

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b>	<b>National Grid Ref.</b> SX 6981 9683	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring of groundwork associated with construction of new dwelling at rear of Cessland House, Spreyton, Devon.		<b>Photo attached?</b> N
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 7934/2005/OKE	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAM Exeter	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> exeterar1-45437	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> AR.2007.411	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> Ivor Baker	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 14-07-2008	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was carried out at Cessland House, Spreyton, to monitor and record initial groundworks associated with the construction of a new dwelling. The site lies within the historic core of Spreyton forming part of the rear garden of the current Cessland House and lies within 60m of the parish church (Fig. 1).</p> <p>Works consisted of the reduction of ground levels across an area of c. 270sqm representing the approximate footprint of the new dwelling. This was carried out to a maximum depth of .0.70m below turf level, and involved stripping of topsoil and sub soil to reveal the natural clay sub-strata beneath.</p> <p>All works were executed by a wheeled excavator fitted with a 1.8m grading bucket.</p> <p>The general sequence of deposits was as follows:</p> <p>0-0.20m: dark brown friable silt loam topsoil, with rare, small, pale grey sub-angular shillet fragments &lt; 0.05m. Sherds of glazed 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> century pottery and glassware were recovered from this layer.</p> <p>0.20- 0.50m: Slightly greyish mid brown moderately firm silty clay including sparse to moderate, small to medium pale grey shillet fragments &lt; 0.10m. Sherds of glazed 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> century pottery and glassware were similarly recovered from this layer.</p> <p>0.50m+ Yellowish light brown moderately compact silty clay, sparsely mottled with pale grey clay, including rare to patchily moderate concentrations of medium to large, pale grey angular and sub angular shillet fragments 0.02 – 0.20m diameter.</p> <p>Finds dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century were discarded on site.</p> <p>The yellowish brown silty clay natural was exposed across the whole area stripped. No archaeological features or deposits were observed.</p>		
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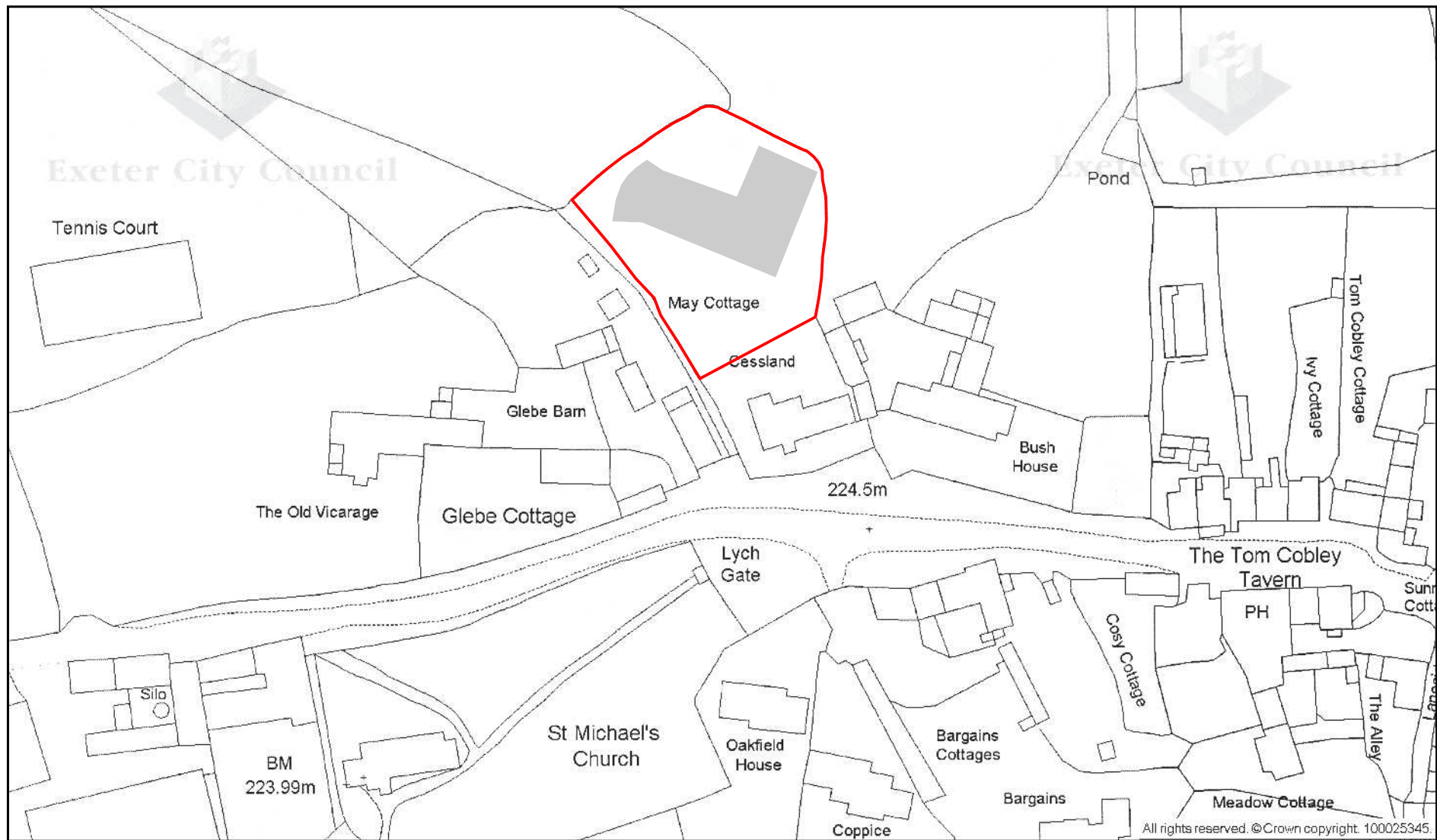


Fig. 1 Location of site and stripped area (shaded). Scale 1:1,250.