

Devon County Historic Environment Record

Parish: Halberton		NGR: ST 00475 12750	Number:
Subject: Watching brief during service trenching in lanes around St Andrew's Church, Halberton, Devon			
Description: <p>A water main was replaced between the SE corner of the churchyard and Corner Cottages (see attached figure). This included excavation of trenches and pits along the east side of the churchyard, and two pits next to the house Dinhams. These are summarised as follows:</p> <p>Trench 501: <i>c.</i> 65m long x 0.3m wide x <i>c.</i> 0.8m deep (maximum <i>c.</i> 0.95m). Layer sequence typically 0.07m tarmac, over 0.32-0.4m deep reddish brown friable clay, above 0.4m+ deep red friable clay. The trench followed the course (approximately) of the earlier service, and exposed an iron water pipe (circa 1940s).</p> <p>Pits 502-504: <i>c.</i> 1m x 1m x 0.7- 0.8m deep.</p> <p>Trench 504: 3.45m x 0.41m x 0.78m deep.</p> <p>Trench/pits 502-505 layer sequence typically 0.18m concrete slab and tarmac, over re-deposited red clay service trench backfill.</p> <p>Pit 506: Situated 1m from north-east corner of Dinhams. 2.1m (N-S) x 0.3m (E-W) x 0.8m deep.</p> <p>Pit 507: Situated 1.8m from south-east corner of Dinhams. 1m x 1m x 0.8m deep.</p> <p>Pits 506 and 507 had a similar layer sequence to trench 501. No finds were recovered.</p> <p>Results: A stone layer within the east side of trench 501 (<i>c.</i> 3m from the head of the lane) extended <i>c.</i> 19m southward, and appeared to represent 19th/20th-century ground levelling. The layer contained frequent animal bone, a circa 1670 clay pipe bowl and 18th/19th century pottery sherds.</p> <p>Pit 502 and trench 504 produced 18th- and 19th-century pottery sherds and some animal bone. There were no archaeological finds from pits 503, 505</p>		Ref: EA Project No. 5871	Dates: 12/6/07 - 25/6/07
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