

## **ROUNDUP OF HAMPSHIRE BUILDINGS SURVEY GROUP 2015**

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In preparation for the publication of an essay on work carried out between 2003 and 2015, further work has been undertaken in order to establish a regional chronology of Wealden houses. It had already been established that No 35 High Street, Winchester, dated by dendrochronology to 1340, was the earliest dated Wealden house in the country so, in 2015, an attempt was made to discover the latest examples of this form in the county. The Barracks, Bridge Street, Wickham (SU 574 115), a three-bay Wealden house retaining fairly complete framing was tree-ring dated to 1494/5 and Suters, Headley (SU 822 363) - a fine four-bay Wealden - was dated to 1523-46. Apart from being, at present, Hampshire's latest Wealden house, it may be possible to identify Suters with a new building erected 'after 1520' near the church at Headley for the use of church ales.

Two important buildings failed to date by dendrochronology but recent developments in radiocarbon dating can now deliver a useful date-range for medieval buildings. The Oxford Radiocarbon Acceleration Unit dated cores from Forge Sound, East Meon and The Old Chesil Rectory, Winchester. Forge Sound, a remarkably complete, timber-framed, single-aisled hall dated to 1303-54. The Old Chesil Rectory which, in spite of its name, was a medieval shop of an unusual form was dated to 1404-44.

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