Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Kingston, South Hams	National Grid Reference: SX 6394 4803	Number:	
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording Kingston, Devon.	at Trebles Cottage,	Photo attached: Y	
Planning Application no: 1186/17/FUL	Recipient mus n/a	seum:	
OASIS ID:Museuoakforda1-298503n/a		ession no:	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1441		Dates fieldwork undertaken: 30/08 and 04/09/2017	

Description of works:

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology between August and September 2017 during building work at Trebles Cottage, Kingston, Devon (SX 6394 4803). The site (Fig. 1) is located beyond the edge of the historic village of Kingston. However, a geophysical survey on land adjacent to the site has identified the presence of anomalies indicative of prehistoric or Romano-British activity. The groundworks therefore had the potential to expose archaeological remains relating to prehistoric and Romano-British activity. The work was therefore required by the South Hams District Council (SHDC) as advised by the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).

A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of a new dwelling and associated groundworks. The area was reduced to the level of the subsoil before series of foundation trenches, totalling 100m long, 0.95m wide and 1.05m deep, were excavated and monitored.

Results:

The groundworks (Fig. 2, Pl. 1-2) exposed natural subsoil (102) consisting of loose shale. This was in turn overlain by a 0.15m thick mid reddish brown silty clay subsoil (101) underneath a 0.35m thick mid-to-dark brown topsoil (100).

Conclusion:

No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and other artefacts from the site, despite examination of spoil heaps, further indicates that the site is archaeologically sterile. This is the only report on these works.

Project archive and OASIS entry

Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).

Recorder: MFR Steinmetzer (Oakford Archaeology)	Date sent to HER:
--	-------------------

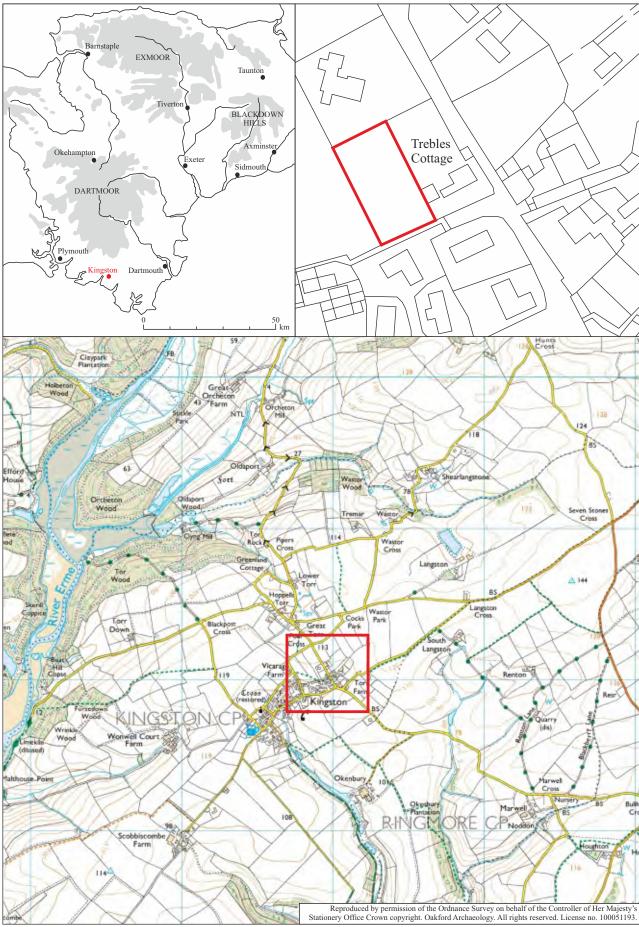


Fig. 1 Location of site.



Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations and photos showing area of groundworks (top) and deposit sequence (bottom).