood on the site, which has become part of Elm Tree Farm [16304]. The pub's decline is presumably related to the decline in function of Hambridge Way; buildings are shown here on the 1822 map<4> , which shows the road as the main route between Pirton and Ickleford and giving access to the highway running north from Hitchin. A 1928 photograph<5> shows the building, one storey and attic with possibly a lobby entry plan, and a long single-storey rear extension with a thatched roof. The Shoulder of Mutton was apparently a drovers' beer house, in Shoulder of Mutton Close on the 1818 enclosure award; it 'burnt down in 1928'<5> .

#### Sources

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch plan, post-war edition (1958-81). 1980
- (4) Cartographic material: Bryant, A. 1822. Map of the county of Hertford from actual survey in the years 1820 and 1821.
- (5) Report: Butler, Caroline. 2015. Archaeological desk-based assessment: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. desk-based assessment. RNO 3490, Plate 1

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 15074 31698 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

**SMR Number** 30753 - MHT3075 **Site Name** SITE OF THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON PH,

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 30753

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31032 - MHT3103 **Site Name** PIRTON WAR MEMORIAL, ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD,

**SMR Number** **Site Name** **Record Type**

31032 - MHT31032 PIRTON WAR MEMORIAL, ST MARY'S  
CHURCHYARD, CRABTREE LANE, PIRTON

Building

1920 village war memorial

### Monument Types and Dates

WAR MEMORIAL (1920, Early 20th Century - 1901 AD to 2000 AD)

Evidence EXTANT STRUCTURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Pirton war memorial stands on the north side of the churchyard within a small compound reached from the roadside. It was designed by G Maile & Son, London, and was unveiled in April 1920. It is a square granite obelisk about 3m high, on a plinth above a two-stepped platform. The four sides of the plinth were carved with the names of the 30 men who died in the First World War, but these names are covered over by a set of four cast bronze tablets. Three of these list the 30 original names, and the fourth is inscribed IN MEMORY OF/THE MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES/DURING THE WAR/1939-1945 with six names. New steps, stone borders, gates and wooden fences were added in 2009<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Historic England. Advice (consultation report) on proposed listing or amendment to listing. Nov 2015
- (2) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14700 31726 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

Listed Building (II) PIRTON WAR MEMORIAL Active DHT11393

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31032 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31032 - MHT3103 **Site Name** PIRTON WAR MEMORIAL, ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD,

**Associated Events/Activities** - None recorded

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations** - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 31036 - MHT3103 **Site Name** SITE OF 19TH CENTURY ALLOTMENTS, WEST LANE,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                   | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31036 - MHT31036  | SITE OF 19TH CENTURY ALLOTMENTS, WEST LANE, PIRTON | Monument           |

Small area of allotment gardens, built over in the 20th century

### Monument Types and Dates

ALLOTMENT (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A small area of allotment gardens is shown here on the 1882 OS map<1> , adjacent to a row of cottages. The setting up of allotments was a mid 19th century movement to provide land where the poor, often living in overcrowded cottages, could grow their own food. The plot is not shown as allotments on the 1898 map<2> , but they appear to have survived into the 20th century.

#### Sources

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                                     |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Centred TL 15029 32063 (61m by 41m) | TL13SE | Dispersed |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31036 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31090 - MHT3109 **Site Name** REMAINS OF RIDGE & FURROW, NORTH OF

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                          | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31090 - MHT31090  | REMAINS OF RIDGE & FURROW, NORTH OF HAMBRIDGE WAY, PIRTON | Monument           |

Traces of medieval and later strip fields

### **Monument Types and Dates**

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Evidence | SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT |
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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

The characteristic traces of ridge & furrow cultivation were recorded by geophysics here, covering much of the centre of a long narrow field east of the village<1> .

#### **Sources**

- (1) Report: Davies, Rebecca. 2015. Geophysical survey report: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. geophysical survey. RNO 3535

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### **Location**

#### **National Grid Reference**

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1515 3190 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### **Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### **Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31090 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### **Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### **Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7979 | Geophysical survey on land adjacent to Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Survey. Ref: J8754) |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                   | Record Type |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31108 - MHT31108 | ANGLO-SAXON SETTLEMENT, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON | Monument    |

Fifth to ninth-century enclosed settlement

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### Monument Types and Dates

BOUNDARY BANK (Sub Roman to Middle Saxon - 410 AD to 869 AD)

Evidence EARTHWORK

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

DITCH (Sub Roman to Middle Saxon - 410 AD to 869 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

SETTLEMENT (Sub Roman to Middle Saxon - 410 AD to 869 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

INHUMATION (Middle Saxon to Late Saxon - 550 AD to 1065 AD)

Evidence BURIAL

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

An enclosed Anglo-Saxon settlement, with excavated evidence of occupation from the 5th to the 9th centuries. Sites of this early date are rare, and the enclosed form of this settlement is also unusual<1> . The field is on chalk, on a north-facing slope at the east end of the Chiltern Hills. The NW edge of the field is bounded by a bank that stands about 0.25m high on its south-east side, but falls away to the north-west down a steep slope about 1.5m high. Its slight appearance on the south side of the boundary is due to a build-up of colluvium behind the bank, to an estimated depth of up to 1m. Pottery brought up by animal burrowing dates this boundary to the mid-Saxon period. At the west corner of the field the bank turns to the south-east, following the line of the hedge and merging into the hedge-bank that defines the south-west boundary of the field, along Priors Hill. An outer ditch may lie to the west of the hedge. There is also a slight bank marking the north-east boundary of the field. Geophysical survey in 2015<2> revealed two ring ditches [31109] and linear features, including one running north-eastwards from the field boundary with Priors Hill, roughly equidistant between, and parallel to, the north-west and south-east field boundaries, and marking a slight change of slope. Subsequent evaluation<3> revealed this to be a ditch, which may define the south side of an enclosed area. Parallel to this feature was probable medieval ridge and furrow, and similar linear features were identified at the north-east end of the field running at right-angles to these. The settlement seems to have been enclosed from the beginning. The majority of pottery found in pits, post-holes and ditches across the site can be dated to the 5th-7th or 9th century, and pottery of the earlier period was found in five of the seven trenches cut across the south-west to north-east ditch. No pottery was found that could be dated to the late Saxon or Saxo-Norman period. Most of the post-holes were clustered together at the east of the site, and are likely to represent post-built houses and other structures. To the north-east was a cluster of pits, several of which contained the larger pottery assemblages. Within this group of pits was the grave of an older adult male: a sample of his bone was radiocarbon dated to between AD 775 and 970<1, 3> .

#### Sources

- (1) Scheduling record: Scheduled Monument description. May 2016
- (2) Report: Baker, Matthew, Egan, Sam, & Summers, John. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a geophysical survey. geophysical survey. RNO 3821

(3) Report: Bull, Kerrie. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: trial trench evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 3609

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14316 31729 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

**Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations**

|                            |                                                                                      |        |          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument | Anglo-Saxon settlement and probable prehistoric ring ditches, west of Pirton village | Active | DHT11395 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31108 | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                |                 |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| 16620 | PIRTON VILLAGE | Group - Element |
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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7865 | Magnetometer survey of land at Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Survey. Ref: AS1740)           |
| EHT8220 | Evaluation of land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Intervention. Ref: AS1740) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                         | Record Type |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 31109 - MHT31109 | RING DITCHES, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON | Monument    |

Circular gullies which may be the remains of prehistoric burial mounds; or may relate to 5th-9th century settlement in the same field

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### Monument Types and Dates

RING DITCH (Unknown date)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

ROUND BARROW? (Late Neolithic to Earlier Bronze Age - 3000 BC to 1201 BC)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
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### Description and Sources

#### Description

'Probable prehistoric ring ditches' were found in the field NE of Priors Hill during geophysics in 2015<1> . Subsequent evaluation confirmed the features as ring ditches; one contained no finds. The other contained in its fill 'mid 5th-9th century pottery' and animal bone. This ditch was recut, but the recut ditch contained no finds<2> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Baker, Matthew, Egan, Sam, & Summers, John. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a geophysical survey. geophysical survey.
- (2) Report: Bull, Kerrie. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: trial trench evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 3609, Tr 11, 12
- (3) Scheduling record: Scheduled Monument description. May 2016

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14317 31717 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                            |                                                                                      |        |          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Scheduled Ancient Monument | Anglo-Saxon settlement and probable prehistoric ring ditches, west of Pirton village | Active | DHT11395 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31109 | Active |
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#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 31109 - MHT3110 **Site Name** RING DITCHES, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT7865 | Magnetometer survey of land at Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Survey. Ref: AS1740)           |
| EHT8220 | Evaluation of land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Intervention. Ref: AS1740) |

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31320 - MHT3132 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL PIT, THE DIAL, WEST LANE, PIRTON

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                                 | Record Type |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31320 - MHT31320 | MEDIEVAL PIT, THE DIAL, WEST LANE, PIRTON | Monument    |

Pit containing 12th to early 13th century pottery

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### Monument Types and Dates

PIT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

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| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A pit found in an evaluation trench west of the house called The Dial was only partly uncovered, but was large and contained 12th to early 13th century pottery. Several fabrics were present, representing up to 21 vessels. Some sherds were found in the topsoil outside the pit, with post-medieval clay pipe fragments and a two-pronged iron fork<1> . Subsequent groundworks revealed a feature which was apparently part of the same pit, but containing no finds; and a second pit which yielded one sherd of 12th to 14th century pottery (Shelly Coarseware). Another 12th-14th century sherd (Sandy Oolitic Ware) and a sherd of Thetford Ware (10th-12th century) were in the topsoil<2> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Wood, Mike. 2013. Archaeological evaluation report: trial trenching on land at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 3736
- (2) Report: Cooper, Catriona, & Piirainen, Maria. 2016. Archaeological watching brief report: The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire. watching brief. RNO 3741

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

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|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14508 32078 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31320 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

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**SMR Number** 31320 - MHT3132 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL PIT, THE DIAL, WEST LANE, PIRTON

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EHT7428 Evaluation at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, 2013 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIDI13)

EHT7653 Watching brief at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIDI15)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b> | <b>Record Type</b> |
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| 31328 - MHT31328 | 8-11 GREAT GREEN, PIRTON | Building |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------|

16th century or older pair of timber-framed houses, divided into four by the later 19th century

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**Monument Types and Dates**

HALL HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

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|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
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TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
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| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
|----------|-----------------|

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**Description and Sources****Description**

Nos.8-11 Great Green were built as two adjoining houses in the 16th century or earlier. They are timber-framed on a brick sill, a long one and a half storey range set back from the Green. No.9 is a taller two-storey jettied crosswing, projecting to front and rear. Nos.8 and 9 are the southern part, with painted brick casing on the ground floor and the timber frame exposed on the upper floor front. No.8 has a gabled porch; no.9 a rectangular bay window beneath a gabled dormer, and a through passaged to the rear against the crosswing. This passage was probably the screens passage of a hall house. No.9 also once had a an external chimney on the north side. Nos.10 and 11 are the northern part, which was cased in chequered red and black brick in the 18th century; the frontage to no.11 has been partly rebuilt. This part has three box dormers at the eaves, four ground floor windows and two doors. A very large projecting rear chimney in no.11 was rebuilt in the 18th century when the north gable was rebuilt in brick incorporating a parapet<1> . The 1882 OS map<2> shows the building already divided into four properties, with another directly adjoining no.8 on the south side and making a row of five. Four more stood perpendicular to this row, end-on to the Green. By 1898<3> the house adjoining no.8 had been demolished. Two paths approached the four cottages through their long front gardens.

**Sources**

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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**Location****National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14495 31546 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

**Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

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|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statutes and Scorings****Associated Designations**

|                               |                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163160 | No name for this Entry | Active | DHT7571 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|

**Other Statutes and Cross-References**

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31328 | Active |
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**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

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Related Monuments - None Recorded

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Finds - None recorded

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Associated Events/Activities - None recorded

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Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 31348 - MHT3134 **Site Name** LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE ROUND

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                                    | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31348 - MHT31348  | LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE ROUND<br>HOUSE, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON | Monument           |

A circle of post holes with the appearance of a round house

### Monument Types and Dates

ROUND HOUSE (DOMESTIC)? (Later Bronze Age to Earlier Iron Age - 1200 BC to 401 BC)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Seven post holes arranged in an incomplete circle, with two outliers on the east side, found in an evaluation trench south of Holwell Road, appeared to represent a round house. The fills held charcoal and a small amount of pottery, some unidentifiable and some late Bronze Age to early Iron Age. All the pottery was in poor condition and highly fragmented. There was no other domestic debris, but see [31349]<1, 2, 3> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Tierney, Michael, Abrams, Joe, & Streatfeild-James, Jake. 2015. Land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation report. field evaluation. RNO 3823
- (2) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological mitigation: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; interim report. interim report. RNO 3759
- (3) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: assessment and updated project design. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3824

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 15171 32072 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31348 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31348 - MHT3134 **Site Name** LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE ROUND

**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8016 Evaluation of land at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HOPH15)  
EHT8352 Archaeological 'strip and map' excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2016-17 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HRP/01)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31349 - MHT3134 **Site Name** LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE QUARRY PITS,

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                                        | Record Type |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31349 - MHT31349 | LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE QUARRY PITS, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON | Monument    |

Groups of intercutting pits containing multiple fills, and cremation pits

### Monument Types and Dates

CREMATION (? , Later Bronze Age to Earlier Iron Age - 1200 BC to 401 BC)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

Evidence BURIAL

PIT (Later Bronze Age to Earlier Iron Age - 1200 BC to 401 BC)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Several groups of intercutting pits found south of Holwell Road appeared to have been dug as extraction pits. The largest group was about 6m by 3m overall, containing many intercutting pits and recuts. The NE quadrant had four steps leading down to the centre. Multiple fills in each of these pits contained coarse and fine ware pottery of late Bronze Age to early Iron Age date and some bone. Two fills sealing the entire group contained a great deal of bone, heated stones and charcoal, and similar pottery. A second group about 30m to the SW was similar but smaller, and without finds in the fills apart from some early or middle Iron Age coarse pottery; the sealing layer contained bone, possible worked flint, and some sandy Iron Age pottery. All the pottery was in poor condition and was highly fragmented. A few metres south of the second group of quarry pits were some scattered small pits, two of which contained a great deal of charcoal and cremated human bone<2, 3> . To the east, just beyond a ditch [18218] which appeared to be Iron Age in date, were two more groups of intercutting pits with single fills containing a very small amount of Iron Age pottery, some sand-tempered and some unidentifiable. These pits also contained a few pieces of worked flint (debitage, a damaged blade, and a hammer flake)<3> . The NGR is for the largest group of quarry pits. For a possible contemporary round house nearby, see [31348].

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Tierney, Michael, Abrams, Joe, & Streatfeild-James, Jake. 2015. Land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation report. field evaluation. RNO 3823
- (2) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological mitigation: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; interim report. interim report. RNO 3759
- (3) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: assessment and updated project design. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 8324

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 15139 32059 (point) TL13SE Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31349 - MHT3134 **Site Name** LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE QUARRY PITS,

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31349

Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8016 Evaluation of land at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2015 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HOPH15)

EHT8352 Archaeological 'strip and map' excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2016-17 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HRPM/01)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31353 - MHT3135 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL OR LATER CHALK FLOOR, 6 BURY END,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                     | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31353 - MHT31353  | MEDIEVAL OR LATER CHALK FLOOR, 6 BURY<br>END, PIRTON | Monument           |

Part of a floor of chalk rubble, presumably the floor of a building

### Monument Types and Dates

FLOOR (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A rammed chalk rubble surface found beneath subsoil in the rear garden of 6 Bury End [31354] appeared to be the remains of a floor, laid directly onto the natural clay. It was constructed of nodules and blocks, and incorporated a few fragments of charcoal and tile. The tile fragments were hand made and could be late medieval in date. The floor was truncated by the 1940s extension to the house. Presumably the floor was laid within a building; more of it is assumed to survive further south<1> . A small outbuilding shown in the garden on the 1882 OS map<2> is a few metres further south than the chalk floor.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Burleigh, Gil. 2017. (Summary of results at 6 Bury End, Pirton, 2017). watching brief. RNO 3769
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14599 31488 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31353 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities**

**SMR Number** 31353 - MHT3135 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL OR LATER CHALK FLOOR, 6 BURY END,  
EHT8353 Monitoring at 6 Bury End, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Intervention. Ref: N)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                                   | Site Name            | Record Type |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 31354 - MHT31354                                                             | 4-6 BURY END, PIRTON | Building    |
| 18th century or earlier timber-framed house, now divided into two properties |                      |             |

### Monument Types and Dates

LOBBY ENTRY HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence EXTANT BUILDING

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Nos.4-6 were built as one house in the 18th century or earlier. It is a two-storey, two cell timber-framed house on a stuccoed sill, with roughcast exterior and painted red brick extensions. It is a lobby entry plan house with internal chimney, facing east, with a plank door at the top of two steps in the centre front. The other door is at the north end, adjacent to an exposed corner post. The extensions at each end were added in the 19th century (presumably when the house was divided); rear extensions date to the 1940s<2> . The house is shown on the 1882 OS map<3> already divided, with separate garden plots to the rear. For the chalk floor of a possibly earlier building in the garden of no.6, see [31353].

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Report: Burleigh, Gil. 2017. (Summary of results at 6 Bury End, Pirton, 2017). watching brief. RNO 3769
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14603 31494 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                               |                        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 163152 | No name for this Entry | Active | DHT6983 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31354 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

**SMR Number** 31354 - MHT3135 **Site Name** 4-6 BURY END, PIRTON

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31388 - MHT3138 **Site Name** SAXON & MEDIEVAL FEATURES, PIRTON PRIMARY

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                                                | Record Type |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31388 - MHT31388 | SAXON & MEDIEVAL FEATURES, PIRTON<br>PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON | Monument    |

Pits and ditches with Saxon and medieval pottery, and other features which may be contemporary

### Monument Types and Dates

PIT (? , Middle Saxon - 550 AD to 869 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Late Saxon - 870 AD to 1065 AD)

Late Saxon - 1065 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

DITCH (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

FURNACE (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1300 AD)

1066 AD - 1300 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

DITCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

ENCLOSURE (Medieval - 1101 AD to 1300 AD)

1101 AD - 1300 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Features excavated at Pirton Primary School in 2017 included a pit containing a sherd of Maxey-type Ware pottery dating to AD 650-850; a ditch containing two sherds of St Neots Ware (AD 900-1150), cut by another ditch containing three sherds of medieval Hertfordshire Grey Ware; a gully containing one sherd of Shelly Coarseware (AD 1100-1400) and which may be part of the same medieval ditch; and undated features (a ditch, two post holes) which appeared likely to be contemporary. There was also some animal bone (cattle and horse), representing butchery and domestic refuse<1> . Later excavation found a possibly Middle Saxon pit, a Late Saxon ditch system, two Medieval ditches, a Medieval furnace bottom with iron slag.<2>

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Wroe-Brown, Robin. 2017. Archaeological evaluation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 3814
- (2) Report: Carvey, Craig. 2018. Archaeological Excavation and Watching Brief Pirton School, High Street, Pirton. field excavation. RNO 4655

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14574 31809 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

**SMR Number** 31388 - MHT3138 **Site Name** SAXON & MEDIEVAL FEATURES, PIRTON PRIMARY

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References**

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31388 Active

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Associated Finds**

FHT22752 CERAMIC (Late Saxon - 870 AD to 1065 AD) (FHT22752)

FHT22753 SLAG (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1300 AD) (FHT22753)

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8371 Archaeological evaluation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR-PS-17)

EHT8629 Excavation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 2018512)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31506 - MHT3150 **Site Name** THE MOTTE & BAILEY (WHITE HORSE) PH, GREAT

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                                   | Record Type |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31506 - MHT31506 | THE MOTTE & BAILEY (WHITE HORSE) PH,<br>GREAT GREEN, PIRTON | Building    |

Post-medieval public house, rebuilt in a slightly different position in the 20th century

### Monument Types and Dates

PUBLIC HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The White Horse is shown on the later 19th century OS maps<1, 2> (with the label 'P.H.') facing the north end of Great Green. It was a long rectangular building with central projecting front porch and a rear projection at the north end. The large corner plot also contained outbuildings. In 1882 these were substantial, some lining the frontage of Crabtree Lane; by 1898 they had been reduced to two small buildings. The pub itself is now set slightly further back and has been reduced in size, with a three-gabled front. The northern outbuilding on the Crabtree Lane frontage, which is present on the 1882 map, has survived. The pub has been renamed the Motte & Bailey, as it backs onto the castle [32].

#### Sources

- (1) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 2nd edition (1897-1901). 1898
- (3) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch plan, post-war edition (1958-81). 1980

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14559 31600 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31506 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31506 - MHT3150 **Site Name** THE MOTTE & BAILEY (WHITE HORSE) PH, GREAT  
**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31509 - MHT3150 **Site Name** POST-MEDIEVAL FIELD BOUNDARY, ROYAL OAK

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                     | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31509 - MHT31509  | POST-MEDIEVAL FIELD BOUNDARY, ROYAL OAK LANE, PIRTON | Monument           |

Ditched boundary dating to the 18th century or earlier

### Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

FIELD BOUNDARY (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A ditch running east-west, found in two evaluation trenches in here in 2016<1> , is shown on the 1882 OS map<2> as an extant field boundary running for just over 100m, from the road to the extant eastern property boundary. This boundary 'appears on a pre-enclosure map of c.1800'<1> so must date to the 18th century or earlier. It may have been recut, as part of a very similar ditch was found running alongside it; and it is still extant beneath a line of trees in the pasture.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Jones, Greg, & Sycamore, Mark. 2016. Land adjacent to 40 Royal Oak Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 3927
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 15088 31931 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|----------|------------------------------------|

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31509 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31509 - MHT3150 **Site Name** POST-MEDIEVAL FIELD BOUNDARY, ROYAL OAK

**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8041 Evaluation of land at 40 Royal Oak Lane, Pirton, 2016 (Event - Intervention. Ref: HN1239)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31510 - MHT3151 **Site Name** PROBABLE MOATED SITE, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON

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| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                              | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31510 - MHT31510  | PROBABLE MOATED SITE, WRIGHTS FARM,<br>PIRTON | Monument           |

Watercourses with the appearance of a medieval homestead moat at 'Moat Close'

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### **Monument Types and Dates**

MOAT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
| Evidence | PLACENAME EVIDENCE   |

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### **Description and Sources**

#### **Description**

Wrights Farm [18773] stands on the Wash Brook, which rises to the SW and flows NE. The stream turns through two right-angles just south of the post-medieval farmstead, before widening into a millpond [31511] on the north side of the access track. A narrow channel runs towards the farmstead from the upper right-angled bend, giving the appearance of a moat. The field was known from before 1801 as Moat Close, and this could be a medieval homestead moat. The watercourse is the same on a map with the 1801 sales particulars<1> , and on the 1882 OS map<2> . The moated enclosure served as the garden to the farmhouse, which stood across the north end of the enclosure until it was demolished c.1968. A small test pit dug on the island in 2010 produced pottery dating from the mid 12th to 19th centuries, with some medieval Herts Grey Ware sherds at the base of the pit unaccompanied by anything of a later date<3, 4> .

#### **Sources**

- (1) Unpublished document: Burleigh, G R. 2017. Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a report on the archaeological earthworks and buried remains.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (3) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2011. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2010; Medieval Settlement Research 26, 48-59.
- (4) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2010. Pottery from Pirton community test-pits (PIR/10). TP21

#### **Associated resources - None recorded**

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#### **Location**

##### **National Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14290 32125 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

##### **Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

##### **Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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#### **Designations, Statutes and Scorings**

##### **Associated Designations - None recorded**

##### **Other Statutes and Cross-References**

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31510 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

##### **Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31510 - MHT3151 **Site Name** PROBABLE MOATED SITE, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                                            |                        |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 18773 | WRIGHT'S FARM, SHILLINGTON ROAD,<br>PIRTON | Functional Association |
|-------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                       |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8475 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2010 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/10) |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                               | Record Type |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31511 - MHT31511 | SITE OF WATERMILL, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON | Monument    |

Post-medieval waterwheel on the Wash Brook, demolished c.1880

### Monument Types and Dates

WATERMILL (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

WHEEL PIT (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence STRUCTURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The field east of the Wash Brook at Wrights Farm is named in sales particulars as Millers Close. The mill itself was at the SE end of the farmstead, on the north side of the access track. A small structure is shown here on maps with sales particulars dated 1801 and 1879, and also on the 1818 enclosure map<1> . It is not shown on the 1882 OS map<2> . 'Evidence for its surviving remains, including the wheel pit, was uncovered c.1970 by the then tenant farmer who afterwards re-covered the remains'<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Burleigh, G R. 2017. Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a report on the archaeological earthworks and buried remains.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14314 32145 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31511 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

### Related Monuments

18773 WRIGHT'S FARM, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON Group - Element

**SMR Number** 31511 - MHT3151 **Site Name** SITE OF WATERMILL, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number                                                           | Site Name                            | Record Type |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31512 - MHT31512                                                     | EARTHWORKS, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON | Monument    |
| Earthworks around an area of Roman, medieval and later pottery finds |                                      |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

EARTHWORK (Unknown date)

Evidence EARTHWORK

FINDSPOT (Late Iron Age to Late Roman - 100 BC to 409 AD)

Evidence FIND

FINDSPOT (Late Saxon to Post Medieval - 870 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence ARTEFACT SCATTER

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

The field behind 28-30 Shillington Road, historically known as Doles Field, contains upstanding earthworks in the form of two large enclosures. They encompass no.28, which is a 16th century or older hall house [15906]. Large farm buildings shown here on a map drawn up in 1801<1> evidently belonged to the farmstead. North of these, and still within the earthwork enclosures, medieval pottery has been found in six test pits scattered across the field. Most of it is 12th-16th century but some 10th-11th century material was present in one of the pits<2, 3> . Very little of 16th to 19th century date was present, even though the farmhouse was already standing just to the south. Some of the test pits also had late Iron Age and Roman sherds at their base<3> .

#### Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Burleigh, G R. 2017. Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a report on the archaeological earthworks and buried remains.
- (2) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2011. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2010; Medieval Settlement Research 26, 48-59.
- (3) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2010. Pottery from Pirton community test-pits (PIR/10). TP 22-25, 27

#### Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14302 31971 (point) TL13SW Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31512 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 31512 - MHT3151 **Site Name** EARTHWORKS, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments**

|       |                             |                        |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 15906 | 28 SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON | Functional Association |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------|

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

|         |                                                                       |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8475 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2010 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/10) |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31514 - MHT3151 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL POTTERY AND POSSIBLY MEDIEVAL

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                                                                 | Record Type |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31514 - MHT31514 | MEDIEVAL POTTERY AND POSSIBLY<br>MEDIEVAL EARTHWORKS, DOLES MEAD,<br>WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON | Monument    |

Earthworks, and medieval pottery found in test pitting

### Monument Types and Dates

EARTHWORK (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence STRUCTURE

FINDSPOT (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

Evidence FIND

### Description and Sources

#### Description

The field behind Wrights Farm [18773], known as Doles Mead or The Mead, 'is covered in low and high-relief archaeological earthworks' <1> . Some may correspond to lines of trees shown on the 1882 OS map <2> , possibly marking boundary banks, but their variety and nature are unclear. Small test pits dug across the field in 2010 contained pottery dating from the late Saxon period to later medieval, with very little post-dating the Black Death in the mid 14th century <3, 4> . One test pit in particular (TP 25) appeared to be stratified, with a little late Saxon material beneath a quantity of medieval pottery. The other pits also contained a few Roman sherds. Two more test pits in the field to the north each contained a few Roman sherds, and plenty of 12th-14th century pottery; one also yielded a sherd of St Neots ware. As in the field to the south, there was nothing post-dating the Black Death.

#### Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Burleigh, G R. 2017. Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a report on the archaeological earthworks and buried remains.
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1882
- (3) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2011. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2010; Medieval Settlement Research 26, 48-59.
- (4) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2010. Pottery from Pirton community test-pits (PIR/10). TPs 23-25; TP22, 27

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred TL 1424 3219 (98m by 138m) TL13SW Dispersed

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31514 Active

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

**SMR Number** 31514 - MHT3151 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL POTTERY AND POSSIBLY MEDIEVAL

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8475 Test pits in Pirton village, 2010 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/10)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31515 - MHT3151 **Site Name** LATE BRONZE AGE & EARLY IRON AGE FEATURES,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                                | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31515 - MHT31515  | LATE BRONZE AGE & EARLY IRON AGE FEATURES, POLLARDS WAY, PIRTON | Monument           |

Pits and post holes, with prehistoric pottery

### Monument Types and Dates

PIT (Later Bronze Age - 1200 BC to 801 BC)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

POST HOLE (Later Bronze Age to Earlier Iron Age - 1200 BC to 401 BC)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

PIT (Earlier Iron Age - 800 BC to 401 BC)

|          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|
| Evidence | EXCAVATED FEATURE |
|----------|-------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A substantial assemblage of prehistoric pottery (237 sherds) was found in pits and post holes here in 2016. In various flint-gritted fabrics, it appeared to date to the late Bronze Age to earlier Iron Age. Three large pits slightly to the south of the late Bronze Age features contained only earlier Iron Age pottery<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Phillips, Daniel, & Ashworth, Helen. 2016. Land at Pollards Way, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological assessment report. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3930

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14440 31784 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|----------|------------------------------------|

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31515 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

**Associated Events/Activities**

**SMR Number** 31515 - MHT3151 **Site Name** LATE BRONZE AGE & EARLY IRON AGE FEATURES,  
EHT7824 Excavation and Monitoring on land adjacent to Pollards Way, Pirton, 2014-15 (Event -  
Intervention. Ref: HN1141)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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| SMR Number       | Site Name                            | Record Type |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31519 - MHT31519 | RIDGE & FURROW, HOLWELL LANE, PIRTON | Monument    |

Traces of medieval (and later) strip fields

### Monument Types and Dates

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Evidence | SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT |
|----------|---------------------|

FIELD BOUNDARY (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Evidence | SUB SURFACE DEPOSIT |
|----------|---------------------|

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Evidence | DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

A pattern of ridge and furrow recorded here in a geophysical survey in 2017 ran roughly east-west, and represents medieval and later strip fields. Less dense anomalies in the south end of the same field may also be ridge and furrow, but run roughly north-south. The post-medieval field boundaries shown on the 1882 OS map<2> were also visible in the survey.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Gater, John. 2017. Geophysical survey report: land off Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. geophysical survey. RNO 3934
- (2) Cartographic material: OS 25 inch map, 1st edition. 1881-82

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                                       |        |           |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Centred TL 15253 31995 (122m by 164m) | TL13SE | Dispersed |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|----------|------------------------------------|

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31519 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### Associated Events/Activities

|         |                                                                                        |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8416 | Geophysical survey of land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Survey. Ref: 11635) |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**SMR Number** 31519 - MHT3151 **Site Name** RIDGE & FURROW, HOLWELL LANE, PIRTON

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31569 - MHT3156 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL POTTERY, LOWER CROFT FIELD, BURGE

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b> | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
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|                  |                                                                |           |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 31569 - MHT31569 | MEDIEVAL POTTERY, LOWER CROFT FIELD,<br>BURGE END LANE, PIRTON | Find Spot |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|

12th-13th century pottery

### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Nine sherds of Early Medieval Sandy Ware and 11 sherds of Hertfordshire Greyware, found in a small test pit in the southern part of Lower Croft in 2011, indicate occupation of this area before the Black Death decimated the population of Pirton in the mid 14th century (see [16620]). Very little later pottery was present<1> .

#### Sources

(1) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2011. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR11). Test pit 5

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14410 32193 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|----------|------------------------------------|

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31569 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

### Associated Events/Activities

|         |                                                                      |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8476 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2011 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR11) |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

| SMR Number                            | Site Name                       | Record Type |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 31570 - MHT31570                      | ASHBURN, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON | Building    |
| Late 17th century timber-framed house |                                 |             |

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### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

TIMBER FRAMED HOUSE (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| Evidence | EXTANT BUILDING |
|----------|-----------------|

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Ashburn is a small timber-framed house built in the late 17th century, two storeys high with two windows on each floor and external gable chimneys. The timber frame stands on a red brick sill. In 1984 the house was renovated and a south wing added, with a weatherboarded upper floor. The door is within a single-storey porch on the south side of the 1984 crosswing; inside are exposed timbers<1> . A quantity of post-medieval pottery found in a test pit in front of the house in 2008 included a good deal of glazed red earthenware, and small amounts of Harlow Slipware and various kinds of stoneware<2> . There was nothing earlier.

#### Sources

- (1) Digital archive: Listed Buildings description.
- (2) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2008. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/08). Test pit 12

Associated resources - None recorded

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14364 32280 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

Address/Historic Names - None recorded

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|                                |         |        |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Listed Building (II) - 1347108 | ASHBURN | Active | DHT7715 |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31570 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

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### Land Use

Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

Other Land Classes - None recorded

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Related Monuments - None Recorded

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Finds - None recorded

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**SMR Number** 31570 - MHT3157 **Site Name** ASHBURN, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8473 Test pits in Pirton village, 2008 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/08)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** 31571 - MHT3157 **Site Name** MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL POTTERY SCATTER,

| SMR Number       | Site Name                                                                                | Record Type |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 31571 - MHT31571 | MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL POTTERY SCATTER, SOUTH OF HAMMONDS FARM, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON | Find Spot   |

Mostly post-medieval sherds apparently representing the manuring of fields

### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Medieval to Post Medieval - 1066 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Pottery found in two test pits in the field south of Hammonds Farm included a single late Saxon sherd (St Neots type), two medieval sherds (Early Medieval Sandy Ware and Hertfordshire Greyware), and some post-medieval glazed red earthenware. All these were mixed with 19th century sherds. This area appears to have been fields, across which was spread manure mixed with other debris<1> .

#### Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2008. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/08). Test pits 20, 21

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1446 3225 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations - None recorded

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31571 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

#### Ratings and Scorings - None recorded

### Land Use

#### Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded

#### Other Land Classes - None recorded

#### Related Monuments - None Recorded

#### Finds - None recorded

### Associated Events/Activities

|         |                                                                       |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8473 | Test pits in Pirton village, 2008 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/08) |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|

#### Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded



**SMR Number** 31572 - MHT3157 **Site Name** ROMAN, SAXON & MEDIEVAL POTTERY, MILL FIELD,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                               | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 31572 - MHT31572  | ROMAN, SAXON & MEDIEVAL POTTERY, MILL FIELD, BURGE END, PIRTON | Find Spot          |

Unstratified Roman, late Saxon and medieval sherds found across much of the field

### Monument Types and Dates

FINDSPOT (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

FINDSPOT (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

FINDSPOT (Post Medieval - 1501 AD to 1900 AD)

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Evidence | FIND |
|----------|------|

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Roman, late Saxon and medieval pottery was found in five test pits dug in 2009 across the northern half of the field at the north end of Burge End Lane, close to Burge End Farm [15902]. Roman sherds and Early Medieval Sandy Ware tended to be at the bottom of the sequence, with some St Neots Ware in one pit, but none of the Roman sherds were found alone, and the late Saxon and medieval wares were mixed, some with post-medieval wares. The quantities, however, indicate that this is not material brought from any distance.

#### Sources

- (1) Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2009. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/09). Test pits 11-12, 26-28
- (2) Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2009. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements: results of the HEFA CORS project in 2009; Medieval Settlement Research 24, 43-58.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

|                      |        |              |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 1432 3232 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
|----------------------|--------|--------------|

#### Administrative Areas

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|

|          |                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
|----------|------------------------------------|

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

#### Other Statutes and Cross-References

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| HCC Sites and Monuments Record Number - 31572 | Active |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**SMR Number** 31572 - MHT3157 **Site Name** ROMAN, SAXON & MEDIEVAL POTTERY, MILL FIELD,

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8474 Test pits in Pirton village, 2009 (Event - Intervention. Ref: PIR/09)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** MHT31579 **Site Name** LATE SAXON - MEDIEVAL FEATURES, SHILLINGTON

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                            | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MHT31579          | LATE SAXON - MEDIEVAL FEATURES,<br>SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON | Monument           |

A series of ditches and pits of late Saxon - medieval date.

### Monument Types and Dates

PIT (Neolithic - 4500 BC to 2501 BC)

Neolithic - 2501 BC

DITCH (Sub Roman to Medieval - 450 AD to 1500 AD) + Sci.Date

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

Sci. Date: Radiocarbon Radiocarbon  
Age BP 2937 ±  
22

Date Determined:  
27/08/2018

PIT (Late Saxon to Medieval - 870 AD to 1500 AD)

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Geophysical survey in 2016 detected some weak anomalies at the South West end of the site, including a possible enclosure. Evaluation in October 2017 revealed a number of the Late Saxon-Medieval features consisting of boundary and drainage ditches as well as large refuse pits and quarry pits. The boundary and drainage ditches formed part of a broadly North East to South West aligned field system. Investigation of the possible enclosure proved inconclusive but a radiocarbon date of Radiocarbon Age BP 2937 ± 22, was obtained from charcoal taken from the middle fill of the northern slot of the enclosure. This can only tentatively date the ditch to the Late Bronze Age, due to the location of the charcoal in the feature. A concentration of 15 pits and 18 ditches in the northern part of the site contained finds including animal bone, ceramic building material and pottery (predominantly of AD 12th – 14th date) There was also a small amount of metal work with the collection from pit 137 being most notable. These included a copper alloy hilt plate for a knife, an incomplete iron rotary key of 12th century date, and four large headed fiddle-key nails. 127 sherds were recovered from this evaluation, representing 81 separate vessels. A very small quantity of residual Roman, Middle Saxon and Late Saxon pottery (1 Roman whiteware sherd, 1 sherd of Early-Middle Saxon quartz sand[1] tempered ware, 3 sherds of St Neots-type ware and 1 sherd of Stamford-type ware) was present but the majority of the pottery dates from the 12-14th century. The sherds are predominantly of handmade locally produced early medieval coarsewares dating from the 11th to 12th century, replaced by wheel-thrown kiln-fired Hertfordshire greywares, dating from perhaps as early as the mid-12th century and continuing to be made until the 14th, and possibly even early 15th century. The assemblage includes jars and jugs, including a large rounded jug decorated with incised horizontal lines dating to the 13th or 14th century. The presence of varying quantities of chalk in the fabric of the greywares is noted as distinguishing products of the north Hertfordshire greyware kilns from those further south, and it is suggested that some of the greywares originate from the kilns operating in nearby Hitchin. A smaller assemblage of sherds comprised medieval calcareous or shell-tempered wares that probably originate from further west or north in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, or even Northamptonshire, and are of probable 11th or 12th to 13th century date. A negligible quantity of ceramic building material was recovered, consisting of one Roman tile, eight medieval tile fragments, and two pieces of post-medieval brick. Faunal remains recovered consisted of both animal and plant remains. Animal bones were found in several cut features and included cattle, some sheep/goat, pig, and chicken. There were also disarticulated remains of least two medium-sized adult ponies. Together these are thought to represent mixed deposits of general food waste as well as perhaps some knackers' waste. Environmental samples were taken across the site. The samples contained a number

**SMR Number** MHT31579

**Site Name** LATE SAXON - MEDIEVAL FEATURES, SHILLINGTON

of plant micro-fossils including charred cereal grains, molluscs, wood charcoal and weed seeds. Weed seeds included poppy (Papaver Sp.) Elder (Sambucus Sp.), and dandelion (taraxacum Sp.) With dandelion being the most common. The charred cereal remains contained wheat (Triticum Sp.). A large proportion of the grains were heavily degraded. The character of the features and finds suggests proximity to a settlement though there is no evidence of any relationship with the Scheduled Anglo-Saxon settlement at Priors Hill to the south [31108]. They may however be contemporaneous with, though not directly associated with the Scheduled moated site at Rectory Farm moated site [2221] which is nearby to the North.<1>.

### Sources

- (1) Report: Clarke, Chris. 2016. Archaeological desk based assessment: land at Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. desk-based assessment.
- (2) Report: Morgan-Shelbourne, L. 2018. Land at Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire, SG5 3QJ: An archaeological trial trench evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 4015

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 1431 3190 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District

North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded**

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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### Associated Events/Activities

EHT8202 Geophysical survey of land at Shillington Road, Pirton, 2016 (Event - Survey. Ref: J10243)

EHT8400 Evaluation at Land at Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Intervention)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MHT31642      **Site Name** SAXON AND MEDIEVAL FEATURES, 17 WALNUT

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                         | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MHT31642          | SAXON AND MEDIEVAL FEATURES, 17 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON | Monument           |

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### Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Middle Saxon to Medieval - 800 AD to 1199 AD)

PIT (Late Saxon to Medieval - 900 AD to 1199 AD)

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

Evaluation revealed four pits and two ditches across the site. All of the features have been dated by pottery finds to the 9th to 12th century AD, except for one of the ditches which had no finds but was close to a small assemblage of prehistoric pottery that may be associated. There was also a possible cobbled surface.<1> RH

#### Sources

(1) Report: 2018. 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton, Hertfordshire: Archaeological Evaluation.

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred TL 1493 3156 (100m by 92m)      TL13SW      Area

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded**

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

**Finds - None recorded**

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### Associated Events/Activities

EHT8630      Evaluation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton, 2018 (Event - Intervention)

**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MHT31645      **Site Name** ANGLO-SAXON FEATURES, REAR OF THE COACH

| SMR Number | Site Name                                                               | Record Type |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| MHT31645   | ANGLO-SAXON FEATURES, REAR OF THE COACH HOUSE, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON | Monument    |

Anglo-Saxon features including ditches, pits and post holes as well as pottery and faunal remains.

### Monument Types and Dates

POST HOLE (Unknown date)

PIT (Middle Saxon to Medieval - 850 AD to 1400 AD)

850 AD - 1400 AD

DITCH (Late Saxon to Medieval - 900 AD to 1399 AD)

900 AD - 1399 AD

### Description and Sources

#### Description

Archaeological evaluation in advance of the construction of two new residential properties exposed archaeology in all four trenches in the form of pits, ditches, gullies, post-holes and a large pit-like feature that may be attributed to quarrying. A later rectangular cut was also found along with a modern rubbish pit. Pottery that dated to the early/middle Anglo-Saxon, Late Anglo Saxon, Saxo-Norman and early medieval periods, but primarily dating to the 10-12th century, was found across the site both from features and as residual finds. A range of wares was represented, including Early/middle Anglo-Saxon Fine Sandy Ware dating c AD450 – 850, St Neots Ware, Hertfordshire Grey Ware, Calcareous Sandy Ware and Shelly Coarseware. Many of the ditches and pits contained faunal remains. The assemblage was dominated by cattle, sheep and goat but also contained pig and horse. The nature of the assemblage and the contexts from which they derive, from pits and ditches, indicate that it was likely that they represent food waste as opposed to butchery waste or other specialised types of deposit. The pits are likely to have been used for storage and subsequently as rubbish pits; the ditches may represent a series of boundary and/or drainage ditches.<1> Subsequent strip, map and sample excavation confirmed and added to this picture.<2,3> The late Saxon burial of a partial human skull is described at greater length in [

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Summerfield-Hill, Carina. 2016. Archaeological Evaluation Report; Land Adjacent to the Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 4090
- (2) Report: Dodd, Laura. 2023. Archaeological Strip, Map and Sample Report The Coach House Shillington Road Pirton Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 4362
- (3) Report: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2018. Pottery and Fired Clay Loom-Weights from The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, Herts (Site 224/PCH). specialist report. RNO 4363

#### Associated resources - None recorded

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14435 31900 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District

North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

#### Address/Historic Names - None recorded

### Designations, Statutes and Scorings

**SMR Number** MHT31645

**Site Name** ANGLO-SAXON FEATURES, REAR OF THE COACH

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded**

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8203      Evaluation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, 2016 (Event - Intervention)

EHT8893      Excavation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Intervention)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** MHT39812      **Site Name** PARTIAL HUMAN SKULL, LATE SAXON, THE COACH

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                                           | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MHT39812          | PARTIAL HUMAN SKULL, LATE SAXON, THE COACH HOUSE, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON | Monument           |

A skull lacking facial bones, maxilla and mandible, dated to the Late Saxon, was interred in a small pit containing ash and traces of burning.

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### Monument Types and Dates

BURIAL (Late Saxon - 870 AD to 1065 AD)

Late Saxon - 1065 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

**Description - None recorded**

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Dodd, Laura. 2023. Archaeological Strip, Map and Sample Report The Coach House Shillington Road Pirton Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 4361

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14435 31905 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District

North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded**

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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### Associated Finds

|          |                                                                                     |      |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| FHT22578 | HUMAN REMAINS (Middle Saxon to Late Saxon - 771 AD to 953 AD) + Sci.Date (FHT22578) | BONE |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|

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### Associated Events/Activities

|         |                                                                                                       |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| EHT8893 | Excavation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017 (Event - Intervention) |
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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MHT40376      **Site Name** ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL PITS AND DITCHES,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                             | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MHT40376          | ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL PITS AND DITCHES,<br>WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON | Monument           |

A number of Roman, Medieval and post-Medieval features were identified.

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### Monument Types and Dates

DITCH (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Roman - 409 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Roman - 50 AD to 409 AD)

Roman - 409 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

DITCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Medieval - 1500 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

PIT (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1500 AD)

Medieval - 1500 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

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### Description and Sources

#### Description

A Roman ditch and gully, Medieval ditches and pits and post-Medieval structural remains. These were sealed by topsoil, post-Medieval deposits and Modern made ground layers.<1>

#### Sources

Report: Scott, T. 2019. Archaeological Evaluation, Wrights Farm, Pirton. field evaluation. RNO 4639

**Associated resources - None recorded**

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### Location

#### National Grid Reference

TL 14324 32143 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish

Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District

North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded**

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MHT40376      **Site Name** ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL PITS AND DITCHES,

**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Finds - None recorded**

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT8668      Evaluation at Land at Wrights Farm, Pirton, 2019 (Event - Intervention. Ref: WFPH19)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** MHT40380      **Site Name** LATE IRON AGE/EARLY ROMAN INHUMATION,

| SMR Number | Site Name                                                                                                   | Record Type |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| MHT40380   | LATE IRON AGE/EARLY ROMAN INHUMATION,<br>SAXON STRUCTURES AND POST-MEDIEVAL<br>FURROWS, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON | Monument    |

Late Iron Age/Early Roman inhumation and Post-Medieval furrows, Priors Hill, Pirton

## Monument Types and Dates

(Undated)

ROUND HOUSE (DOMESTIC) (Later Bronze Age to Earlier Iron Age - 1200 BC to 401 BC)

Later Bronze Age - Earlier Iron Age

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

POST BUILT STRUCTURE (Late Iron Age - 100 BC to 49 AD)

Late Iron Age - 49 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

POST BUILT STRUCTURE (Early Medieval - 410 AD to 1065 AD)

Sub Roman - Late Saxon

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

WATERHOLE (Middle Saxon - 550 AD to 869 AD)

Middle Saxon - 869 AD

Evidence EXCAVATED FEATURE

## Description and Sources

### Description

Two phases of evaluation revealed settlement related evidence including a grave which was tentatively considered in relation to the previous discovery of human remains at the site [MHT31108], but which proved to be Late Iron Age/Early Roman<3> . Furrows of possible Post Medieval date or later were found in the southern and western part of the site.<1 & 2> Subsequent excavation revealed residual Late Mesolithic-Early Neolithic flintwork and two heavily abraded fragments of Early Neolithic pottery in later contexts. Dispersed flint finds identified as Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age were also identified within later features.<3> A Late Bronze Age/Early Iron Age roundhouse and a segmented ditch were identified. Abraded pottery from the same period was also found.<3> Eight four post structures and two ditches were dated to the Late Iron Age, and two undated cremations were also assigned to this period.<3> The inhumation described above was the only significant find from the Late Iron Age/Early Roman.<1,2,3> The Early-Middle Saxon period was represented by ten post-built structures and two water holes. The limited pottery assemblage suggests that many of these buildings remained in use into the Middle Saxon.<3> The Late Saxon-Early Medieval sees a continuation of of the north-east to south-west alignment laid out in the Middle Saxon period. This is represented by a large sill beam and posthole structure.<3>

### Sources

- (1) Report: Malric-Smith, L. 2018. Archaeological Evaluation Pirton Hill (sic) Pirton (actually Priors Hill). field evaluation. RNO 4652
- (2) Report: Malric-Smith, L. 2018. Land adjacent to Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: An Archaeological Evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 4653
- (3) Report: Revell, T.. 2019. Land at Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: An Archaeological Post-Excavation Assessment. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 4654

**Associated resources - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MHT40380

**Site Name** LATE IRON AGE/EARLY ROMAN INHUMATION,

**Location**

**National Grid Reference**

TL 14355 31689 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish

Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District

North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

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**Designations, Statuses and Scorings**

**Associated Designations - None recorded**

**Other Statuses and Cross-References - None recorded**

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

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**Land Use**

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

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**Related Monuments - None Recorded**

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**Associated Finds**

FHT22750 HUMAN REMAINS (Late Iron Age to Early Roman - 100 BC to 200 AD) + Sci.Date (FHT22750)

FHT22751 CERAMIC (Later Bronze Age to Earlier Iron Age - 1200 BC to 401 BC) (FHT22751)

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**Associated Events/Activities**

EHT9493 Supplementary Evaluation, Priors Hill, Pirton (Event - Intervention. Ref: 13138)

EHT9495 Area Excavation and Watching Brief, Priors Hill, Pirton 2019 (Event - Intervention. Ref: 13947)

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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**SMR Number** MHT40436      **Site Name** POSSIBLY PREHISTORIC ROAD, HAMBRIDGE WAY,

| <b>SMR Number</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                                    | <b>Record Type</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| MHT40436          | POSSIBLY PREHISTORIC ROAD, HAMBRIDGE WAY, ICKLEFORD | Monument           |

An historic routeway connecting Ickleford to Pirton. It remains partially extant as a public bridleway. It is possibly associated with the Icknield Way which itself probably dates to the Prehistoric period

### Monument Types and Dates

TRACKWAY (Prehistoric - 8500 BC? to 101 BC)

Origin: Prehistoric - 101 BC

Evidence      EXTANT STRUCTURE

### Description and Sources

#### Description

An historic routeway connecting Ickleford to Pirton. It remains partially extant as a public bridleway. It is possibly associated with the Icknield Way which itself probably dates to the Prehistoric period. The route is recorded on the first edition OS 1:2500 mapping (1).

#### Sources

(1)      Cartographic material: Ordnance Survey. 1882-83. Ordnance Survey First Edition..

**Associated resources - None recorded**

### Location

#### National Grid Reference

Centred TL 1622 3142 (2534m by 528m)      TL13SE      Dispersed

#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish      Ickleford, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address/Historic Names - None recorded**

### Designations, Statuses and Scorings

#### Associated Designations

|       |                                                                                                |        |          |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| SHINE | Surviving ancient routeway known as Hambridge Way, possibly dating from the Prehistoric period | Active | DHT11530 |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|

#### Other Statuses and Cross-References

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| SHINE Candidate (Yes) | Active |
|-----------------------|--------|

**Ratings and Scorings - None recorded**

### Land Use

**Associated Historic Landscape Character Records - None recorded**

**Other Land Classes - None recorded**

### Related Monuments

|      |                  |                        |
|------|------------------|------------------------|
| 4182 | THE ICKNIELD WAY | Functional Association |
|------|------------------|------------------------|

**Finds - None recorded**

**SMR Number** MHT40436      **Site Name** POSSIBLY PREHISTORIC ROAD, HAMBRIDGE WAY,

**Associated Events/Activities - None recorded**

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**Associated Individuals/Organisations - None recorded**

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# Hertfordshire County Council Event / Activity Full Report



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## Hertfordshire County Council

Date created: 2026-09-16

### United Kingdom

Number of records: 82

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| Event ID | Event Name                                    | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT1296  | Test pits at St Mary's church, Pirton, 2003-4 | Event - Intervention |

#### External Reference:

Dates: 01/11/2003 - 28/02/2004, between

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#### Project Details:

Work Status - Not recorded

#### Event/Activity Types

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Test Pit

#### Thesaurus Event Types

TEST PIT

#### Event/Activity References

OASIS - OASIS albionar1-33628

Organisation: Albion Archaeology

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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#### Location

##### Grid Reference

TL 14705 31670 (point) TL13SW

##### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

Address - None recorded

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#### Activity Objective, Description and Sources

Activity Objective - None recorded

##### Description

Two test pits dug against the north wall of the chancel to assess the archaeological impact of works to address subsidence and repairs to cracked wall. An unrecorded modern brick and concrete pad was discovered around the chancel (and presumably the south transept), evidently a previous attempt to stabilise the building. This involved a trench at least 65cm wide around the chancel, destroying any in situ deposits; but the original foundation of the north transept was seen.

##### Sources

Report: Hounsell, Dan. 2006. St Mary's church, Pirton, Herts: programme of archaeological test pitting. field evaluation. RNO 2224

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#### Associated Monuments

4315 ST MARY'S CHURCH, PIRTON (Building 4315)

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**Event ID:** EHT1658      **Name:** AIR PHOTO OF CROPMARKS OF A SUB-RECTANGULAR

| Event ID | Event Name                                                    | Event Type             |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| EHT1658  | AIR PHOTO OF CROPMARKS OF A SUB-RECTANGULAR ENCLOSURE, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types**

Photography

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Air Photos from CUCAP

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

|                    |        |              |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 154 314 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

Oblique AP of cropmarks of a sub-rectangular enclosure [2334].

**Sources**

Aerial Photograph: CUCAP. Cropmarks of sub-rectangular enclosure, Pirton.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3078      **Name:** AIR PHOTO, PIRTON

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| Event ID | Event Name        | Event Type             |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------|
| EHT3078  | AIR PHOTO, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types

Photography

Thesaurus Event Types

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Air Photo Services Air Photos

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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Administrative Areas

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description

see also [8412-4]. Record to be completed.

Sources

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services Air Photos. AIR PHOTO, PIRTON.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3080      **Name:** AIR PHOTO, TOOT HILL, PIRTON

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| Event ID | Event Name                   | Event Type             |
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| EHT3080  | AIR PHOTO, TOOT HILL, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types

Photography

Thesaurus Event Types

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Air Photo Services Air Photos

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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Administrative Areas

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description

See also [8410 8413-4]. Record to be completed.

Sources

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services. 1995. Toot Hill castle, Pirton.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3081      **Name:** AIR PHOTO OF MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE, TOOT HILL,

| Event ID | Event Name                                              | Event Type             |
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| EHT3081  | AIR PHOTO OF MOTTE AND BAILEY CASTLE, TOOT HILL, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types**

Photography

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Air Photo Services Air Photos

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

Air photograph showing Toot Hill motte and bailey castle. See also [8410 8412 8414].

**Sources**

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services. 1995. Motte & bailey castle, Toot Hill, Pirton.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3082      **Name:** AIR PHOTO, PIRTON

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| Event ID | Event Name        | Event Type             |
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| EHT3082  | AIR PHOTO, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types

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Thesaurus Event Types

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Air Photo Services Air Photos

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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| TL 147 317 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description

See also [8410 8412-3]. Record to be completed.

Sources

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services Air Photos. AIR PHOTO, PIRTON.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3083      **Name:** AIR PHOTO

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| Event ID | Event Name | Event Type             |
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| EHT3083  | AIR PHOTO  | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types

Photography

Thesaurus Event Types

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Air Photo Services Air Photos

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 154 314 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description

see also APs 8411 8416 record to be completed

Sources

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services Air Photos. AIR PHOTO.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3084      **Name:** AIR PHOTO

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| Event ID | Event Name | Event Type             |
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| EHT3084  | AIR PHOTO  | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types**

Photography

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** Air Photo Services Air Photos

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 154 314 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

see also AP 8415 record to be completed

**Sources**

Aerial Photograph: Air Photo Services Air Photos. AIR PHOTO.

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**Associated Monuments -** None recorded

**Event ID:** EHT3886      **Name:** PHOTOGRAPH OF ST MARYS CHURCH AND TOOT HILL CASTLE,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                 | Event Type             |
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| EHT3886  | PHOTOGRAPH OF ST MARYS CHURCH AND TOOT HILL CASTLE, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types**

Photography

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** HCC (General/Archaeology)

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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| TL 1487 3151 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

View from the southeast, looking north.

**Sources**

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3887      **Name:** PHOTOGRAPH OF ST MARYS CHURCH AND TOOT HILL CASTLE,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                 | Event Type             |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| EHT3887  | PHOTOGRAPH OF ST MARYS CHURCH AND TOOT HILL CASTLE, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types**

Photography

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** HCC (General/Archaeology)

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 1474 3151 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

View from the south, looking north.

**Sources**

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT3888      **Name:** PHOTOGRAPH OF ST MARYS CHURCH AND TOOT HILL CASTLE,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                 | Event Type             |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| EHT3888  | PHOTOGRAPH OF ST MARYS CHURCH AND TOOT HILL CASTLE, PIRTON | Event - Interpretation |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types**

Photography

**Thesaurus Event Types**

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** HCC (General/Archaeology)

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 1474 3151 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

View from the south, looking north.

**Sources**

Photograph: HCC (General/Archaeology). 1998. St Mary's church & Toot Hill castle, Pirton.

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT4188      **Name:** Evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1993

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                 | Event Type           |
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| EHT4188  | Evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1993 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/06/1993 - 30/06/1993, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** The Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 1473 3184 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

13 evaluation trenches across a substantial area of land on the north side of the High Street revealed well-preserved medieval archaeology in 11 trenches. The other two, near the NW corner of the area, revealed topsoil over natural.

**Sources**

Report: Fenton, Penny. 1993. An archaeological evaluation of land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 109

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 9676 | SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, THE FOX, PIRTON (Monument 9676) |
| 9677 | SAXO-NORMAN CEMETERY AND POSSIBLE CHURCH, PIRTON (Monument 9677)           |

**Event ID:** EHT4203      **Name:** Excavation on land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1995

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                 | Event Type           |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT4203  | Excavation on land to the rear of The Fox PH, Pirton, 1995 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/1995 - 31/07/1995, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Area Excavation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

OPEN AREA EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** North Hertfordshire District Council Museums Service

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 1472 3184 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Three areas of open excavation following evaluation (EHT4188) confirmed the presence of dense and well-preserved remains. These remains evidently extended well beyond the excavated areas in every direction <2>.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Burleigh, G R. 1993. Land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Herts: recommendations of the Keeper of Field Archaeology as a result of the archaeological field evaluation. archaeological recommendation. RNO 635
  - (2) Report: Fenton, Penny. 1995. Land to the rear of The Fox public house, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological excavation interim summary. field excavation. RNO 94
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**Associated Monuments**

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| 9676 | SAXON, MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, THE FOX, PIRTON (Monument 9676) |
| 9677 | SAXO-NORMAN CEMETERY AND POSSIBLE CHURCH, PIRTON (Monument 9677)           |

**Event ID:** EHT5425      **Name:** Evaluation at Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, 2004

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| Event ID | Event Name                                               | Event Type           |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT5425  | Evaluation at Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, 2004 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/12/2004 - 01/12/2004

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol7-6823

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 1500 3170 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Seven evaluation trenches in the area of the farmyard before the construction of housing. Yard surfaces and made ground overlay mature subsoil above natural clay which here is about 0.65m below ground level. Three trenches contained no archaeology.

**Sources**

Report: Doyle, Kate, Eddisford, Dan, & Williamson, Iain. 2005. Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, Herts: an archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 1650

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**Associated Monuments**

|       |                                                           |
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| 12824 | MEDIEVAL DITCHES, ELM TREE CLOSE, PIRTON (Monument 12824) |
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**Event ID:** EHT5576      **Name:** Evaluation of land at 11-13 Bury End, Pirton, 2000

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| Event ID | Event Name                                         | Event Type           |
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| EHT5576  | Evaluation of land at 11-13 Bury End, Pirton, 2000 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 21/11/2000 - 20/12/2000

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Bedfordshire County Archaeology Service

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 14630 31515 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

A thick layer of allotment soil overlay three features. The terrace adjacent to Great Bury Field was found to truncate an undulation in the natural strata, not part of the earthworks.

**Sources**

Report: Edmondson, Gary, et al. 2001. Land at 11-13 Bury End, Pirton, Herts: archaeological field evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 1861

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT5581      **Name:** Evaluation at Elm Tree Farm, Pirton, 2006

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| Event ID | Event Name                                | Event Type           |
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| EHT5581  | Evaluation at Elm Tree Farm, Pirton, 2006 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 09/03/2006 - 16/09/2006

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Strip and Record

**Thesaurus Event Types**

STRIP MAP AND SAMPLE

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol2-24350

**Organisation:** Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 14990 31730 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Further work in the area of the former farmyard.

**Sources**

Report: Semmelmann, Karin. 2006. Archaeological strip and record: Elm Tree Farm, Pirton, Herts. watching brief. RNO 1869

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 12824 | MEDIEVAL DITCHES, ELM TREE CLOSE, PIRTON (Monument 12824) |
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**Event ID:** EHT6790      **Name:** Watching brief at Pirton Primary School, High Street, Pirton, 2010

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                         | Event Type           |
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| EHT6790  | Watching brief at Pirton Primary School, High Street, Pirton, 2010 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 03/08/2010 - 25/11/2010

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 14525 31825 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Monitoring of groundworks for a new school building NW of the existing building; the area of the building itself had been truncated by a swimming pool. The single archaeological feature was immediately north of the truncated area; there were no other archaeological finds, features or deposits. Made ground overlay natural chalk and clay.

**Sources**

Report: Summerfield-Hill, Carina. 2010. Watching brief: Pirton Primary School, High Street, Pirton, Herts. watching brief. RNO 2658

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 17170 | ROMAN PIT, PIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON (Monument 17170) |
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**Event ID:** EHT6811      **Name:** Evaluation at Burge End Farm, Pirton, 2010

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| Event ID | Event Name                                 | Event Type           |
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| EHT6811  | Evaluation at Burge End Farm, Pirton, 2010 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 31/08/2010 - 09/09/2010

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Strip and Record

**Thesaurus Event Types**

STRIP MAP AND SAMPLE

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Archaeological Services & Consultancy Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 1425 3234 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Strip and record of an area intended for a new stable and manege, in pasture west of the farm buildings; the few features were undated, although as the ground reduction did not penetrate the subsoil over much of the site any buried archaeological remains were not disturbed.

**Sources**

Report: Rouse, Calli. 2010. Archaeological strip, map and sample excavation: Burge End Farm, Pirton, Herts. field excavation. RNO 2678

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 17192 | SITE OF UNDATED BUILDING, BURGE END FARM, PIRTON (Monument 17192) |
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**Event ID:** EHT7821      **Name:** 2 Bury End, Pirton

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| Event ID | Event Name         | Event Type     |
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| EHT7821  | 2 Bury End, Pirton | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types

Field Survey / Watching Brief

Thesaurus Event Types - None recorded

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Heritage Network

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 14572 31499 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description

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Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT7822      **Name:** 2 Bury End, Pirton

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| Event ID | Event Name         | Event Type           |
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| EHT7822  | 2 Bury End, Pirton | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

Thesaurus Event Types - None recorded

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Heritage Network

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 14570 31496 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description

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Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8203      **Name:** Evaluation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                     | Event Type           |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8203  | Evaluation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, 2016 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 29/02/2016 - 07/03/2016

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** KDK Archaeology

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14443 31884 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

Four evaluation trenches revealed a number of archaeological features pits, ditches, gullies, post-holes and a large pit-like feature.

**Sources**

Report: Summerfield-Hill, Carina. 2016. Archaeological Evaluation Report; Land Adjacent to the Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation.

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**Associated Monuments**

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| MHT31645 | ANGLO-SAXON FEATURES, REAR OF THE COACH HOUSE, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT31645) |
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**Event ID:** EHT8400      **Name:** Evaluation at Land at Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017

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| Event ID | Event Name                                           | Event Type           |
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| EHT8400  | Evaluation at Land at Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 10/10/2017 - 18/10/2017

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

TRIAL TRENCH

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14250 31840 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

**Sources**

(1) Report: Morgan-Shelbourne, L. 2018. Land at Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire, SG5 3QJ: An archaeological trial trench evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 4015

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**Associated Monuments**

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| MHT31579 | LATE SAXON - MEDIEVAL FEATURES, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT31579) |
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| MHT31580 | EARLY NEOLITHIC PIT, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT31580) |
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**Event ID:** EHT8495      **Name:** Evaluation at Land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2018

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| Event ID | Event Name                                        | Event Type           |
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| EHT8495  | Evaluation at Land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2018 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

No dates recorded

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

TRIAL TRENCH

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** WYG Environment Planning Transport Limited

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 1525 3192 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

It appears that this evaluation did not happen; the planning application was refused. New event record entered (eht 9352) for evaluation by AOC, 2018.

**Sources - None recorded**

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

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**Event ID:** EHT8630      **Name:** Evaluation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton, 2018

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                  | Event Type           |
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| EHT8630  | Evaluation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton, 2018 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 22/10/2018 - 31/10/2018

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 1494 3158 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

10 evaluation trenches across a field to the rear of 17 Walnut Tree Road revealed features across the site dating to the 9-12th century. Hand sieving of the subsoil resulted in the recovery of numerous sherds of generally abraded pottery. The topsoil, subsoil and natural were all of silty clay.

**Sources**

Report: 2018. 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton, Hertfordshire: Archaeological Evaluation.

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**Associated Monuments**

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| MHT31642 | SAXON AND MEDIEVAL FEATURES, 17 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT31642) |
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**Event ID:** EHT8641      **Name:** Strip and map at 14 High Street, Pirton, 2019

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| Event ID | Event Name                                    | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8641  | Strip and map at 14 High Street, Pirton, 2019 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 07/02/2019

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14510 31870 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8657      **Name:** Archaeological test pits at 11 Royal Oak Lane Pirton, 2018

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                    | Event Type           |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8657  | Archaeological test pits at 11 Royal Oak Lane<br>Pirton, 2018 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 30/06/2018 - 29/07/2018

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Gil Burleigh

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 1488 3184 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8659      **Name:** Building appraisal at Wrights Farm, Pirton, 2019

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| Event ID | Event Name                                       | Event Type     |
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| EHT8659  | Building appraisal at Wrights Farm, Pirton, 2019 | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 13/02/2019 - 13/02/2019

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

BUILDINGS INVESTIGATION (ENGLAND)

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation - None Recorded

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14297 32168 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

Level 2 assessment at pre-planning application stage

**Sources**

Report: Archer, J. 2018. Archaeological Desk Based Assessment|: Land at Wrights Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire. desk-based assessment. RNO 4660

Report: Glyde, M. 2019. Land at Wrights Farm, Pirton, Historic Building Appraisal of 18th Century Barn. Historic building Appraisal and Impact Assessment. RNO 4650

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8869      **Name:** Monitoring at Land Adjacent To Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                  | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8869  | Monitoring at Land Adjacent To Elm Tree Farm,<br>Hambridge Way, Pirton 2020 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/01/2018 - 31/08/2020

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 15125 31891 (132m by 388m)      TL13SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas - None recorded**

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

Watching brief started on northern area in 2018? Was underway, 10/09/2018, and 13/9/18.  
Ongoing, 13/12/2018.

04/01/2019 - no archaeology at all, apart from the IA ditch found in either the minimum or maximum area. Have agreed that the WB need not continue in the maximum area.

Monitoring of southern area (former Shoulder of Mutton PH site) underway 16/7/19

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources - None recorded**

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8874      **Name:** Test pits and strip, map and record at 7 Royal Oak Lane Pirton,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                           | Event Type           |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8874  | Test pits and strip, map and record at 7 Royal Oak Lane Pirton, 2020 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 09/11/2020 - 20/11/2020

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

TEST PIT

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14855 31828 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8884      **Name:** Strip and map and monitoring at 11 Royal Oak Lane Pirton 2021

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                    | Event Type           |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8884  | Strip and map and monitoring at 11 Royal Oak Lane Pirton 2021 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 01/03/2021

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14880 31850 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas -** None recorded

**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

1/3/21 monitoring of enabling works

**Sources -** None recorded

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**Associated Monuments -** None recorded

**Event ID:** EHT8893      **Name:** Excavation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                     | Event Type           |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8893  | Excavation at land adjacent to The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 20/03/2017

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** KDK Archaeology

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14435 31900 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

Excavation of the footprints of the two new houses, and new access road

**Sources**

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|     | Report: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2018. Pottery and Fired Clay Loom-Weights from The Coach House, Shillington Road, Pirton, Herts (Site 224/PCH). specialist report. RNO 4362 |
| (1) | Report: Dodd, Laura. 2023. Archaeological Strip, Map and Sample Report The Coach House Shillington Road Pirton Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 4361             |

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**Associated Monuments**

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|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MHT31645 | ANGLO-SAXON FEATURES, REAR OF THE COACH HOUSE, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT31645)    |
| MHT39812 | PARTIAL HUMAN SKULL, LATE SAXON, THE COACH HOUSE, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT39812) |

**Event ID:** EHT8902      **Name:** Excavation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road Pirton, 2020

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                     | Event Type           |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8902  | Excavation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road<br>Pirton, 2020 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 23/11/2020 - 18/12/2020

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| Centred TL 14935 31567 (98m by 91m) | TL13SW | Area |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8914      **Name:** Strip, map and record at The Methodist Church Hall, High Street,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                       | Event Type           |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8914  | Strip, map and record at The Methodist Church Hall,<br>High Street, Pirton, 2021 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 05/07/2021

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Wardell Armstrong

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14540 31837 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8932      **Name:** Excavation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2021

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                   | Event Type           |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8932  | Excavation at Land Rear Of 17 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2021 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 09/08/2021 - 15/10/2021

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 14942 31628 (52m by 37m)      TL13SW      Area

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

Open area excavation of the footprints of houses in Plots 7 and 8

**Sources -** None recorded

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**Associated Monuments -** None recorded

**Event ID:** EHT8941      **Name:** Evaluation and test pit at 12 Davis Crescent Pirton, 2021

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8941  | Evaluation and test pit at 12 Davis Crescent Pirton, 2021 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 20/08/2021 - 20/08/2021

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

TEST PIT

TRIAL TRENCH

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

TL 14730 31976 (point)

TL13SW

Centre/Point

Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8952      **Name:** Monitoring at 12 Davis Crescent Pirton, 2021

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| Event ID | Event Name                                   | Event Type           |
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| EHT8952  | Monitoring at 12 Davis Crescent Pirton, 2021 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 08/10/2021

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14728 31975 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

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**Event ID:** EHT9016      **Name:** Monitoring at 33a High Street Pirton, 2019

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| Event ID | Event Name                                 | Event Type           |
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| EHT9016  | Monitoring at 33a High Street Pirton, 2019 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 17/09/2019 - 18/09/2019

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14640 31865 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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Administrative Areas - None recorded

Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

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**Event ID:** EHT9088      **Name:** Strip and map and monitoring at Springfields Bury End Pirton,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                         | Event Type           |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT9088  | Strip and map and monitoring at Springfields Bury End Pirton, 2022 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 21/11/2022

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14600 31550 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources - None recorded**

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9105      **Name:** Monitoring at 17 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2022

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| Event ID | Event Name                                      | Event Type           |
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| EHT9105  | Monitoring at 17 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2022 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 06/01/2023

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14895 31550 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

Description - None recorded

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9109      **Name:** Strip map and record at Ashburn Burge End Lane Pirton, 2022

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                  | Event Type           |
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| EHT9109  | Strip map and record at Ashburn Burge End Lane Pirton, 2022 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 24/10/2022 - 28/10/2022

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Icknield Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14380 32252 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources - None recorded**

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9206      **Name:** Monitoring at Pirton School High Street Pirton, 2022

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| Event ID | Event Name                                           | Event Type           |
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| EHT9206  | Monitoring at Pirton School High Street Pirton, 2022 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 26/04/2022 - 04/05/2022

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** Albion Archaeology

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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| TL 14540 31790 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description -** None recorded

**Sources**

Report: Durman, J and Turner, I. 2022. Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire: Archaeological Monitoring, Publication and Archiving. desk-based assessment. RNO 4651

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**Associated Monuments -** None recorded

**Event ID:** EHT9310      **Name:** Monitoring at 1 West Lane Pirton, 2024

| Event ID | Event Name                             | Event Type           |
|----------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT9310  | Monitoring at 1 West Lane Pirton, 2024 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 12/05/2024 - 12/05/2024, specific

### Project Details:

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

## Thesaurus Event Types

## WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** DRP Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 14940 32060 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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## Administrative Areas

Civil Parish Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

### Activity Objective, Description and Sources

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources - None recorded**

**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9352      **Name:** Evaluation at Land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2018

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| Event ID | Event Name                                        | Event Type           |
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| EHT9352  | Evaluation at Land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2018 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 18/01/2018 - 26/01/2018

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

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Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: AOC Archaeology Group

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 15260 31940 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

AOC for WYG Environment Planning Transport Limited, report says started 15/1/18.

Sources - None recorded

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9404      **Name:** Evaluation at Pirton Sports And Social Club Walnut Tree Road

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                | Event Type           |
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| EHT9404  | Evaluation at Pirton Sports And Social Club Walnut Tree Road Pirton, 2024 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:**

**Dates:** 25/11/2024 - 25/11/2024

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References -** None recorded

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 15020 31520 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description -** None recorded

**Sources -** None recorded

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**Associated Monuments -** None recorded

**Event ID:** EHT8416      **Name:** Geophysical survey of land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2017

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                | Event Type     |
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| EHT8416  | Geophysical survey of land off Holwell Road, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:** 11635

**Dates:** 10/08/2017 - 11/08/2017

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** SUMO Survey

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 1527 3189 (176m by 407m)      TL13SE      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

A Bartington Grad 601 fluxgate gradiometer survey found no anomalies indicating archaeological remains, other than old field boundaries and some ridge and furrow.

**Sources**

Report: Gater, John. 2017. Geophysical survey report: land off Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. geophysical survey. RNO 3934

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**Associated Monuments**

31519      RIDGE & FURROW, HOLWELL LANE, PIRTON (Monument 31519)

**Event ID:** EHT9490      **Name:** Archaeological Evaluation, Priors Hill, Pirton 2017

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| Event ID | Event Name                                          | Event Type           |
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| EHT9490  | Archaeological Evaluation, Priors Hill, Pirton 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** 13138

**Dates:** 13/12/2017 - 15/12/2017, throughout

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

The aim of the work was to characterise the archaeological potential of the proposed development area and expand on prior archaeological investigation undertaken at the site immediately to the north.

**Description**

A total of four trial trenches, measuring 38m, 40m, 13m and 20m in length, were excavated and recorded. Remains of a small number of Post-Medieval furrows and undated small pits were revealed across the site, and an undated human burial was identified but not excavated at the south western end of the site.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Malric-Smith, L. 2018. Archaeological Evaluation Pirton Hill (sic) Pirton (actually Priors Hill). field evaluation. RNO 4652
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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9493      **Name:** Supplementary Evaluation, Priors Hill, Pirton

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| Event ID                                          | Event Name                                    | Event Type           |
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| EHT9493                                           | Supplementary Evaluation, Priors Hill, Pirton | Event - Intervention |
| <b>External Reference:</b> 13138                  |                                               |                      |
| <b>Dates:</b> 06/03/2018 - 07/03/2018, throughout |                                               |                      |

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EVALUATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

The aim of the evaluation was to add further definition to previous trial trenching and to determine the location, date, extent, character, condition and quality of any archaeological remains on the site,

**Description**

The evaluation identified two phases of activity. First, an inhumation (young adult female) later dated to to the Iron Age. Two sections of a segmented ditch found in the same trench approximately c. 4m to the north of the grave may be associated with this burial. Second, furrows of post medieval date or later were found in the southern and western part of the site.

**Sources**

- (2) Report: Malric-Smith, L. 2018. Land adjacent to Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: An Archaeological Evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 4653
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**Associated Monuments**

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| MHT40380 | LATE IRON AGE/EARLY ROMAN INHUMATION, SAXON STRUCTURES AND POST-MEDIEVAL FURROWS, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON (Monument MHT40380) |
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**Event ID:** EHT9495      **Name:** Area Excavation and Watching Brief, Priors Hill, Pirton 2019

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                   | Event Type           |
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| EHT9495  | Area Excavation and Watching Brief, Priors Hill, Pirton 2019 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** 13947

**Dates:** 12/09/2019 - 04/06/2019, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

OPEN AREA EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

To enlarge upon the results of two previous phases of evaluation.

**Description**

Archaeology from the Mesolithic to the Post-Medieval was found.

**Sources**

Report: Revell, T.. 2019. Land at Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: An Archaeological Post-Excavation Assessment. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 4654

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**Associated Monuments**

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| MHT40380 | LATE IRON AGE/EARLY ROMAN INHUMATION, SAXON STRUCTURES AND POST-MEDIEVAL FURROWS, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON (Monument MHT40380) |
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**Event ID:** EHT5319      **Name:** Excavation on land at Little Lane, Pirton, 2001-2

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| Event ID | Event Name                                        | Event Type           |
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| EHT5319  | Excavation on land at Little Lane, Pirton, 2001-2 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** 181

**Dates:** 05/11/2001 - 15/05/2002

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      heritage1-4945

**Organisation:** Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 14735 31935 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Three areas were excavated following evaluation, revealing considerable 19th and 20th century disturbance as well as Saxon features and pottery residual in later features. The excavated areas appeared to be part of a larger area of surviving archaeology <2>.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Ashworth, Helen, & Hillelson, David. 2000. Land at Little Lane, Pirton, Herts: desk-based archaeological assessment. desk-based assessment. RNO 713
  - (2) Report: Hillelson, David. 2003. Land at Little Lane, Pirton, Herts: archaeological assessment report. Archaeological assessment. RNO 1420
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**Associated Monuments**

11409      SAXO-NORMAN FEATURES, LITTLE LANE, PIRTON (Monument 11409)

**Event ID:** EHT8629      **Name:** Excavation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, 2017

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| Event ID | Event Name                                             | Event Type           |
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| EHT8629  | Excavation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** 2018512

**Dates:** 08/08/2017 - 12/12/2017, throughout

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Archaeology South-East

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 1457 3180 (15m by 14m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

To enlarge on the findings of prior evaluation.

**Description**

Middle and Late Saxon ditched features were noted, and St. Neots ware pottery was recovered. A 12th century furnace bottom and iron slag were also found. None of the Medieval features was 14th century or later.

**Sources**

(1)      Report: Carvey, Craig. 2018. Archaeological Excavation and Watching Brief Pirton School, High Street, Pirton. field excavation. RNO 4655

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**Associated Monuments**

31388      SAXON & MEDIEVAL FEATURES, PIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON (Monument 31388)

**Event ID:** EHT5322      **Name:** Watching brief at 14 Priors Hill, Pirton, 2002-3

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| Event ID | Event Name                                       | Event Type           |
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| EHT5322  | Watching brief at 14 Priors Hill, Pirton, 2002-3 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** 202

**Dates:** 06/08/2002 - 26/06/2003

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      heritage1-4655

**Organisation:** The Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 1445 3155 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Monitoring of groundworks and landscaping for a new house and garage recorded no archaeological finds, features or deposits. Several cut features were seen but were evidently modern. Silty clay topsoil overlay clay natural.

**Sources**

Report: Winter, Mark. 2003. Land at 14 Priors Hill, Pirton, Herts: archaeological monitoring report. watching brief. RNO 1423

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT7865      **Name:** Magnetometer survey of land at Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015

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| Event ID | Event Name                                               | Event Type     |
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| EHT7865  | Magnetometer survey of land at Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015 | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:** AS1740

**Dates:** 18/02/2015 - 18/02/2015

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Field Survey / Geophysical Survey

**Thesaurus Event Types**

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol7-274026

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Limited

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 1429 3173 (240m by 228m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Geophysical survey of the field produced evidence of a range of archaeological anomalies, tested in subsequent evaluation (EHT8220). The correlation between the anomalies and the evaluation proved to be good.

**Sources**

Report: Baker, Matthew, Egan, Sam, & Summers, John. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: a geophysical survey. geophysical survey. RNO 3821  
Report: Bull, Kerrie. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: trial trench evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 3609, Fig.3A

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**Associated Monuments**

31108      ANGLO-SAXON SETTLEMENT, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON (Monument 31108)

31109      RING DITCHES, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON (Monument 31109)

**Event ID:** EHT8220      **Name:** Evaluation of land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                   | Event Type           |
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| EHT8220  | Evaluation of land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, 2015 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** AS1740

**Dates:** 25/03/2015 - 30/04/2015, at some time

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol7-274026

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Limited

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 1431 3173 (231m by 236m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Predetermination evaluation of the field to inform an application for housing involved 20 trenches targeting anomalies identified in geophysics (EHT7865). (As a result the northern half of the field was Scheduled.)

**Sources**

Report: Bull, Kerrie. 2015. Land at Pollards Way/Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: trial trench evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 3609

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**Associated Monuments**

31108      ANGLO-SAXON SETTLEMENT, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON (Monument 31108)

31109      RING DITCHES, PRIORS HILL, PIRTON (Monument 31109)

**Event ID:** EHT8111      **Name:** Monitoring at 28 High Street, Pirton, 2016

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| Event ID                              | Event Name                                 | Event Type           |
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| EHT8111                               | Monitoring at 28 High Street, Pirton, 2016 | Event - Intervention |
| <b>External Reference:</b> AS1858     |                                            |                      |
| <b>Dates:</b> 06/06/2016 - 04/11/2016 |                                            |                      |

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Groundworks for a rear extension, new porch, and conversion and enlargement of an outbuilding, revealed no archaeological finds, features or deposits. Topsoil overlay patches of modern made ground or levelling, above silty clay subsoil and/or natural clay.

**Sources**

Report: Pozorski, Zbigniew. 2017. Proposed extensions, 28 High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological monitoring and recording. watching brief. RNO 3770

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8468      **Name:** Watching brief at 19 Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017

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| Event ID | Event Name                                          | Event Type           |
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| EHT8468  | Watching brief at 19 Shillington Road, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** AS1918

**Dates:** 18/09/2017 - 19/09/2017

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status -** Not recorded

**Event/Activity Types -** None recorded

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol7-309247

**Organisation:** Archaeological Solutions Limited

**Associated Individuals -** None recorded

**Associated Organisations -** None recorded

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**Location**

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| TL 14403 31958 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address -** None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective -** None recorded

**Description**

Groundworks for an extension to the existing outbuilding at the SE corner of the plot revealed no archaeological finds, features or deposits. The stratigraphy was intact: tarmac and gravel over modern made ground, above a silty clay subsoil and firm clay natural.

**Sources**

Report: Newton, Andy. 2017. 19 Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire, SG5 3QJ; archaeological monitoring & recording. watching brief. RNO 3928

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**Associated Monuments -** None recorded

**Event ID:** EHT6846      **Name:** Evaluation of land at Holwell Turn, Holwell Road, Pirton, 2011

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                     | Event Type           |
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| EHT6846  | Evaluation of land at Holwell Turn, Holwell Road, Pirton, 2011 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HHRP11

**Dates:** 26/04/2011 - 27/04/2011

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 15144 32062 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Six evaluation trenches across a field south of Holwell Road just before the bend revealed a single field boundary ditch and only one find, a fragment of poorly preserved animal bone. Topsoil and subsoil overlay natural clay and chalky till.

**Sources**

Report: Hinman, Mark. 2011. Archaeological evaluation at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 2904

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 18218 | IRON AGE DITCH, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 18218) |
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**Event ID:** EHT7310      **Name:** Evaluation of land adjacent to Pollards Way, Pirton, 2012

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                | Event Type           |
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| EHT7310  | Evaluation of land adjacent to Pollards Way, Pirton, 2012 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN 1017

**Dates:** 09/10/2012 - 10/10/2012

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 14441 31767 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Five evaluation trenches across the NE corner of a field beside Pollards Way revealed two Roman features. Topsoil, subsoil and natural were all of silty clay. For subsequent work see EHT7824.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Snee, James. 2012. Land at Pollards Way, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 2992
  - (2) Report: Phillips, Daniel, & Ashworth, Helen. 2016. Land at Pollards Way, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological assessment report. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3930
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**Associated Monuments**

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| 18649 | ROMAN PIT, POLLARDS WAY, PIRTON (Monument 18649) |
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**Event ID:** EHT4816      **Name:** Monitoring at 77 High Street, Pirton, 1998

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| Event ID | Event Name                                 | Event Type           |
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| EHT4816  | Monitoring at 77 High Street, Pirton, 1998 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN 202

**Dates:** 01/04/1998 - 31/08/1998, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** The Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 1484 3178 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Monitoring of groundworks during redevelopment of a plot on the north side of the High Street noted that although the plot had been extensively disturbed and built up, post-medieval remains survived. There were no signs of earlier occupation. Silty clay subsoil overlay decayed chalk marl natural.

**Sources**

Report: Turner, Chris. 1998. 77 High Street, Pirton, Herts: archaeological observation and recording report. watching brief. RNO 670

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 10894 | LATE POST-MEDIEVAL BUILDINGS, 77 HIGH STREET, PIRTON (Monument 10894) |
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**Event ID:** EHT4209      **Name:** Watching brief at Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, 1996

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| Event ID | Event Name                                       | Event Type           |
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| EHT4209  | Watching brief at Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, 1996 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN022

**Dates:** 01/05/1996 - 31/05/1996, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** The Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 1480 3140 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description - None recorded**

**Sources**

Report: Fenton, Penny. 1996. Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological watching brief report. watching brief. RNO 116

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 9680 | MEDIEVAL & LATER DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT, WALNUT TREE FARM, PIRTON (Monument 9680) |
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**Event ID:** EHT4805      **Name:** Observations at Barn 2, Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, 1997

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| Event ID | Event Name                                             | Event Type           |
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| EHT4805  | Observations at Barn 2, Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, 1997 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN091

**Dates:** 16/10/1997 - 01/11/1997

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** The Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

No result

**Sources**

Report: Ashworth, Helen. 1998. Barn 2, Walnut Tree Farm, Pirton, Herts: archaeological observation report. watching brief. RNO 659

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 9680 | MEDIEVAL & LATER DOMESTIC SETTLEMENT, WALNUT TREE FARM, PIRTON (Monument 9680) |
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**Event ID:** EHT7816      **Name:** Monitoring of garden works at Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                   | Event Type           |
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| EHT7816  | Monitoring of garden works at Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2013 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN1070

**Dates:** 24/06/2013 - 25/06/2013

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** The Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 14846 31672 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Works in the garden west of the house included removal of metal shuttering and hardcore inserted against the edge of the pond in 2012, and excavation of a footing trench for a garden wall and a soakaway. Mixed overburden lay above natural grey clay; there were no archaeological finds, features or deposits.

**Sources**

Report: Ashworth, Helen. 2013. Bury Cottage, 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: summary report. watching brief. RNO 3326

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 12426 | BLACKSMITH'S POND (COMMON), PIRTON (Monument 12426)       |
| 17754 | BURY COTTAGE, 6 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON (Building 17754) |

**Event ID:** EHT7817      **Name:** Monitoring at 28 Shillington Road, Pirton, 2014

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| Event ID                              | Event Name                                      | Event Type           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT7817                               | Monitoring at 28 Shillington Road, Pirton, 2014 | Event - Intervention |
| <b>External Reference:</b> HN1096     |                                                 |                      |
| <b>Dates:</b> 13/01/2014 - 14/01/2014 |                                                 |                      |

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

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**Event/Activity References**

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| OASIS - OASIS        | heritage1-160805 |
| <b>Organisation:</b> | Heritage Network |

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 14314 31967 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Groundworks for replacement of the 1960s rear extension revealed mostly modern disturbance, mixed overburden with modern debris. In the NE corner was a compacted chalk layer above a sandy bedding layer on the natural clay. There were no other archaeological finds, features or deposits.

**Sources**

Report: Phillips, Daniel. 2014. The Old Bakery, 28 Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological monitoring report. watching brief. RNO 3926

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 15906 | 28 SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Building 15906) |
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**Event ID:** EHT7824      **Name:** Excavation and Monitoring on land adjacent to Pollards Way,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                  | Event Type           |
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| EHT7824  | Excavation and Monitoring on land adjacent to Pollards Way, Pirton, 2014-15 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN1141

**Dates:** 04/08/2014 - 17/03/2015

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### Project Details:

**Work Status - Not recorded**

### Event/Activity Types

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

### Thesaurus Event Types

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WATCHING BRIEF

### Event/Activity References

OASIS - OASIS      heritage1-180066

**Organisation:** Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 14426 31767 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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#### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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### Activity Objective, Description and Sources

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

#### Description

Strip, map & record across the area of ground level reduction (for housing and access road), and monitoring of new footings and service trenches, followed evaluation (EHT7310). Topsoil overlay silty clay subsoil, above natural compact silty clay.

#### Sources

Report: Phillips, Daniel, & Ashworth, Helen. 2016. Land at Pollards Way, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological assessment report. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3930

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### Associated Monuments

18649      ROMAN PIT, POLLARDS WAY, PIRTON (Monument 18649)

31515      LATE BRONZE AGE & EARLY IRON AGE FEATURES, POLLARDS WAY, PIRTON (Monument 31515)

**Event ID:** EHT8041      **Name:** Evaluation of land at 40 Royal Oak Lane, Pirton, 2016

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| Event ID | Event Name                                            | Event Type           |
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| EHT8041  | Evaluation of land at 40 Royal Oak Lane, Pirton, 2016 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN1239

**Dates:** 05/01/2016 - 07/01/2016

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#### **Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

#### **Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

#### **Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

#### **Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      heritage1-234704

**Organisation:** Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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#### **Location**

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| TL 15090 31956 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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##### **Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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#### **Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

##### **Description**

Seven trial trenches across the grounds south of the house itself revealed no features or deposits predating the post-medieval period. All but one of the features revealed (in three of the trenches) were either natural, undated, or modern, and there were no finds. Topsoil overlay soft silty clay subsoil, over natural clay.

##### **Sources**

Report: Jones, Greg, & Sycamore, Mark. 2016. Land adjacent to 40 Royal Oak Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 3927

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#### **Associated Monuments**

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31509 | POST-MEDIEVAL FIELD BOUNDARY, ROYAL OAK LANE, PIRTON (Monument 31509) |
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**Event ID:** EHT7057      **Name:** Evaluation at 6 Priors Hill, Pirton, 2011

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| Event ID                              | Event Name                                | Event Type           |
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| EHT7057                               | Evaluation at 6 Priors Hill, Pirton, 2011 | Event - Intervention |
| <b>External Reference:</b> HN953      |                                           |                      |
| <b>Dates:</b> 13/12/2011 - 14/12/2011 |                                           |                      |

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Heritage Network

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

A single trench in the garden west of the house revealed no archaeological finds, features or deposits. Topsoil overlay subsoil containing modern debris, above natural clay and chalk.

**Sources**

Report: Winter, Mark. 2011. 6 Priors Hill, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation. field evaluation. RNO 2903

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT7102      **Name:** Monitoring at 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2012

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| Event ID | Event Name                                     | Event Type           |
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| EHT7102  | Monitoring at 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, 2012 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HN971

**Dates:** 15/02/2012 - 16/02/2012

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References**

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| OASIS - OASIS        | heritage1-117593 |
| <b>Organisation:</b> | Heritage Network |

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 14850 31675 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Groundworks for the demolition and replacement of a rear extension included a test pit and new footing trenches. The uniform stratigraphy was of topsoil over a clayey silt subsoil above silty clay natural.

**Sources**

Report: Snee, James. 2012. 6 Walnut Tree Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; archaeological monitoring report. watching brief. RNO 3306

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**Associated Monuments**

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 12426 | BLACKSMITH'S POND (COMMON), PIRTON (Monument 12426)       |
| 17754 | BURY COTTAGE, 6 WALNUT TREE ROAD, PIRTON (Building 17754) |

**Event ID:** EHT8016      **Name:** Evaluation of land at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2015

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| Event ID | Event Name                                       | Event Type           |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8016  | Evaluation of land at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2015 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** HOPH15

**Dates:** 21/09/2015 - 25/09/2015, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 15150 31918 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

15 evaluation trenches to inform an application for a housing development on farmland;

**Sources**

Report: Tierney, Michael, Abrams, Joe, & Streatfeild-James, Jake. 2015. Land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: archaeological evaluation report. field evaluation. RNO 3823

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**Associated Monuments**

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 18218 | IRON AGE DITCH, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 18218)                             |
| 31348 | LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE ROUND HOUSE, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 31348) |
| 31349 | LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE QUARRY PITS, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 31349) |

**Event ID:** EHT8352      **Name:** Archaeological 'strip and map' excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                 | Event Type           |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8352  | Archaeological 'strip and map' excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, 2016-17 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** H RPM/01

**Dates:** 05/12/2016 - 24/01/2017

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### Project Details:

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

EXCAVATION

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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| TL 1515 3203 (point) | TL13SE | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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### Activity Objective, Description and Sources

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

#### Description

Following evaluation in 2015 (EHT8016) a strip and map excavation was opened out at the north end of the site where features had been identified.

#### Sources

- (1) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological mitigation: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire; interim report. interim report. RNO 3759
  - (2) Report: Goacher, Hayley. 2017. Archaeological excavation at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire: assessment and updated project design. Post-Excavation Assessment. RNO 3824
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### Associated Monuments

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| 18218 | IRON AGE DITCH, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 18218)                             |
| 31348 | LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE ROUND HOUSE, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 31348) |
| 31349 | LATE BRONZE AGE/EARLY IRON AGE QUARRY PITS, HOLWELL ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 31349) |

**Event ID:** EHT8202      **Name:** Geophysical survey of land at Shillington Road, Pirton, 2016

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| Event ID | Event Name                                                   | Event Type     |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| EHT8202  | Geophysical survey of land at Shillington Road, Pirton, 2016 | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:** J10243

**Dates:** 11/08/2016 - 11/08/2016

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Stratascan

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 14254 31832 (269m by 199m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Weak anomalies detected at the SW end of the site may be archaeological; the rest of the site produced no anomalies which could be archaeological.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Clarke, Chris. 2016. Archaeological desk based assessment: land at Shillington Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. desk-based assessment. RNO 3690, Appendix D: geophysics report, by John Gater & Rebecca Davies
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**Associated Monuments**

MHT31579      LATE SAXON - MEDIEVAL FEATURES, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument MHT31579)

**Event ID:** EHT7979      **Name:** Geophysical survey on land adjacent to Elm Tree Farm,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                                        | Event Type     |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| EHT7979  | Geophysical survey on land adjacent to Elm Tree Farm, Hambridge Way, Pirton, 2015 | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:** J8754

**Dates:** 24/08/2015 - 24/08/2015

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### Project Details:

**Work Status - Not recorded**

### Event/Activity Types

Field Survey / Geophysical Survey

### Thesaurus Event Types

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

### Event/Activity References

OASIS - OASIS      No record

**Organisation:**      Stratascan

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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Centred TL 15105 31890 (192m by 392m)      TL13SE      Dispersed

### Administrative Areas

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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### Activity Objective, Description and Sources

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

#### Description

Geophysical survey of the 400m strip of land north from Hambridge Way behind the housing to Holwell Road identified little of archaeological origin other than traces of ridge & furrow, and a few possible cut features (ditches and a possible pit) in the northern part of the area.

#### Sources

Report: Davies, Rebecca. 2015. Geophysical survey report: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. geophysical survey. RNO 3535

Report: Butler, Caroline. 2015. Archaeological desk-based assessment: land at Holwell Road, Pirton, Hertfordshire. desk-based assessment. RNO 3490

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### Associated Monuments

31090      REMAINS OF RIDGE & FURROW, NORTH OF HAMBRIDGE WAY, PIRTON (Monument 31090)

**Event ID:** EHT9486      **Name:** Walkover Survey, 30 Shillington Road, Pirton 2022

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| Event ID | Event Name                                        | Event Type     |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| EHT9486  | Walkover Survey, 30 Shillington Road, Pirton 2022 | Event - Survey |

**External Reference:** MA 410

**Dates:** 30/11/2022, pre

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WALKOVER SURVEY

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

To assess the archaeological impact of the proposed development and to record its potential impact on the setting of the adjacent Scheduled Monument

**Description**

It was concluded that there was significant potential for archaeology within the footprint of the proposed development, and that there was a likely impact on the setting of the Scheduled Monument.

**Sources**

Report: Waldock L. 2022. 30 Shillington Road, Pirton Heritage Impact Assessment.  
Heritage impact assessment. RNO 4647

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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT9497      **Name:** 14a High Street, Pirton Strip, Map and Record and Watching Brief

| Event ID | Event Name                                                            | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT9497  | 14a High Street, Pirton Strip, Map and Record and Watching Brief 2024 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** MA 421

**Dates:** 20/02/2024 - 05/05/2024, between

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

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**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** Minerva Archaeology Ltd

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

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| TL 14531 31865 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective**

To investigate the archaeological potential identified in a Desk-Based Assessment

**Description**

Except for a single pit, containing a few pieces of medieval pottery, no significant archaeological features, artefacts or deposits were encountered.

**Sources**

- (1) Report: Ashworth, H. 2022. 14a High Street, Pirton, SG5 3PS Desk-Based Archaeological Assessment. desk-based assessment. RNO 4656
  - (2) Report: Weber, Florian. 2024. 14a High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire Archaeological Monitoring via Strip, Map and Record and Monitoring and Recording. field excavation. RNO 4657
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**Associated Monuments - None recorded**

**Event ID:** EHT8353      **Name:** Monitoring at 6 Bury End, Pirton, 2017

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| Event ID | Event Name                             | Event Type           |
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| EHT8353  | Monitoring at 6 Bury End, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** N

**Dates:** 27/02/2017 - 28/02/2017

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

WATCHING BRIEF

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: Gil Burleigh

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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| TL 14599 31486 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

Groundworks for a rear extension: below the modern hard standing was sterile subsoil over a rubble surface.

**Sources**

Report: Burleigh, Gil. 2017. (Summary of results at 6 Bury End, Pirton, 2017). watching brief. RNO 3769

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**Associated Monuments**

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| 31353 | MEDIEVAL OR LATER CHALK FLOOR, 6 BURY END, PIRTON (Monument 31353) |
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**Event ID:** EHT7428      **Name:** Evaluation at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, 2013

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| Event ID | Event Name                                      | Event Type           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT7428  | Evaluation at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, 2013 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIDI13

**Dates:** 16/07/2013 - 16/07/2013

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Trial Trench

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      allenarc1-155897

**Organisation:** Allen Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14502 32072 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Two evaluation trenches across the footprint of a new house within the grounds of a 1960s house revealed a medieval pit. Topsoil overlay chalky marl natural.

**Sources**

Report: Wood, Mike. 2013. Archaeological evaluation report: trial trenching on land at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 3736

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**Associated Monuments**

31320      MEDIEVAL PIT, THE DIAL, WEST LANE, PIRTON (Monument 31320)

**Event ID:** EHT7653      **Name:** Watching brief at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, 2015

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| Event ID | Event Name                                          | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT7653  | Watching brief at The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, 2015 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIDI15

**Dates:** 30/09/2015 - 03/10/2015

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Watching Brief

**Thesaurus Event Types**

WATCHING BRIEF

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS 'allenarc1-155897' (= Eval)

**Organisation:** Allen Archaeology

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

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|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14511 32077 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Groundworks for an extension on the west side of the house, including service runs, revealed topsoil above natural chalk.

**Sources**

Report: Cooper, Catriona, & Piirainen, Maria. 2016. Archaeological watching brief report: The Dial, West Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire. watching brief. RNO 3741

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**Associated Monuments**

|       |                                                            |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31320 | MEDIEVAL PIT, THE DIAL, WEST LANE, PIRTON (Monument 31320) |
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**Event ID:** EHT1206      **Name:** Test pits in Pirton village, 2007

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| Event ID                                       | Event Name                        | Event Type           |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT1206                                        | Test pits in Pirton village, 2007 | Event - Intervention |
| <b>External Reference:</b> PIR/07              |                                   |                      |
| <b>Dates:</b> 01/01/2007 - 31/12/2007, between |                                   |                      |

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Test Pit

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 14742 31810 (542m by 549m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire  
District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Five test pits dug on different sites around the village as part of the 'Currently Occupied Rural Settlements' project; only one had anything useful. This was in one of the rear plots NW of the West Lane/Burge End Lane corner.

**Sources**

Report: Collins, C. 2015?. Archaeological Test Pit Excavations in Pirton, Hertfordshire in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. test-pitting. RNO 4659  
Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2007. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/07).  
Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2008. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlement in East Anglia - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2007; Medieval Settlement Research Group Annual Report 22, 48-56.

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**Associated Monuments**

13757      MEDIEVAL POTTERY, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON (Find Spot 13757)  
16620      PIRTON VILLAGE (Place 16620)

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**Event ID:** EHT8473      **Name:** Test pits in Pirton village, 2008

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| Event ID | Event Name                        | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8473  | Test pits in Pirton village, 2008 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIR/08

**No dates recorded**

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Test Pit

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 14558 31856 (881m by 874m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

23 test pits dug on different sites around the village, the second season here of the 'Currently Occupied Rural Settlements' project.

**Sources**

Report: Collins, C. 2015?. Archaeological Test Pit Excavations in Pirton, Hertfordshire in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. test-pitting. RNO 4659

Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2008. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements: results of the HEFA CORS project in 2008; Medieval Settlement Research 23, 60-68.

Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2008. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/08).

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**Associated Monuments**

16620      PIRTON VILLAGE (Place 16620)

31570      ASHBURN, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON (Building 31570)

31571      MEDIEVAL & POST-MEDIEVAL POTTERY SCATTER, SOUTH OF HAMMONDS FARM, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON (Find Spot 31571)

**Event ID:** EHT8474      **Name:** Test pits in Pirton village, 2009

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| Event ID | Event Name                        | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8474  | Test pits in Pirton village, 2009 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIR/09

**No dates recorded**

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Test Pit

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 14554 31796 (887m by 1187m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

28 test pits dug on different sites around the village, the third season here of the 'Currently Occupied Rural Settlements' project.

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**Sources**

Report: Collins, C. 2015?. Archaeological Test Pit Excavations in Pirton, Hertfordshire in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. test-pitting. RNO 4659

Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2009. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements: results of the HEFA CORS project in 2009; Medieval Settlement Research 24, 43-58.

Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2009. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR/09).

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**Associated Monuments**

16620      PIRTON VILLAGE (Place 16620)

31572      ROMAN, SAXON & MEDIEVAL POTTERY, MILL FIELD, BURGE END, PIRTON (Find Spot 31572)

**Event ID:** EHT8475      **Name:** Test pits in Pirton village, 2010

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| Event ID | Event Name                        | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8475  | Test pits in Pirton village, 2010 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIR/10

**No dates recorded**

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Test Pit

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 327 277 (37310m by 9116m)      TL32NW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

27 test pits dug on different sites around the village, the fourth season here of the 'Currently Occupied Rural Settlements' project.

**Sources**

Report: Collins, C. 2015?. Archaeological Test Pit Excavations in Pirton, Hertfordshire in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. test-pitting. RNO 4659

Article in serial: Lewis, Carenza. 2011. Test pit excavation within currently occupied rural settlements - results of the HEFA CORS project in 2010; Medieval Settlement Research 26, 48-59.

Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2010. Pottery from Pirton community test-pits (PIR/10).

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**Associated Monuments**

|       |                                                                                                      |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16620 | PIRTON VILLAGE (Place 16620)                                                                         |
| 31510 | PROBABLE MOATED SITE, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON (Monument 31510)                                          |
| 31512 | EARTHWORKS, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON (Monument 31512)                                                |
| 31514 | MEDIEVAL POTTERY AND POSSIBLY MEDIEVAL EARTHWORKS, DOLES MEAD, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON (Monument 31514) |

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**Event ID:** EHT8476      **Name:** Test pits in Pirton village, 2011

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| Event ID | Event Name                        | Event Type           |
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| EHT8476  | Test pits in Pirton village, 2011 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIR11

**No dates recorded**

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types**

Archaeological Intervention / Excavation / Test Pit

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TEST PIT

**Event/Activity References - None recorded**

**Organisation:** University of Cambridge Higher Education Field Academy (HEFA)

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

Centred TL 14144 31869 (1545m by 669m)      TL13SW      Dispersed

**Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
| District     | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire         |

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

16 test pits dug on different sites around the village, the fifth season here of the 'Currently Occupied Rural Settlements' project. (Some of these pits appear to have been organised by locals, in addition to those dug by HEFA.)

**Sources**

Report: Collins, C. 2015?. Archaeological Test Pit Excavations in Pirton, Hertfordshire in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. test-pitting. RNO 4659  
Unpublished document: Blinkhorn, Paul. 2011. Pottery from Pirton test-pits (PIR11).

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**Associated Monuments**

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|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16620 | PIRTON VILLAGE (Place 16620)                                                  |
| 31569 | MEDIEVAL POTTERY, LOWER CROFT FIELD, BURGE END LANE, PIRTON (Find Spot 31569) |

**Event ID:** EHT8371      **Name:** Archaeological evaluation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton,

| Event ID | Event Name                                                            | Event Type           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8371  | Archaeological evaluation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, 2017 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** PIR-PS-17

**Dates:** 24/07/2017 - 25/07/2017

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**Project Details:**

**Work Status - Not recorded**

**Event/Activity Types - None recorded**

**Thesaurus Event Types**

TRIAL TRENCH

**Event/Activity References**

OASIS - OASIS      archaeol6-293544

**Organisation:** Archaeology South-East

**Associated Individuals - None recorded**

**Associated Organisations - None recorded**

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14575 31808 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

Civil Parish      Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

District      North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire

**Address - None recorded**

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

**Activity Objective - None recorded**

**Description**

Two evaluation trenches to investigate the area on the east side of the primary school building, in advance of a possible new classroom and hardstanding, both revealed well-preserved features cut into the chalky clay natural beneath the subsoil.

**Sources**

Report: Wroe-Brown, Robin. 2017. Archaeological evaluation at Pirton School, High Street, Pirton, Hertfordshire. field evaluation. RNO 3814

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**Associated Monuments**

|       |                                                                                        |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31388 | SAXON & MEDIEVAL FEATURES, PIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGH STREET, PIRTON (Monument 31388) |
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**Event ID:** EHT8668      **Name:** Evaluation at Land at Wrights Farm, Pirton, 2019

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| Event ID | Event Name                                       | Event Type           |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| EHT8668  | Evaluation at Land at Wrights Farm, Pirton, 2019 | Event - Intervention |

**External Reference:** WFPH19

**Dates:** 08/04/2019 - 12/04/2019, throughout

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**Project Details:**

Work Status - Not recorded

Event/Activity Types - None recorded

Thesaurus Event Types

TRIAL TRENCH

Event/Activity References - None recorded

Organisation: HEADLAND ARCHAEOLOGY LTD

Associated Individuals - None recorded

Associated Organisations - None recorded

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**Location**

**Grid Reference**

|                        |        |              |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|
| TL 14300 32155 (point) | TL13SW | Centre/Point |
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**Administrative Areas**

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Civil Parish | Pirton, North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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| District | North Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire |
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Address - None recorded

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**Activity Objective, Description and Sources**

Activity Objective - None recorded

**Description**

Roman and Medieval features were discovered sealed beneath post-Medieval and Modern deposits.

**Sources**

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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (1) | Report: Scott, T. 2019. Archaeological Evaluation, Wrights Farm, Pirton. field evaluation. RNO 4639 |
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**Associated Monuments**

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|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MHT40376 | ROMAN AND MEDIEVAL PITS AND DITCHES, WRIGHTS FARM, PIRTON (Monument MHT40376) |
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## HLC Codes and Colours

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### Historic Landscape Characterisation codes

|     |                                                                |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ag  | allotments                                                     |
| ap  | airports or airfields                                          |
| at  | orchard                                                        |
| aw  | ancient woodland                                               |
| ba  | built over                                                     |
| bl  | boundary loss - post 1950's boundary loss                      |
| br  | boundary loss - post 1950's boundary loss with relict elements |
| ca  | pre-18th century unenclosed common arable                      |
| cb  | commons with a built margin                                    |
| cf  | pre-18th century 'co-axial' enclosure                          |
| cm  | commons with an open margin                                    |
| de  | disused mineral extraction                                     |
| di  | disused industrial                                             |
| dm  | disused post-medieval military                                 |
| dp  | medieval deer park                                             |
| he  | historic earthwork                                             |
| hs  | hospitals, schools, universities                               |
| ht  | heath                                                          |
| if  | pre-18th century 'irregular' or 'random' enclosure             |
| in  | industrial                                                     |
| ip  | informal parkland                                              |
| le  | later enclosure - piecemeal by agreement                       |
| me  | mineral extraction                                             |
| mo  | mixed origin                                                   |
| mp  | enclosed meadow                                                |
| mr  | motorways or railways                                          |
| ng  | nursery with glass house                                       |
| pe  | formal parliamentary style - 18th century and later enclosure  |
| pm  | post-medieval military                                         |
| ri  | religious institutions                                         |
| rl  | restored land                                                  |
| rp  | unimproved rough pasture                                       |
| sf  | pre-18th century 'irregular sinuous' enclosure                 |
| st  | 20th century stud farm                                         |
| te  | post 1950's enclosure                                          |
| tl: | leisure or recreation                                          |
| wb  | watercress beds                                                |
| wp  | 19th-20th century woodland                                     |
| wr  | water body                                                     |
| xx  | unknown                                                        |

# HER DATA: WEST LANE FARM 120.26

## Legend

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