

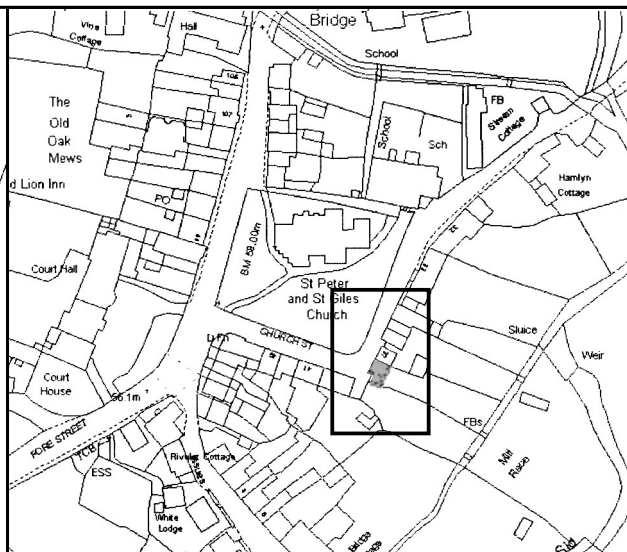
# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Sidmouth	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 13987 91697	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Watching brief at Grey Cottage, 38 Church St, Sidbury		<b>Photo attached?</b> N
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 07/3315/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAMM, Exeter	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 44027	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 162/2008	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  EA6460	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  31.3.08 – 24.4.08	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>A watching brief was undertaken during groundworks for an extension to the rear (south and east) of the cottage, which is situated 30m south of St Peter and St Giles Church (see attached figure). No. 38 is one of a pair of 19th-century semi-detached cottages that lie along the eastern edge of Church Street. An existing 20th-century extension is attached to the south of the cottage.</p> <p>The west side of the footprint for the extension was level with the road, but the ground dropped by c. 0.5m to the level of the garden to the east. The garden consisted of two plots, partly divided by a stone-revetted earth bank and hedge.</p> <p>The works consisted of the bulk removal of a 0.5m depth of soil, followed by the excavation of foundation trenches and a service trench.</p> <p>The general stratigraphic sequence of deposits consisted of:  0-0.65m: topsoil, modern (late 20th-century) deposits.  0.65-1.m: mid brown silty clay containing frequent rubble, mortar and occasional building debris, 19/20th-century demolition/levelling material.  1.0m+ : <i>in situ</i> red-brown clay</p> <p>No features were observed, and no finds dating to before the 19th century were recovered.</p> <p>There were no indications of any activity at the site dating from earlier than the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Rubble and building debris may indicate the site of a former structure, but no foundations survived to confirm this.</p>		
<b>Recorder:</b>  Neil Goodwin, Exeter Archaeology		<b>Date sent to HER:</b>  17.6.08

# St Peter and St Giles Church



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CHURCH STREET

No. 38

service trench

extension



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Location of site (inset @ 1:2500 scale) and location of extension showing walls and foundation trenches, scale 1:200. Hatching indicates true extent of present building.