

## **A Resistivity Survey And Other Notes On The Upper Lodges Stanmer**

During late September in 1995 the Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society conducted a resistivity at the Upper Lodges, Stanmer, Brighton. The tenant of the cottage, Mr Jim Driver, was aware of features under the grass in his garden and wished then investigated Mr Driver had noted converging walls close to the east side of the house, these features also appeared as parch marks in the dry year of 1976.

The survey covered an area of 280 square metres and consisted of the lawns -to the east and north of the house<Fig 1) The instrument used was an PM, Readings were taken at 1 metre intervals. The weather had been predominantly dry for several weeks prior to the exercise, however light Showers occurred during the day of the survey.

### **Conclusions**

The resistivity survey failed to find any evidence for masonry features under the garden of the north Upper Lodge cottage. The details have been recorded on a PC Spreadsheet format.

.Mr Driver conducted a probe survey of his own (by pressing a thin metal rod into the ground) during the resistivity survey to show the existence of the features. Readings were also taken in the parts of the vegetable garden to the west of the cottage, The underground circular sump and filled in concrete Water reservoir were distinct features portraying very high readings. Both features lie within a 5 metre measurement to the west of the cottage. The cesspit under the out-house to the north of the rain building produced no distinct readings.

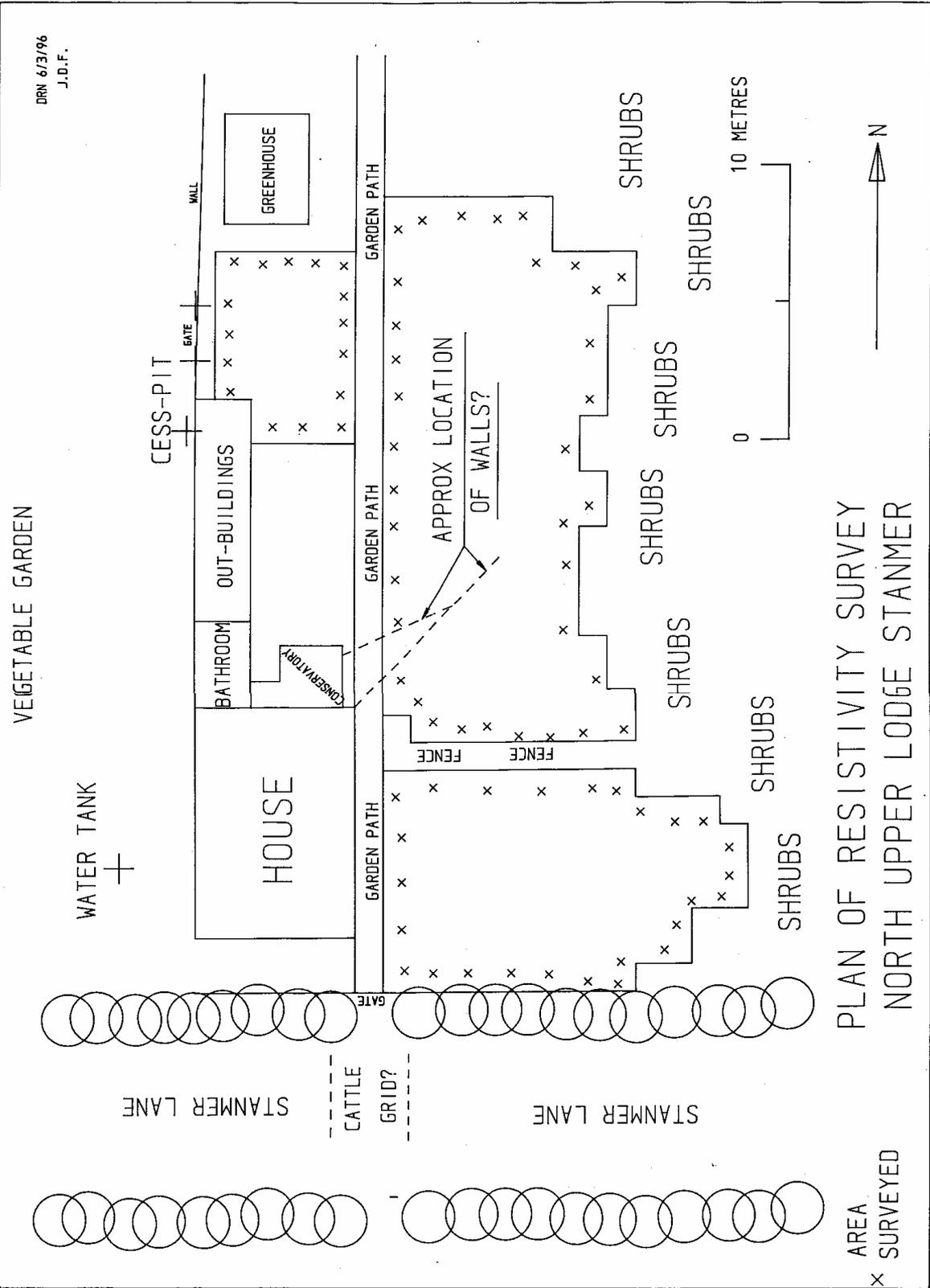
### **Mr Driver mentioned others points relating to the cottages.**

During work on the lane between the two cottages a pit was observed between two lines of brick indicating the location of a possible cattle grid. When the bathroom was being constructed in the north Upper Lodge cottage a pit containing 19th and twentieth. century rubbish was found under the out-house. The .pit was filled and covered, no date or usage is interpreted although local historian Mr Charlie Yeates suggested it may have been constructed by smugglers to secret contraband. There is no evidence to support this theory.

The cottages themselves have warranted some investigation. During re-rendering of the Buildings in 1994 it was noted that the existing windows and doorways had been repositioned. The original cottages had been significantly smaller and extended by at least 40% to the north and South in each case, The present north west window of the south cottage and the South west window of the north cottage are built within an older arched doorway. It may be possible that these buildings were originally constructed as coach houses?

The Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society would like to thank both Mr and Mrs Driver for allowing the Society to conduct the survey and for assisting the society in many of their other ventures with research material, Thanks are also forthcoming for Mr Fred Gunn who assisted with the readings.

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PLAN OF RESISTIVITY SURVEY  
NORTH UPPER LODGE STANMER

