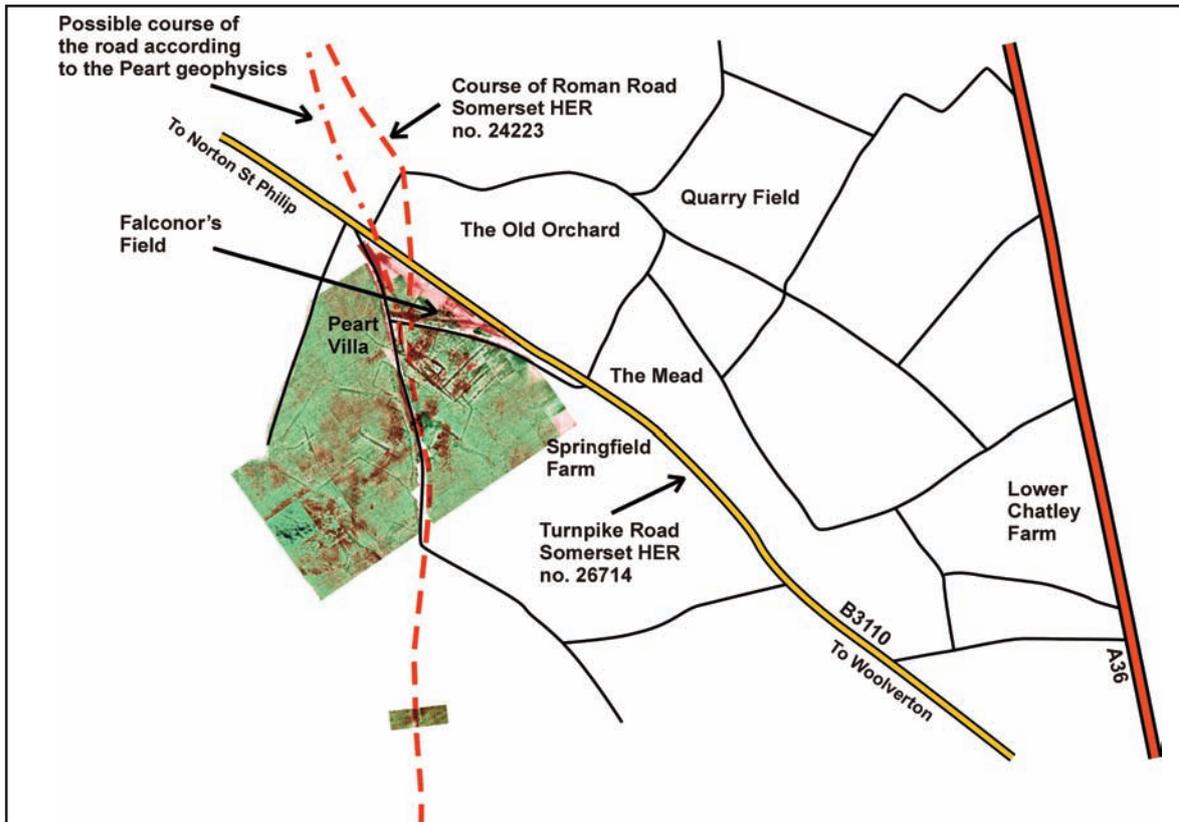


# The Lower Chatley Farm

## A geophysical survey of the adjacent fields to Peart Roman Villa

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I have known the family of David and Judy Holdway for many years and they very kindly allowed access onto their fields. Their farm, Lower Chatley Farm, is nine miles south of Bath, between Norton St. Phillip and Woolverton, with views of Westbury White Horse to the south. The fields in question are The Old Orchard and The Mead and adjacent to Peart Roman Villa with the B3110 passing between the two sites (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1**  
Map showing the field names

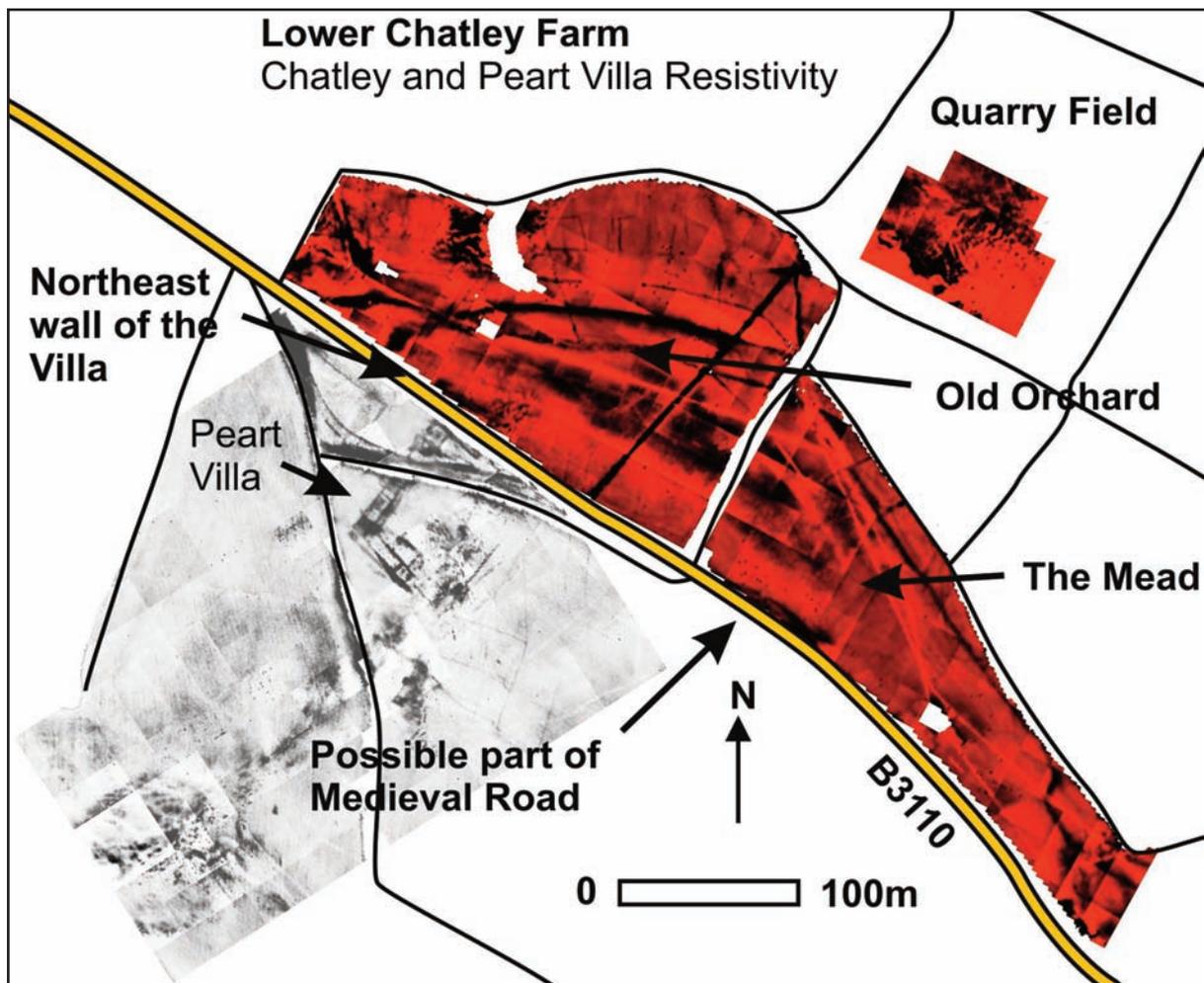
The aim of this survey was to find proof of any occupation with connection to the Villa. Peart Roman Villa is a site that BACAS has been involved with since 2004, conducting a geophysical survey and subsequently an excavation in Springfield. Also in 2012 a further survey and excavation were carried out in Falconer's Field (now known as Melanie's Field). It was quite apparent after that survey that there was a major Roman Villa with a width of approximately 80 metres.

Between December 2011 and March 2012, twice weekly, with John Oswin in charge and with supporting volunteers, a Resistivity and a Magnetometry survey were conducted. We found evidence of numerous water systems and brick reservoirs in connection with the breweries in Rode. An unidentified linear feature, running southsouthwest to northnortheast was found, that could be an extension to a feature shown in the survey of the Villa and appears to extend into Quarry Field.

What was exciting was locating the northeast wall of Peart Villa which now extends the width of the Villa to approximately 103 meters (see Figure 2).

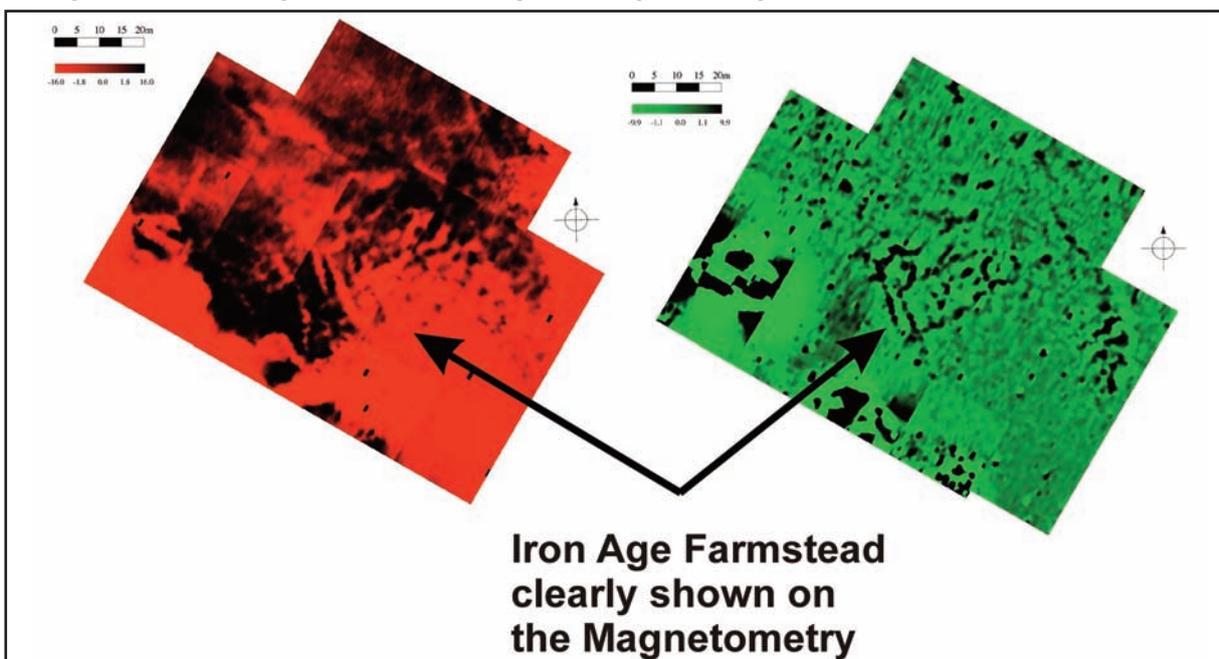
With time permitting, we were able to do a survey in Quarry Field which clearly shows evidence of rounded and walled features of an Iron Age farmstead (see Figure 3).

The full report is available on request. More geophysics are planned for 2013.



**Figure 2 above**  
**Lower Chatley and Peart Villa Resistivity.**

**Figure 3 below**  
**Quarry Field - Resistivity on the left and Magnetometry on the right.**



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