

Appendix 9.1: Baseline Data

Downlands, Uckfield, East Sussex

Cultural Heritage Dataset

Item No.	Grid Ref.	SMR No.	Source	Description
1.	TQ 479 222	ES2847	ESCC	Approximate location of a 1st century Romano-British corn-drying kiln. Associated pottery dated the structure to the first half of the 1 st century AD. The site is now developed with housing.
2.	TQ 4659 2402	ES4556	ESCC	St Bartholomew's Church Listed Building Grade I The Chancel, north and south transepts, nave with aisles, north porch and west tower are of 13 th /14 th century date, although restored and largely rebuilt in the 19 th century. The ? is 15 th century.
3.	TQ 4662 2404	ES4557	ESCC	The Chequers (Inn) Listed Building Grade II* Eighteenth century red brick building of three storeys; stuccoed stringcourse, eaves cornice, hipped tiled roof. Windows with stuccoed keystones and glazing bars. Doorway with Doric pilasters and double cornice.
4	TQ 4510 2394 TQ 4513 2392	ES4575	ESCC	The Remains of pond bay suggest the possible site of post-medieval furnace or forge for which there are no documentary records. The pondbay is still extant, and is of considerable proportions, reaching a maximum height of 4.0m on the upstream side and 2.5m on the downstream. The site of the Forge is indicated by a concentration of forge cinder and black earth, centred at TQ 4510 2394, the site probably being occupied by a modern ruin. A considerable amount of furnace slag has been noted in the area centred at TQ 4513 2392, which raises the possibility that this may also be the site of a furnace.
5	TQ 460 227 TQ 462 232	ES4576	ESCC C&C	Site of a post-medieval ironworking furnace and forge. Sites 89 and 90 (Maresfield Forge and Furnace respectively) in Cleere & Crossley, Gazetteer 'C'. Visible remains of the Maresfield forge (TQ 460 228) comprises a pond bay of approximately 175m length and 4m at it's highest: the pond is 'in water'. The forge working area is probably at the southwest

				<p>end of the pond where forge bottoms and cinder are concentrated. An extremely heavy concentration of black earth and forge cinder is centred at TQ 4601 2274. The wheelpit and tail-race may be of a later date: the site was reused as a powder mill in the nineteenth century.</p> <p>The forge was built before 1574, when it is recorded as leased to John Faukenor. The lease changed hands on several occasions during the active life of the forge: the last recorded lessee was Willis in 1787.</p> <p>The Maresfield furnace (TQ 462 232) was closely associated with the forge and was used in part for the casting of cannon. The extant pond bay is 75m long and between 1.25m and 1.75m high: the pond is dry. The working area may be indicated by a short bank on the west side of the bay and running east wards parallel to it. Vitreous slag and pieces of cannon mould have been located to the south of the pond bay.</p>
6	TQ 46 24	ES4577	ESCC	<p>Approximate findspot (only accurate to 1km) of a 4th century AD Roman coin found in the garden of a house at Maresfield.</p> <p>Not plotted on Figure 9.1 due to imprecise grid reference.</p>
7	TQ 4695 2369	ES4597	ESCC	<p>Site of a possible medieval manor house: possibly the “capital message” of the honor of Aquila.</p>
8	TQ 46 23	ES4601	ESCC	<p>A licence was granted for the erection of a Gunpowder Works at Maresfield in 1849. The mills were established on a tributary of the River Ouse on a stream known as Batts Bridge Stream, about one kilometre south of the village of Maresfield. By 1859 the venture had failed and the company was bankrupt.</p> <p>This record is not located by the SMR but it may refer to the reuse of the Maresfield Forge – see above.</p> <p>Not plotted on Figure 9.1 due to imprecise grid reference.</p>

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9	TQ 4719 2145	ES4818	ESCC	Copping Hall, No. 46 Church Street Listed Building Grade II* Early eighteenth century building of two storeys and attic with two dormers. Brick built with grey headers and red brick dressings and quoins.
10	TQ 4742 2153	ES4819	ESCC	Hooke Hall, No. 250 High Street, Uckfield Listed Building Grade II* Eighteenth century building of two storeys and attic with three pedimented dormers. Brick built with red and grey headers alternately. Steeply pitched hipped tiled roof.
11	TQ 477 215	ES4825	ESCC	Findspot of a Mesolithic flint core.
12	TQ 464 215	ES4826	ESCC	Site of the Mesolithic settlement. Excavation in 1981 revealed an early Mesolithic site with 10,000 artefacts recovered - mainly microliths, predominantly obliquely blunted points with a few other formal tools. Mesolithic material occurs over an area in excess of 10,000 square metres. All the excavated material seems to belong to a single period of occupation in the early Mesolithic. Excavation in 1979 revealed the presence of Mesolithic material in the rock shelters themselves.
13	TQ 468 219	ES4827	ESCC	Findspot of an unretouched flake or blade, supposedly of Mesolithic date.
14	TQ 467 215	ES6903	ESCC	Mid 19th century icehouse of circular plan: 4.8m in diameter with a rounded bottom and sump. The lower part of the lining is of battered brick, the vault is exposed and neatly trimmed. Access is by a passage 2.2m long. The icehouse is cut into the sandstone of the local rock outcrop and was apparently built to service Buckswood Grange, formerly The Rocks.
15	TQ 4702 2158	ES7132	ESCC	Findspot of bloomery slag (post-medieval?) found in the garden of 16 The Drive, Church Coombe.
16	TQ 463 234		C&C	Site of undated ironworking bloomery listed in Cleere & Crossley, Gazetteer 'A' (page 292) for Maresfield parish. Presumably this is associated with the Maresfield Forge and Furnace, Item 5 above.
17	TQ 461 227		C&C	Site of undated ironworking bloomery listed in Cleere & Crossley, Gazetteer 'A' (page 293) for Uckfield parish. Presumably this is associated with the Maresfield Forge and Furnace, Item 5 above.
18	TQ 4702 2295		SAC AP	Area of earthworks visible in pasture on RAF aerial photograph. Two enclosures, perhaps moated sites are visible at TQ 4699 2288 and TQ 4692 2297. The former is a 'D'-shaped enclosure measuring approximately 50m north-south and

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21	TQ 4691 2199			TQ 4621-4721 42/7 Barn at Downlands, Snatt's Road C16th century barn with C17th extension. Timber-framed on a brick plinth; weatherboard sides with a plain tile roof; gable at north end and half-hipped at the south end. Grade II
22	TQ 4670 2160			TQ 4621 42/847 Buckwood Grange (formerly the Rocks) 19 th century house, built by Sidney Smirke in 1838 in Tudor Style. Formerly the house of the Streatfield family. Grade II
23	TQ 4729 2317			TQ 42 SE 26/696 Budletts House, Uckfield Road Early C19th, two storey house; faced with grey brick headers; quoins and vertical strips flanking the windows are of red brick. Grade II
24	TQ 4718 2343			TQ 42 SE 26/695 Blackhouse Farm, Uckfield Road L-shaped building; west wing is C16th timber framed with red-brick infilling; north-south wing has an C18th exterior with alternate red and grey brick headers; some ashlar in the north wall, ground floor; hipped tile roof. Grade II
25	TQ 4717 2345			TQ 42 SE 26/694 Stone Cottage, Uckfield Road C18th or earlier; ashlar ground floor, tile hung above; tiled roof Grade II
26	TQ 4701 2355			TQ 42 SE 26/692 Mill House Farmhouse, Uckfield Road Early C19th, two storeys; red-brick ground floor hung above with fish scale tiles; tiled roof Grade II
27	TQ 4697 2357			TQ 42 SE 26/292A Barn to north of Mill House Farmhouse, Uckfield Road C18th barn with tarred weatherboarding and hipped tile roof.

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28	TQ 4700 2359			TQ 42 SE 26/693 Mill Cottage, Uckfield Road C18 house with red and grey brick headers; tiled roof. Grade II
29				Buxted Park Grade II* An C18th park containing significant C17th features and with early and mid-C19th formal woodland gardens, which were further developed in the mid-C20th.
30	TQ 4737 2305		ESRO	Cottage and garden illustrated on William Figg's survey of 1829
31	TQ 4722 2293		ESRO	Cottage and garden illustrated on William Figg's survey of 1829
32	TQ 4685 2213		ESRO	Site of small building of unknown function illustrated on William Figg's survey of 1829
33	TQ 4697 2299		ESRO	Site of small building of unknown function illustrated on William Figg's survey of 1829

Sources:

ESCC - East Sussex County Council Sites and Monuments
Record

C&C – Cleere, H. and Crossley, D. 1985 The Iron Industry of the
Weald

SAC – Sussex Archaeological Collections

AP – Aerial photographs

ESRO – East Sussex Records Office