

Historic Environment Record and Aerial Photography

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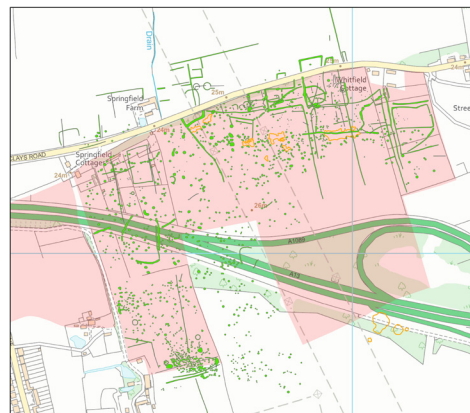
Specialist aerial photograph of an Iron Age - Roman settlement site (EX15/01/104)



Specialist aerial photograph of a prehistoric settlement site (EX11/02/194)

Essex Historic Environment Record and Aerial Photography

Essex County Council have been undertaking archaeological aerial survey since the 1970s. Place Services have been commissioned by Historic England to undertake a programme of aerial reconnaissance on an annual basis since the mid-1990s. This long history of photography within the county has resulted in an extensive collection of oblique images which show the wide-ranging archaeology of Essex from the air. Our photographic collections are a mix of hard-copy photographs that can be scanned and digital images. Images can be supplied for viewing and research purposes. Please see the [HER Schedule of Charges](#) for guidance on costs.



Results of a recent AI&M assessment of the Scheduled Monument (Scheduled area outlined in red) at Grey Goose Farm, Thurrock

Aerial Investigation and Mapping

Place Services also provide an enhanced service using aerial photography from the Essex Historic Environment Record. Our Aerial Investigation and Mapping service (AI&M) is a method of informing the location of below-ground archaeological features within a landscape through the identification of cropmarks.

AI&M is completed through consultation of the aerial photographic collection held within the Historic Environment Record, the Historic England Archive and other aerial photographic collections (where necessary). This aerial photographic assessment provides primary information and highlights archaeological features visible on aerial photographs, lidar and other remotely sensed data. This includes recording sites visible on available aerial photographs and lidar as cropmarks, soil marks and earthworks. All assessments are undertaken in accordance with Historic England guidance on [Aerial Investigation and Mapping \(2019\)](#).

The standard products of an AI&M assessment comprise a digital archaeological map with linked archaeological descriptions supplied as Esri ArcGIS shape files and a synthesis of the archaeological results within a report. Please contact us to discuss your requirements and for further information regarding scope and costs (Historicenvironment@essex.gov.uk).

Specialist Aerial Reconnaissance

Place Services can offer a bespoke aerial reconnaissance service for the provision of new site specific digital oblique images. Please contact us to discuss your requirements and for further information regarding scope and costs (Historicenvironment@essex.gov.uk).

Please Note:

This service is provided by Place Service's aerial photograph specialist. Whilst the outputs may be used for proposed developments and planning applications, this data is provided independent from any development management advice. The Place Services specialist providing aerial photography data will have no involvement in the provision of development management consultation advice to the local planning authority on the relevant application nor will they make representations to the other members of Place Services on an applicant's behalf related to an application or the aerial photography service.

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