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DIGGING DOWN IN WICKHAM



Roman pottery found in Wickham

Since September 2018, Cotswold Archaeology, a charity, and Croudace Homes have been carrying out an archaeological investigation in Wickham because there is a plan to build 82 new houses on the site.

When they were in the east part of the site, they found a lot of pottery that had been unearthed. The archaeologists,

scraping carefully, figured they had found Roman pottery. The pottery had a rounded foot, thick rim and it was made of clay. They found multiple ditches loaded with mud and dirt so they carefully, slowly scraped it all out. They had evidence of a Roman settlement beside the road.

“The settlement is thought to have had its heyday within the 1st and 2nd centuries AD, perhaps as a kind of Roman ‘service-sation’,” explained one of the employees.

“We have been watching the archaeologists dig.

They have been cleaning the artefacts and making plans for where they’re going to dig next,” said Mrs Sandra Hallt and Mr Paul Thornton, local villagers.

Cotswold Archaeology are almost finished digging. They will be finishing on Friday 15th February so they only have one week to finish. Cotswold Archaeology will be sharing what they’ve found out about Wickham’s history.

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