Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Bovey Tracey	National Grid Reference SX 8138 7717		Number:	
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at 29 Pottery Rd., Bov Tracey.			еу	Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: 07/02103/FUL		Recipient museum: RAMM, Exeter		
OASIS ID: 44158		Museum Accession no: 177/2008		
Contractor's reference number/code:		Dates fieldwork undertaken:		
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Description of works.

Archaeological monitoring was undertaken during groundworks for a new dwelling.

Ground levels were reduced by c. 0.3m across a 10m x 8m area (see attached figure). Removed material comprised a garden soil, with frequent stones, and brick and glass fragments. Local pottery sherds, pottery wasters (incorrectly fired sherds) and kiln furniture of 19/20th-century date were also recovered from this material in small numbers.

Removed material was used to raise ground levels to the rear (north-west) of the excavated site in order to provide a car parking area.

Foundations trenches for the proposed development were excavated within the reduced area. These revealed the following general stratigraphy:

- 0m-0.2m: Garden soil as described above.
- 0.2m-0.6m: Brick fragments and abundant crushed, white, lime mortar (demolition material).
- 0.6m-0.8m: Light grey, firm, clay undisturbed geology.

No features of archaeological significance were observed.

The east-west foundation trench showed that the natural clays dipped away to the east, and it is suggested that the demolition material had been used to level the ground to create the garden. Personal communication with the owner/developer Mr. Rayomnd, revealed that a greenhouse with under floor heating pipes had formerly occupied the south-west corner of the site. It is likely that the demolition of this building and removal of the pipes resulted in the exposed demolition material.

The recovery of local 19/20th-century pottery wasters and kiln material reflects the close proximity of the site to the known pottery works. No indication of this activity having taken place within the site was identified however.

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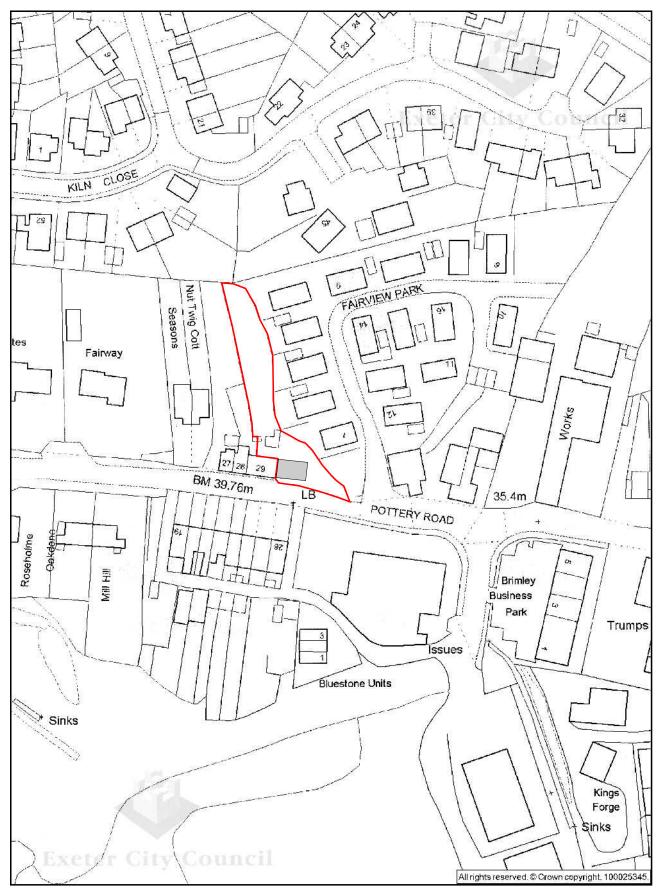


Fig. 1 Location of site and area of observations (shaded).