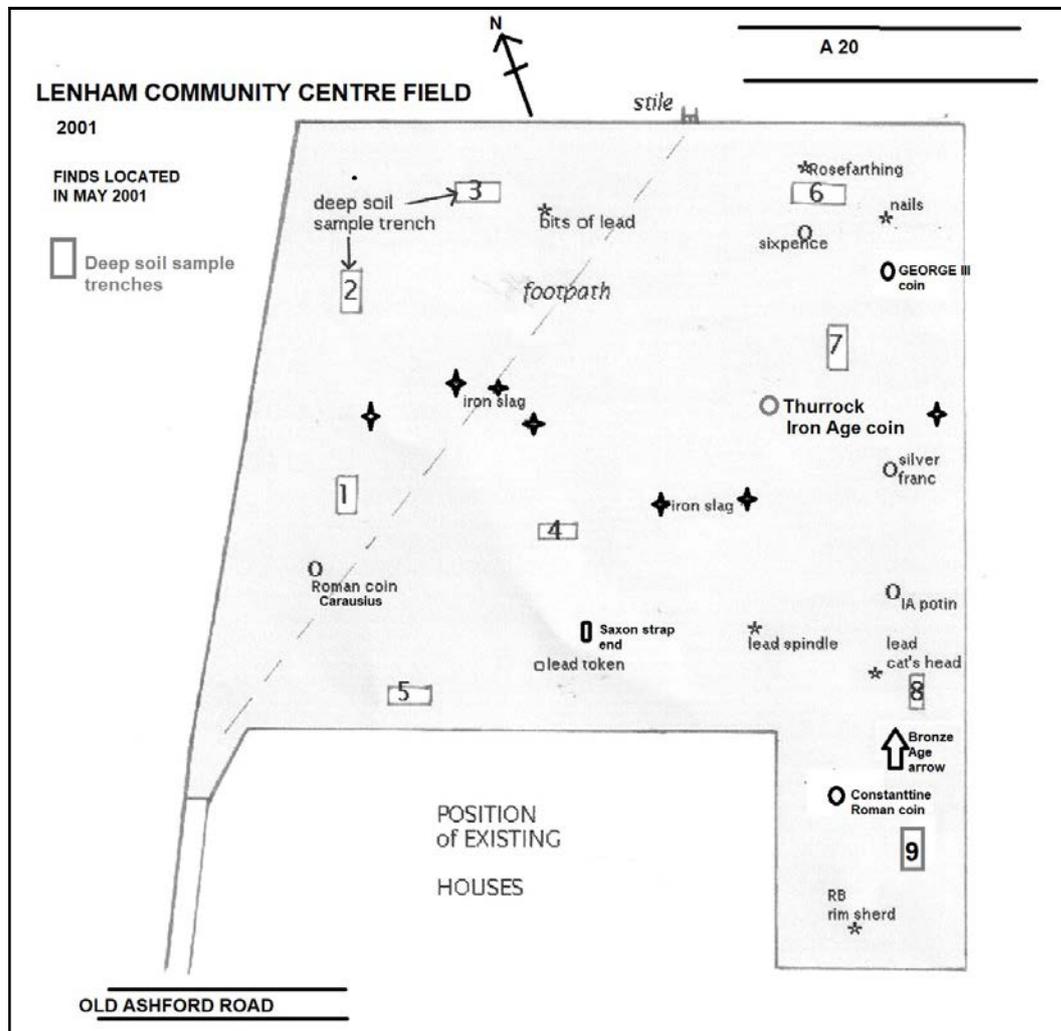


Lenham Archaeological Society

Community Centre Site 2001 .

This site on the north of the Old Ashford road was the start of Lenham Archaeology Society. We field walked and metal detected and asked KAS to help us with a resistivity plot . Nothing much showed on the latter but detector finds were many .

Some finds were drawn in Vol 1 of Discovering Ancient Lenham p. 33 -34



The position of the Iron slag finds *might* denote the position of the lost Roman road . There are sufficient finds in the area to expect that there was one. (See the entry for later finds and survey in the same field on Groom Way . Article 4.)

Museum of London Archaeological Services did a Watching Brief for this site (LAS were not allowed to do it) but many of the finds they list were found by LAS . The exception are the two Roman sherds that unfortunately were not picked up with the LAS resistivity. The Roman sherds and building material were not drawn or photographed in MOLAs report (apparently not necessary in a Watching Brief) but one sherd appeared to be a piece of Patchgrove ware (see the same in Groomway report 4) and there was piece of Roman flue tile the same as found by LAS .

No conclusion on the function of two Roman ditches was not entered by MOLAs but the ditches were not parallel .

The Thurrock coin was pristine as though it had been cast on site and indeed MolAs detected a firing pit at the approximate same place.

The deep soil sample trenches were cut by a soil sampling firm to test for any pollution etc .but no finds at all were noted when they were dug (LAS monitored the work.)



Resistivity at Lenham Community Centre site ...when LAS was first started !

The site obviously had a lot of activity in the past . A midden of oyster shells was detected about where these members are standing and were found again in the Groom Way dig . A Bronze Age arrow head was found in this same area :-

