

**southend central area action plan  
heritage - part 5  
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## SCAAP Evidence Base - Heritage

### Archaeology

#### Introduction

Concern for our heritage is not just about our visible historic buildings and areas. Hidden features below ground, in our landscapes and in some of our historic buildings themselves hold evidence of our past and how our own society has developed. It is important that such evidence is not lost unnecessarily and is investigated where possible.

The Southend Sites and Monuments Record (HBSMR) is a record of archaeological finds and information in the Borough. It is used to assess the need for archaeological surveys on new developments.

Information on the finds in the Central Area are identified the tables below and their locations are shown in Plan 3.

The Map also identifies Areas of Archaeological Potential, Ancient Monuments and the Prittlewell Prince Burial Site.

#### HBSMR Points

Map Ref	HBSMR Id	Type	Period	Address
S1	34898	Amusement Park Building	late C19	The Kursaal
S2	15368	Brickfields. No traces survive.	1878-1932	Milton Hall Brickfield, original site of brickfield
S3	9786	Axe and Axe head	Early to late Neolithic	Colman Street, Southend
S4	9645	Axe and Axe head	Early to late Neolithic	Southend
S5	9644	Axe	Palaeolithic	Sweyne Avenue, Southend
S6	9587	Vessel	Roman	Sutton Road, Southend
S7	9702	Loom weight	Not listed	Southend
		Vessel	Not listed	Southend
		Quern	Not listed	Southend
S8	23014	Timber framed building, 255 Victoria Avenue	mid-late C15	255 Victoria Avenue
S9	15025	Building. Red brick with mock timber framing and terracotta detailing.	Late C19 early C20	Blue Boar PH, Prittlewell
S10	17982	Timber framed building. 269-271 Victoria Avenue	Medieval plus extensive alterations in 18th century	269-271 Victoria Avenue
S11	17621	unknown (made of copper alloy)	Roman	Roots Hall Estate, Southend
S12	9596	Vessel / Belgic pottery	Roman	Prittlewell
S13	9642	Loom weight	Early Medieval	Prittlewell
S14	23029	Floor Tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Churchyard, Southend
S15	9785	Palaeolithic implement	Palaeolithic	Prittlewell

S15	23012	Coin	Medieval	Edith Road, Prittlewell
S16	9760	Flint scrapper	unknown	33 Priory Gardens
S17	15155	The Crowstone, obelisk boundary marker	1755	Priory Park
S18	9542	Not listed (made of stone)	late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age	Prittlewell Priory
		Perforated object (possible weight or hammer)	late Neolithic to Early Bronze Age	Prittlewell Priory
S19	9543	Vessel	Iron Age	Prittlewell Priory
S20	9630	Axe	Early to late Neolithic	Southend High School
S21	13817	Brooch	Early Medieval	Priory Crescent, Prittlewell
S22	9631	Axe	Early to late Neolithic	Not listed
S23	9636	Axe and Axe (tool)	Early to late Neolithic	Prittlewell
S24	17976	Vessel	Later Prehistoric	Eastern Avenue, Prittlewell
		Worked object	Bronze Age	Eastern Avenue, Prittlewell
		Vessel	Roman	Eastern Avenue, Prittlewell
S25	15147	Buildings. Unusual Arts and Crafts style	1913-1915	Southend Sewage Treatment Works
S26	14690	pottery from fieldwalking survey	medieval	Land NW of Wellesley Hospital
S27	14691	Vessel	Post Medieval	Land NW of Wellesley Hospital
		Tile	Post Medieval	Land NW of Wellesley Hospital
S28	14531	Fieldwalking Survey		Fox Hall Farm
S29	14695	Vessel	Roman	Southend Indoor Tennis and Leisure Centre
S30	14694	Vessel	Late Iron Age	Southend Indoor Tennis and Leisure Centre
S31	9706	Seal (Bronze)	Medieval	17 Lewes Road, Southend
S32	9788	Coin	Roman	147 Royston Avenue, Southend
S33	9780	Vessel	Early Iron Age	North Avenue, Southend
		Pot	Not listed	North Avenue, Southend
S34	9586	Vessel	Roman	Bournemouth Park Road, Southend
		Cremation	Roman	Bournemouth Park Road, Southend
S35	9648	Polished Axehead	Early to late Neolithic	12 Lancaster Gardens, Southend
		Axehead	Not listed	12 Lancaster Gardens, Southend
S36	9647	Vessel	Late Iron Age	Hastings Road, Southend
S37	9740	Coin Hoard	Roman	41 Windemere Road, Southchurch
		Vessel	Roman	41 Windemere Road, Southchurch
		2 Coins	Roman	41 Windemere Road, Southchurch
S38	9646	Vessel	Middle Bronze Age	Riviera Drive, Southend
		Evidence of Cremation	Early to Middle Bronze Age	Riviera Drive, Southend

## HBSMR Polygons

Map Ref	HBSMR Id	Type	Period	Address
H1	9591	Vessels	Early Iron Age	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
H1	9592	Vessel	Roman	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
H1	9593	Handaxe	Lower Palaeolithic	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
		Handaxe	Not listed	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
		Lithic Implement	Not listed	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
		Flake	Lower Palaeolithic to Early Mesolithic	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
H1	9594	Pot	Not listed	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
		Pot	Not listed	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
		Pot	Not listed	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
		Pot	Not listed	Roots Hall Gravel Pit
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H2	9789	Handaxe	Palaeolithic	Prittlewell
H3	9598	site of windmill	on Chapman and Andres Map 1777	Prittlewell
H4	9643	Axe	Early to late Neolithic	Southend
H5	9697	Ditches with Medeival silting	Medieval	Milton Hall School
H6	9680	Tranchet Axehead	Mesolithic	Sainsbury's, Whitegate Road, Southend
		Axehead	Not listed	Sainsbury's, Whitegate Road, Southend
H7	9768	Pier (Iron and Wood)	Post Medieval	Southend Pier
H8	9699	Vessel	Late Iron Age	Marine Parade, Southend
H9	9791	Brick	Modern (Post-1901)	Church of St Erkenward, Southend
H10	9698	site of windmill	on Chapman and Andres Map 1777	Hamlet Road
H11	9749	Worked Object (Stone)	Not listed	Not listed
H12	9725	Coin	Late Iron Age to Roman	Westcliff-on-Sea
H13	9679	Tranchet Axehead	Mesolithic	Arnold Avenue/ Manilla Road, Southend
		Axehead	Not listed	Arnold Avenue/ Manilla Road, Southend
H14	9752	Waste flakes from Southchurch Hall Site. Mesolithic - Neolithic flints from mound	Mesolithic / Neolithic	Southchurch Hall
H15	9557	L Plan Timber Framed	C14	Southchurch Hall

		Building, Southchurch Hall		
		200 items including:	Not listed	Southchurch Hall
		Pots, Horseshoes, Buckles, Stirrups, Sickles		
		Chains, Weights, Knives, Shears, Spades, Rakes		
		Spurs, Bridle bits, etc.		
H16	9675	possible moat	on OS map 25" first edition	Central Avenue
H17	9757	Coin	Roman	Sycamore Grove, Southend
H18	9776	Vessel	Roman	Sutton Road, Prittlewell
		Cremation	Roman	Sutton Road, Prittlewell
	9777	ditch	prehistoric	Sutton Road, Prittlewell
H19	9759	Coin	Roman	Prittlewell
H20	9538	Prittlewell Priory Building	Post Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
H20	9537	brick	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
		millstone probably from monastic kitchen	unknown	Prittlewell Priory
		floor tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
		encaustic floor tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
		roof peg tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
		Moulded stone, pottery and glass	monastic and post monastic	Prittlewell Priory
		Pottery pieces	Medieval	Prittle Brook east of Priory
H20	9539	Flint scrapper	unknown	Prittlewell Priory
H20	9540	Traces of a semi circular earthworks system	unknown	Prittle Brook Priory Park
H20	9541	Axe	Early Neolithic to Late Neolithic	Prittlewell Priory
		Axehead	Not listed	Prittlewell Priory
		Scraper (tool)	Neolithic	Prittlewell Priory
		Stone	Post Medieval	Priory Park, Prittlewell
H20	9545	Wall	Medieval	Priory Park, Prittlewell
		Vessel	Medieval	Priory Park, Prittlewell
H20	9546	Not listed (made of Flint)	Late Neolithic	Priory Park, Prittlewell
H20	9632	30 items including:	Roman	Site of Anglo Saxon Cemetary
		Vessels, Pins, Bottles, Flagons, Coins, Bottles		
		Girdle Hanger, Vase, Spoon, Jewellery, Lock,		
		Key, Cremation, Whetstone		
H20	9633	Spear	Early Medieval	Prittlewell
H20	9634	Axe	Late Neolithic to Late Bronze Age	Not listed
		Palstave	Not listed	Not listed
		Axe (tool)	Not listed	Not listed
H20	9635	Axe and Axehead	Early Neolithic to Late Neolithic	Prittlewell
H21	9695	builders trenches	late c17	Bridge House, Prittlewell (demolished)
H22	9764	Discoid flint core	unknown	prittlewell

H23	9765	Late Medieval cloth mark	Late Medieval	Shatcrofts, grounds of Priory House
H24	9637	Brick	Not listed	Prittlewell Priory
		Tile	Not listed	Prittlewell Priory
		Tile	Not listed	Prittlewell Priory
		Millstone	Not listed	Prittlewell Priory
		Pottery pieces	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
		Floor Tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
		Roof Tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Priory
H24	9638	Brick	Roman	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
H24	9639	pre-conquest round headed doorway, north wall	Saxon	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
H24	9640	Window	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Window	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Window	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Window	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Door	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Font	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Coffin	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
		Stone	Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
H24	9641	St Mary's Church	Post Medieval	St Mary's Church, Prittlewell
H25	9770	Worked Object	Medieval	Prittlewell
H26	9550	Banked enclosure between Cemetary and Brook	unknown	Sutton Road, Prittlewell
H27	9547	Body Sherd	Late Bronze Age to Early Iron Age	Prittlewell Camp
		Column	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Beaker	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Dish	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Jug	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Bowl	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Vessel	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Vessel	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Vessel	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Tile	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
		Nail	Not listed	Prittlewell Camp
H27	9548	Padlock	Roman	Prittlewell Camp
H28	9549	Vessel	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
		Vessel	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
		Nail	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
		Tile	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
		Animal Remains	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp

		Architectural Fragment	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
	23001	Coin	Early Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
H29		Seal	Medieval	Prittlewell Camp
	17989	Pottery pieces	Medieval and Roman	Smithers Farm

Some HBSMR points and polygons have multiple HBSMR IDs attached to them. To simplify the associated map, only one Map Reference is given in these instances.

## Scheduled Ancient Monuments

The most important archaeological sites are designated Scheduled Ancient Monuments by the government's Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), on the advice of English Heritage. These sites have statutory protection under the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas Act, 1979. Ancient Monument Consent is needed from the DCMS for any works or activities, such as metal detecting, digging and ploughing, that will affect the site. (Other forms of consent such as planning permission or listed building consent may also be necessary.)

Three of the 6 Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the Borough. Of these Southchurch Hall and Prittlewell Priory are close to the boundary of the Central Area and a third, Prittlewell Camp is a little further out. All these are identified on Plan 3.

### A1 Southchurch Hall

Southchurch Hall was built as a manor house in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century, on a raised island surrounded by a moat. Although the building has been modified many times, it was restored to something like its original appearance in the 1920's and is now used as a museum within a small park. The area of the original moats is likely to contain much archaeological evidence of its history. A gatehouse is believed to have existed close to the present bridge. The scheduled area covers the whole of park but excludes the buildings above ground. These are protected as Listed Buildings.





## **A2 Prittlewell Priory**

The Priory was established by the Cistercian monks of Lewis Abbey in the early 12<sup>th</sup> century. It was suppressed by Henry VIII in 1536, and now only part of the refectory and the Prior's chamber remain of the original buildings. But the ruins of some of its buildings can still be seen and the Priory's fish ponds still survive. The scheduled area covers the grounds of the Priory, including the fish ponds. It also includes an area east of Prittle Brook believed to contain part of a 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> century Anglo-Saxon cemetery. The surviving buildings are not part of the scheduled area but are protected as Listed Buildings



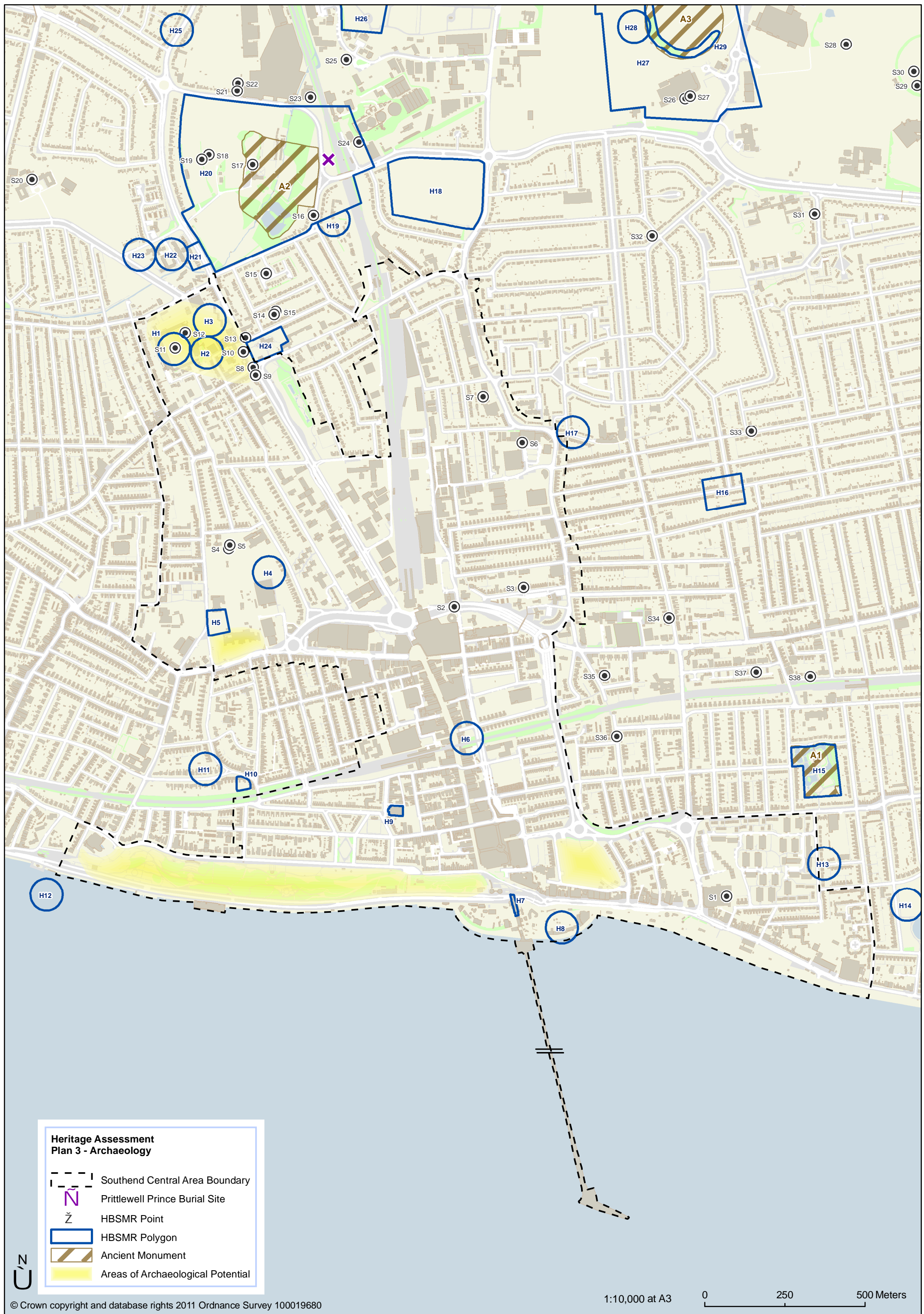
## **A3 Prittlewell Camp, Fossetts Farm**

At the rear of the Waitrose supermarket in Eastern Avenue, this is a late Bronze Age or early Iron Age (8<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> century BC) circular univallate hill fort with extensive views across the Roach valley. This type of hill fort is rare and surviving examples are of national importance. The purpose of this particular example is not yet known. But there is likely to be good evidence surviving below ground.









## **The Prince of Prittlewell**

Immediately to the east of the Priory is a Roman and rich early Saxon cemetery, which included the chambered tomb of the 'Prince of Prittlewell', a discovery of international significance. The tomb was probably that of a member of the East Saxon royal family and further highlights the importance of Prittlewell at this time. Further information on the Prince of Prittlewell please see Southend Museums Website [www.southendmuseums.co.uk](http://www.southendmuseums.co.uk)



**Heritage Assessment  
Plan 3 - Archaeology**

-  Southend Central Area Boundary
-  Prittlewell Prince Burial Site
-  HBSMR Point
-  HBSMR Polygon
-  Ancient Monument
-  Areas of Archaeological Potential

