



Coastal Surveys Near Warblington Villa

Oyster Quay west of the Villa

CDAS was asked by Chichester Harbour Trust to investigate the quay's history.

Two trenches were excavated to the south of and just outside the remains of the 20th Century wooden quay, which sits on top of an earlier shingle bank.

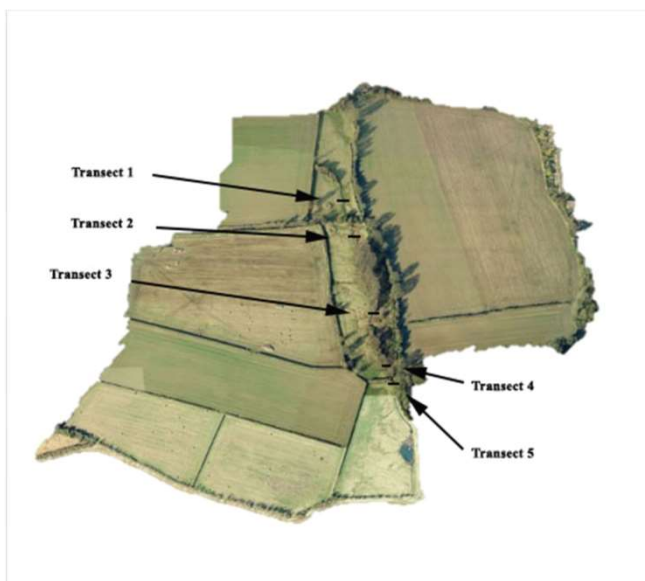


Remains of 20th Century Quay

The excavations and subsequent augering revealed a hard chalky clay layer deposited after the last ice age about half a metre below the surface (see previous board). This formed the basis for the raised bank, upon which the Quay was constructed.

The area could have been used as a landing for centuries before the Quay was built with Pook Lane being established to access it. This could have provided a possible access route to the Villa complex.

Stream to East of Villa



Results from start point of transit 1

| Depth cms | Description |
|-----------|---------------------|
| 1-14 | Dark brown top soil |
| 14 -30 | Grey gleyed clay |
| Base | Slightly stony |

The objective was to establish if the stream had been a tidal creek. Auger samples were taken along 5 transects. No intertidal deposits (e.g., seashells) were found amongst any of the auger samples. So, the conclusion is that the stream would not have provided access to the Villa Complex.