

9.2. SOUTHERN COUNTIES (EAST)

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(1) **Burgess Hill**, *The Homestead, Valebridge Road* (TQ 3260 2088): excavation¹ revealed a modest number of archaeological features, consisting of gullies, pits and post-holes spread across c. 840 sq m. One very shallow pit contained a single sherd of Roman greyware pottery.

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(1) **Southfleet**, *Station Road* (TQ 61848 72300): a watching-brief² maintained during construction work close to the ritual complex of Springhead (*Vagniacae*) recorded a cluster of three probable refuse pits and two post-holes containing pottery spanning the late first to mid-third centuries A.D. Environmental sampling of one of the pits provided evidence for small-scale industrial activity in the form of iron-working debris and cereal processing. Two gully-like features were also recorded and a flint and chalk deposit containing pottery of late first- to mid-second-century date was interpreted as demolition material, though the limited confines of the areas investigated means interpretation is speculative.

(2) **Sturry** (TR 171 605): an evaluation³ revealed Roman features in the south-west of the site, likely to be associated with a previously excavated settlement to the west of the investigation area.

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³ Work carried out in 2016 by R. Peacock of Oxford Archaeology for Somerlee Homes Ltd/BDB Design LLP. K. Smith sent information.