

## Devon County Historic Environment Record

<b>Parish:</b> Heavitree	<b>NGR:</b> SX94299162	<b>Number</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological Watching Brief at Wonford Methodist Chapel, Exeter, Devon		
<p><b>Description:</b> The site lies to the south of a previously investigated medieval manor house, and it is possible therefore that associated remains or deposits of medieval date may survive within the footprint of the development.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during an initial ground reduction across an area measuring approximately 17m x 14.5m, to the east of the existing chapel. As this reduction did not generally extend below recent made ground, return visits were made to monitor subsequent foundation trenching. The trenches were approx. 0.80-1.3m wide and excavated to a depth of 1.2-2.3m. Their location is shown on Fig. 1.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> The layer sequence revealed by the trenching typically consisted of the following: 0-0.15m – tarmac 0.15-0.26m – hardcore 0.26-0.39m – compact mid to dark brown silty clay containing frequent charcoal, slate, gravel, ceramic building materials and mortar fragments (modern made ground) 0.39-1.09m – nw-se aligned cut of modern ditch 0.39-0.84m – friable brown silty clay containing occasional slate, charcoal and gravel (topsoil) 0.84 -1.43m – friable light to mid yellow brown silty clay containing occasional ceramic building material and gravel (subsoil) 1.43-+ Friable - reddish brown sandy clay (natural subsoil)</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b> No features or dating evidence was found to indicate medieval activity within the site. The earliest pottery (recovered from topsoil) dates to the first quarter of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The ditch, which was probably associated with a field boundary, contained fragments of roof tile dating to the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century.</p>	<p><b>Ref:</b> Exeter Archaeology Project no. 5708</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> April-May 2006</p>
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