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SUMMARY

Three roofs were sampled, the primary phase in the front range, parallel to the street, the west short rear range of the house, and another roof over the long rear range at the west end of the property. Ten oak timbers from the roofs of the front and west short rear range of the house were cross-matched forming two sub-groups. Two site master chronologies were formed, each having similar felling dates, supporting the idea that the two roofs were constructed at the same time. Two precise felling dates were found, summer AD 1726, and winter AD 1728/9, and two further timbers with very degraded outer rings appear to have similar felling dates. It seems likely that construction of the roofs took place in AD 1729 or within a year or two after this date. The roof at the far west end of the property remains undated.

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INTRODUCTION

The Early Fabric in Historic Towns: Voluntary Group Projects, funded by Historic England, have been developed in the recognition and acknowledgement of the excellent work being undertaken by local vernacular groups in the study of local architectural trends and fabrics. The intention of these projects is to encourage this type of study through the provision of support and facilitate training of more people in building analysis and recording. The local projects were coordinated by Rebecca Lane (Historic England South West Region: Architectural Investigation).

Early Fabric in Chipping Norton Project

Whilst Chipping Norton features in a study on historic towns in Oxfordshire (Rodwell 1975), and some buildings have been recorded and published in detail (eg Simons and Phimester 2005), no systematic research had been undertaken on the buildings of the town before this project.

The project examined vernacular historic buildings in the centre of Chipping Norton, aiming to improve understanding of the morphology and development of the historic town plan and to understand this within the framework of economic and social change. It aimed to identify early plan forms and to understand the dates of the introduction of vernacular architectural details (eg in materials, carpentry, fenestration, and decorative features), thus mapping the survival of early (pre-1900) fabric and revealing the architectural evolution of the town's buildings.

Initially, 21 properties were identified that were thought to be key to understanding the town's architectural development for a programme of comprehensive investigation. These properties were assessed for their suitability for dendrochronology and 12 that contained oak timber considered suitable for analysis were initially sampled and analysed. Oak timbers from seven of these buildings could be dated by ring-width dendrochronology, whilst radiocarbon wiggle-matching was undertaken for one of the buildings where the ring-width dendrochronology had produced an undated site master chronology.

The results of the project are presented by Rosen and Cliffe (2017). The reports produced on the historic buildings recorded as part of this project by the Chipping Norton Buildings Record/Oxfordshire Buildings Record (OBR) will be deposited in the Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record.

9 West Street

This grade II listed building (LEN 1198029) sits on the western side of West Street in the centre of Chipping Norton (Fig 1). It consists of three ranges: a front range, running parallel to the street, a short rear range to the west, and a longer range at the west-end of the property. As an important building in the town, to the south of the Market Square, and with questions as to how it developed, it was a natural candidate for dendrochronological investigation as part of the *Early Fabric in Historic Towns: Chipping Norton* project. Investigations by the OBR could not determine whether the building was of seventeenth-century origin and had been refronted in the early eighteenth century, or was an original eighteenth-century building. The short rear range to the west appears contemporaneous, but the longer rear range at the west-end is of indeterminate age and perhaps represents agricultural or commercial buildings, updated in the Victorian period and brought within the function of the house itself.

METHODOLOGY

Fieldwork for the present study was carried out in early September 2015, following an initial assessment of the potential for dating a few weeks beforehand, and consultation with those involved in the project. In the initial assessment, accessible oak timbers with more than 50 rings and where possible traces of sapwood were sought, although slightly shorter sequences are sometimes sampled if little other material is available. Those timbers judged to be potentially useful were cored using a 16mm auger attached to an electric drill. The cores were labelled, and stored for subsequent analysis.

The cores were polished on a belt sander using 80 to 400 grit abrasive paper to allow the ring boundaries to be clearly distinguished. The samples had their treering sequences measured to an accuracy of 0.01mm, using a specially constructed system utilising a binocular microscope with the sample mounted on a travelling stage with a linear transducer linked to a PC, which recorded the ring widths into a dataset. The software used in measuring and subsequent analysis was written by Ian Tyers (2004). Cross-matching was attempted by a process of qualified statistical comparison by computer, supported by visual checks. The ring-width series were compared for statistical cross-matching, using a variant of the Belfast CROS program (Baillie and Pilcher 1973). Ring sequences were plotted on the computer monitor to allow visual comparisons to be made between sequences. This method provides a measure of quality control in identifying any potential errors in the measurements when the samples cross-match.

In comparing one sample or site master against other samples or chronologies, *t*-values over 3.5 are considered significant, although in reality it is common to find demonstrably spurious *t*-values of 4 and 5 because more than one matching position is indicated. For this reason, dendrochronologists prefer to see some *t*-values in the range of 5, 6, and higher, and for these to be well replicated from different, independent chronologies with both local and regional chronologies well represented, except where imported timbers are identified. Where two individual samples match together with a *t*-value of 10 or above, and visually exhibit exceptionally similar ring patterns, they may have originated from the same parent tree. Same-tree matches can also be identified through the external characteristics of the timber itself, such as knots and shake patterns. Lower *t*-values however do not preclude same tree derivation.

Ascribing felling dates and date ranges

Once a tree-ring sequence has been firmly dated in time, a felling date, or date range, is ascribed where possible. With samples which have sapwood complete to the underside of, or including bark, this process is relatively straightforward.

Depending on the completeness of the final ring (ie if it has only the spring vessels or early wood formed, or the latewood or summer growth) a precise felling date and season can be given. If the sapwood is partially missing, or if only a heartwood/sapwood transition boundary survives, then an estimated felling date range can be given for each sample. The number of sapwood rings can be estimated by using an empirically derived sapwood estimate with a given confidence limit. If no sapwood or heartwood/sapwood boundary survives then the minimum number of sapwood rings from the appropriate sapwood estimate is added to the last measured ring to give a *terminus post quem* (*tpq*) or felled-after date.

A review of the geographical distribution of dated sapwood data from historic timbers has shown that a sapwood estimate relevant to the region of origin should be used in interpretation, which in this area is 9-41 rings (Miles 1997). It must be emphasised that dendrochronology can only date when a tree has been felled, not when the timber was used to construct the structure or object under study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 22 timbers were sampled from the roofs of (a) the primary phase in the front range, parallel to the street, (b) the west short rear range of the house, and (c) the long range at the west end of the property. Details of the samples are provided in Table 1, and their locations are indicated on Figure 2. Figure 3 shows part of front-range roof. Three timbers had two cores taken from them (labelled a and b) to try to maximise the length of the sequence obtained, and one core broke into two parts, measured separately as i and ii. The samples from four oak (*Quercus* spp) timbers were rejected as having too few rings for analysis, but the elm (*Ulmus* spp) sample from the roof at the west end of the property (cn9wst36) was measured. The ring width data for all the measured samples are given in the Appendix.

Ten ring-width series from oak timbers in the front-range roof and the west short rear-range roof cross-matched forming two sub-groups (Table 2; Fig 4). Samples cn9wst01, cn9wst02, cn9wst03, cn9wst04, and cn9wst07, combined to make site master CN9WST1, and the second group of samples cn9wst08, cn9wst20, cn9wst23b, cn9wst24 and cn9wst25, combined to make a second site master CN9WST2. These appear to have very similar felling dates and support the idea that both roofs were constructed at the same time (Fig 4). Comparison of these two site master chronologies with the oak reference database resulted in the successful dating of both CN9WST1 and CN9WST2. The strongest matches for these two masters are shown in Tables 3a and 3b. Two precise felling dates were obtained, summer AD 1726, and winter AD 1728/29, both from the front-range roof, with two other timbers (one from the front-range roof and one form the west short rear range roof) having levels of decay making the outermost rings difficult to distinguish, but with very similar felling date ranges, and six more timbers from both roofs with wider likely felling date ranges also incorporating these felling dates (Fig 4).

It seems likely therefore that construction took place in AD 1729, or within a year or two after this date, using locally-sourced timber. There were two theories concerning the likely construction of this house, one that it was of seventeenth-

century construction, re-fronted in the early eighteenth century, and a second, now supported by the dendrochronological evidence, that the house was constructed in the early eighteenth century.

One interesting feature of the front-range roof are the posts supporting the front (east) principal rafters (Fig 3). It may be the presence of these unusual features that prompted individuals to speculate that the roof had been reset when the front walls were made, suggesting the presence of an earlier roof. The post to the northern truss was assessed as having too few rings for dating, but that to the southern truss retained complete sapwood and was sampled (cn9wst05 a and b). Unfortunately the ring width series from these two samples did not cross-match with the other roof timbers, nor did they date independently.

The series from the roof of long range at the west end of the property were found mostly to be rather short, and there was little cross-matching between them. One pair of samples did match each other, cn9wst34 and cn9wst37 (t = 5.6 with 46 years overlap), and these were combined into a new series (cn9wst3437) for further analysis. The longest series, cn9wst32 (109 rings), and cn9wst33 (71 rings) appeared to be potentially derived from the same tree, but both ring series had bands of very narrow rings and cross-matching was inclusive. Neither cn9wst3437, nor any of the other unmatched series could be independently dated when compared against the oak reference database. One core (cn9wst36) was of elm (*Ulmus* sp.) and this did not cross-match the other series from this roof or any other series from this site, nor the database of oak reference chronologies. It was also subsequently compared to the elm series obtained during the HE funded elm project (Bridge and Tyers forthcoming) but again without success. Thus none of the timbers from this roof could be securely dated.

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TABLESs

Table 1: Details of samples taken from the primary phase of 9 West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

Sample	Timber and position	No of	Mean	Dates	h/s	Sapwood rings	Mean	Felling date
number		rings	ring	spanning	boundary		sensitivity	ranges (AD)
			width	(AD)	(AD)			
			(mm)					
	ront range, parallel to street	-	1	1	T		1	
cn9wst01	West principal rafter, south truss	67	1.78	1645–1711	1702	9 (+ <i>c</i> 16–18C NM)	0.26	c 1727–29
cn9wst02	West principal rafter, north truss	64	1.96	1643-1706	1706	h/s (+12 NM)	0.24	1718–47
cn9wst03	West purlin, north bay	40	1.85	1667-1706	1706	h/s	0.27	1715–47
cn9wst04	East principal rafter, south truss	81	1.72	1648-1728	1707	21C	0.30	winter
								1728/29
cn9wst05a	East post supporting principal rafter,	76	1.19	-	-	30C	0.25	-
	south truss							
cn9wst05b	ditto	75	1.29	-	-	15	0.33	-
cn9wst06	West purlin, middle bay	<40	NM	-	-	15 (+6C NM)	-	-
cn9wst07	East principal rafter, north truss	90	1.52	1636-1725	1696	291/2C	0.30	summer 1726
cn9wst08	East purlin, north bay	75	1.68	1651-1725	1709	16 (+2 NM)	0.26	1727-50
Roof of the w	vest short rear range, perpendicular to stre	eet			•	•	•	
cn9wst20	South-east purlin	70	1.51	1638-1707	1703	4 (+ <i>c</i> 19–21C NM)	0.28	c 1726–28
cn9wst21i	South principal rafter	58	1.53	-	-	-	0.29	-
cn9wst21ii	ditto	43	0.52	-	-	-	0.21	-
cn9wst22	North principal rafter	84	1.15	-	-	?h/s	0.27	_
cn9wst23a	South-west purlin	26	1.15			9	0.25	-
cn9wst23b	ditto	63	1.01	1660-1722	1713	9	0.27	1722-54
cn9wst24a	North-east purlin	45	1.15	1656-1700	1700	h/s	0.22	
cn9wst24b	ditto	72	1.62	1631-1702	1702	h/s (+14 NM)	0.26	
cn9wst24	Mean of 24a and 24b	72	1.60	1631-1702	1701	h/s (+14 NM)	0.26	1716-42
cn9wst25	North-west purlin	53	1.48	1663-1715	1715	h/s	0.29	1724-56

Continued overleaf

Table 1: con	tinued:								
Roof of the long rear range at the west end of property									
cn9wst30	North purlin, east bay	<40	NM	-	-	5 (+4NM)	-	-	
cn9wst31	South purlin, east bay	<40	NM	-	-	-	-	-	
cn9wst32	North principal rafter, east truss	109	1.50	-	-	22C	0.24	-	
cn9wst33	South principal rafter, east truss	71	1.46	-	-	6	0.26	-	
cn9wst34	Collar, east truss	52	2.62	-	-	11 (+5NM)	0.22	-	
cn9wst35	Tiebeam, middle truss	<40	NM	-	-	-	-	-	
cn9wst36*	Tiebeam, west truss (elm)	57	2.05	-	-	С	0.19	-	
cn9wst37	North purlin, middle bay	46	2.39	-	-	10 (+2NM)	0.26	-	

Key: NM = not measured; h/s = heartwood/sapwood boundary; C = complete sapwood, winter felled; ¹/₂ C = complete sapwood, felled the following summer; * elm (*Ulmus* spp)

[∞] Table 2: Cross-matching between individual timbers (values of t above 3.5 are significant)

<i>t</i> -values											
Sample number	cn9wst02	cn9wst03	cn9wst04	cn9wst07	cn9wst08	cn9wst20	cn9wst23b	cn9wst24	cn9wst25		
cn9wst01	8.5	5.4	3.8	4.9	2.9	3.9	3.2	2.0	2.1		
cn9wst02		5.9	4.3	4.7	1.8	3.1	1.8	2.0	1.6		
cn9wst03			6.2	9.2	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.1	0.7		
cn9wst04				8.7	1.1	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.1		
cn9wst07					1.1	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.2		
cn9wst08						4.4	5.6	3.8	4.5		
cn9wst20							7.0	5.2	7.6		
cn9wst23b								6.8	9.6		
cn9wst24									5.3		

The different grey shades highlight timbers from the same sub-group

Source region:	Chronology name:	Publication reference:	File name:	Span of	Overlap	t-value
				chronology	(years)	
				(AD)		
Leicestershire	Kibworth Harcourt	(Arnold <i>et al</i> 2004a)	KIBASQ01	1582-1773	93	6.1
Bedfordshire	Chicksands Priory	(Howard <i>et al</i> 1998)	CHKSPQ02	1611–1814	93	5.5
Worcestershire	Croome Court	(Arnold <i>et al</i> 2004b)	CRMASQ01	1639–1753	90	5.3
Hertfordshire	Clothall Bury Farmhouse, Wallingford	(Arnold <i>et al</i> 2003)	CLBBSQ01	1636-1753	93	5.3
Essex	Cressing Temple Barns	(Tyers and Hibberd 1993)	CRBCR2	1661-1737	68	5.2
Oxfordshire	New College Oxford	(Miles <i>et al</i> 2014)	NWCOLLG8	1587-1724	89	5.1
Norfolk	Thrigby Post Mill	(Fletcher 1984)	THRIGBY	1674-1790	55	5.1
Oxfordshire	Old Clarendon Building, Oxford	(Worthington and Miles 2006)	CLRNDNOX	1539–1711	76	5.0
Buckinghamshire	Claydon House	(Tyers 1995)	CLAYDON	1613-1756	93	5.0
Wiltshire	Salisbury Cathedral spire and tower	(Miles <i>et al</i> 2004)	SARUM17	1556-1695	60	5.0
London	Eastcote House, Hillingdon	(Arnold and Howard 2012)	ECTASQ02	1569-1697	62	4.9
Warwickshire	Stoneleigh Abbey	(Howard <i>et al</i> 2000)	STOISQ04	1646-1813	83	4.9

Table 3a: Dating evidence for the site master, CN9WST1, as spanning AD 1636–1728

Source region:	Chronology name:	Publication reference:	File name:	Span of chronology (AD)	Overlap (years)	t-value
Worcestershire	Croome Court	(Arnold <i>et al</i> 2004b)	CRMASQ01	1639–1753	87	7.9
Yorkshire	Nostell Priory	(Tyers 1998)	NOSTELL2	1535-1743	95	7.6
Northamptonshire	Apethorpe Hall, Apethorpe	(Arnold <i>et al</i> 2008)	APTASQ02	1574-1749	95	6.4
Bedfordshire	Clophill House, Clophill	(Miles <i>et al</i> 2007)	CLOPHILL	1646-1748	80	6.2
Essex	Cressing Temple Barns	(Tyers and Hibberd 1993)	CRBCR3	1661–1737	65	6.1
Buckinghamshire	Claydon House	(Tyers 1995)	CLAYDON	1613-1756	95	6.0
Buckinghamshire	Easington Farmhouse, Chilton	(Miles <i>et al</i> 2005)	EASNGTN	1640-1726	86	5.9
Hampshire	Church Cottage, Basingstoke	(Miles <i>et al</i> 2007)	BSNGSTK2	1635-1746	91	5.8
Yorkshire	Cusworth Hall, Doncaster	(Hillam unpubl)	CUSWORTH	1665-1740	61	5.7
Worcestershire	Hartlebury Castle Bell Cupola	(Tyers 2008)	HARTCABC	1658-1745	68	5.7
Bedfordshire	Bushmead Priory	(Groves and Locatelli 2004)	BUSHMEAD	1599-1709	79	5.6
Oxfordshire	Oriel College Tennis Court	(Miles and Haddon-Reece 1994)	ORIEL1	1534-1776	95	5.5

Table 3b: Dating evidence for the site master, CN9WST2, as spanning AD 1631–1725

FIGURES

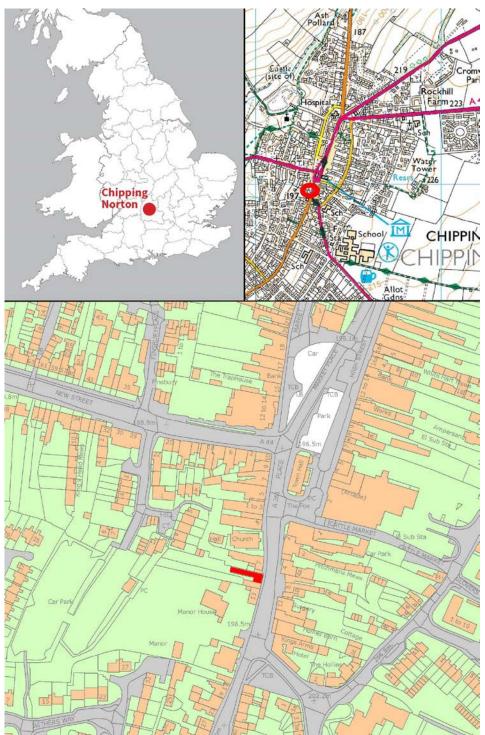


Figure 1: Maps to show the location of 9 West Street in Chipping Norton, marked in red. Scale: top right 1:15000; bottom 1:2000. © Crown Copyright and database right 2020. All rights reserved. Ordnance Survey Licence number 100024900. © British Crown and SeaZone Solutions Ltd 2020. All rights reserved. Licence number 102006.006. © Historic England

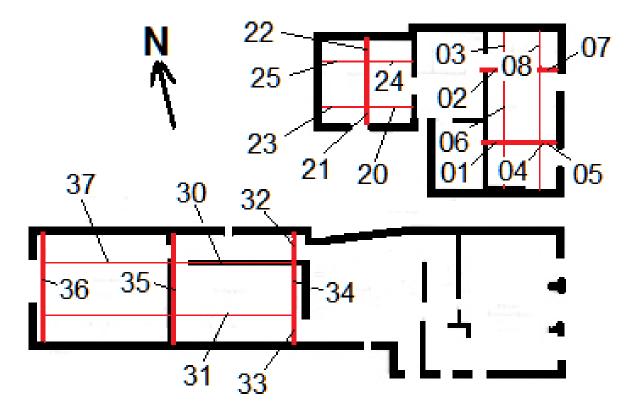


Figure 2: Plan of the upper floor (top) and first floor (below) showing the approximate positions of the trusses and purlins (red) and the timbers sampled for dendrochronology (adapted from original drawings by Jan Cliffe, Chipping Norton Buildings Record working with the Oxfordshire Buildings Record)

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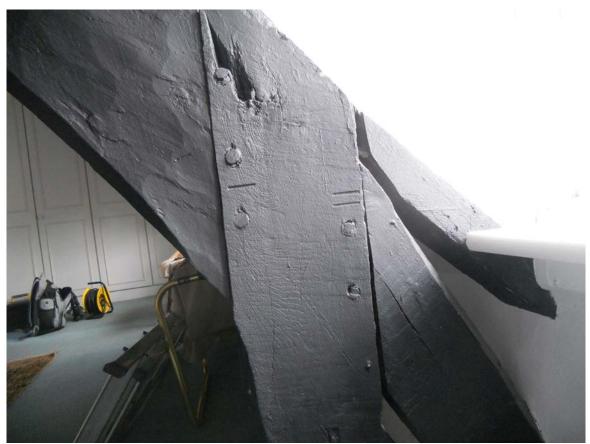


Figure 3: View of the post supporting the east rafter of the south truss of the front range, which produced samples cn9wst05a–b (photograph Martin Bridge)

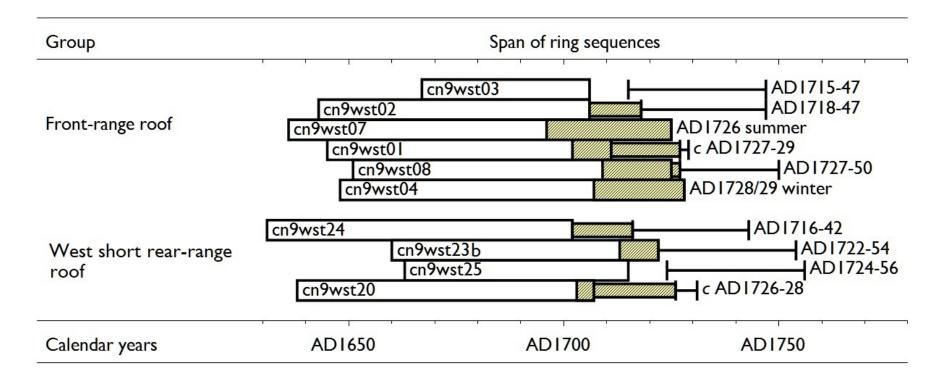


Figure 4: Bar diagram showing the relative positions of overlap of the dated samples and their individual felling dates / date ranges from 9 West Street, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. White bar – heartwood; yellow hatched bars – sapwood; narrow sections of bar – additional unmeasured rings

APPENDIX

Ring width values (0.01mm) for the sequences measured

Oak									
cn9w	st01								
139	378	341	505	274	285	243	219	195	226
337	245	201	252	182	314	230	262	306	239
120	81	88	117	158	151	218	131	177	184
156	127	203	191	201	247	192	183	186	148
114	132	89	99	126	95	156	102	187	92
122	180	217	200	123	109	84	119	146	149
137	121	84	64	64	78	123			
cn9wa	st02								
302	280	199	381	340	463	265	345	194	167
164	180	295	243	226	280	198	340	253	232
289	211	161	115	131	248	218	186	248	175
193	203	165	155	208	178	179	193	141	161
145	127	105	164	<u>91</u>	56	96	105	131	122
146	104	152	237	233	212	163	153	136	156
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