

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Bovey Tracey, Teignbridge	National Grid Reference SX 81674 78510	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Watching brief during construction of a dwelling on land at the rear of 75 Fore Street Bovey Tracey		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 06/06756/FUL	Recipient museum: RAMM, Exeter	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-63253	Museum Accession no: 224/2009	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA6875	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 14 and 17 August 2009	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>A watching brief was undertaken during construction of a new dwelling on land at the rear of 75 Fore Street, Bovey Tracey (fig. 1). Topsoil stripping and excavation of the foundation trenches was monitored.</p> <p>The site lies at the rear of a burgage plot on the main thoroughfare through the town (figs 1 and 2). A documentary appraisal of the site established that until recently the site was divided into two plots, both used as gardens. In the second half of the 19th-century several very small outbuildings were constructed in the northern plot, none of which are upstanding, although the chase for a roofline of one building can be distinguished on the boundary wall of the adjacent property to the north.</p> <p>Natural yellow clay subsoil, with increasing quantities of shale at depth, was exposed across the northeastern part of the site, and within all of the foundation trenches. This was sealed by up to 0.30m of subsoil (2), a soft mid-brown silty clay with occasional patches of sand, and inclusions of slate, charcoal, industrial china and clay pipe stems. This material was only fully removed at the northeastern part of the site and within the foundation trenches.</p> <p>A single feature, a small pit (3), measuring 0.40m deep by 0.30m wide with vertical sides and a slightly rounded base, was partially exposed cutting through the subsoil. The feature contained a single fill (4) of dark grey-brown soft silty clay with small charcoal and lime fragments, along with small quantity of juvenile faunal bones (cattle, pig, and sheep). The feature was sealed by topsoil (1), a dark brown very loose silt with abundant inclusions of slate, glass, charcoal, industrial china and coarsewares.</p> <p>A small finds assemblage of pre-industrial pottery was recovered from the topsoil comprising one sherd of medieval Totnes-type ware pottery, and 12 sherds of post-medieval pottery with the Totnes-type wares, South Somerset wares, North Devon wares and Raeren stoneware being represented. Of interest were five sherds from a C17 North Devon sgraffito ware dish. A Bath stone window jamb of 19th-century date was also recovered (fig. 3).</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
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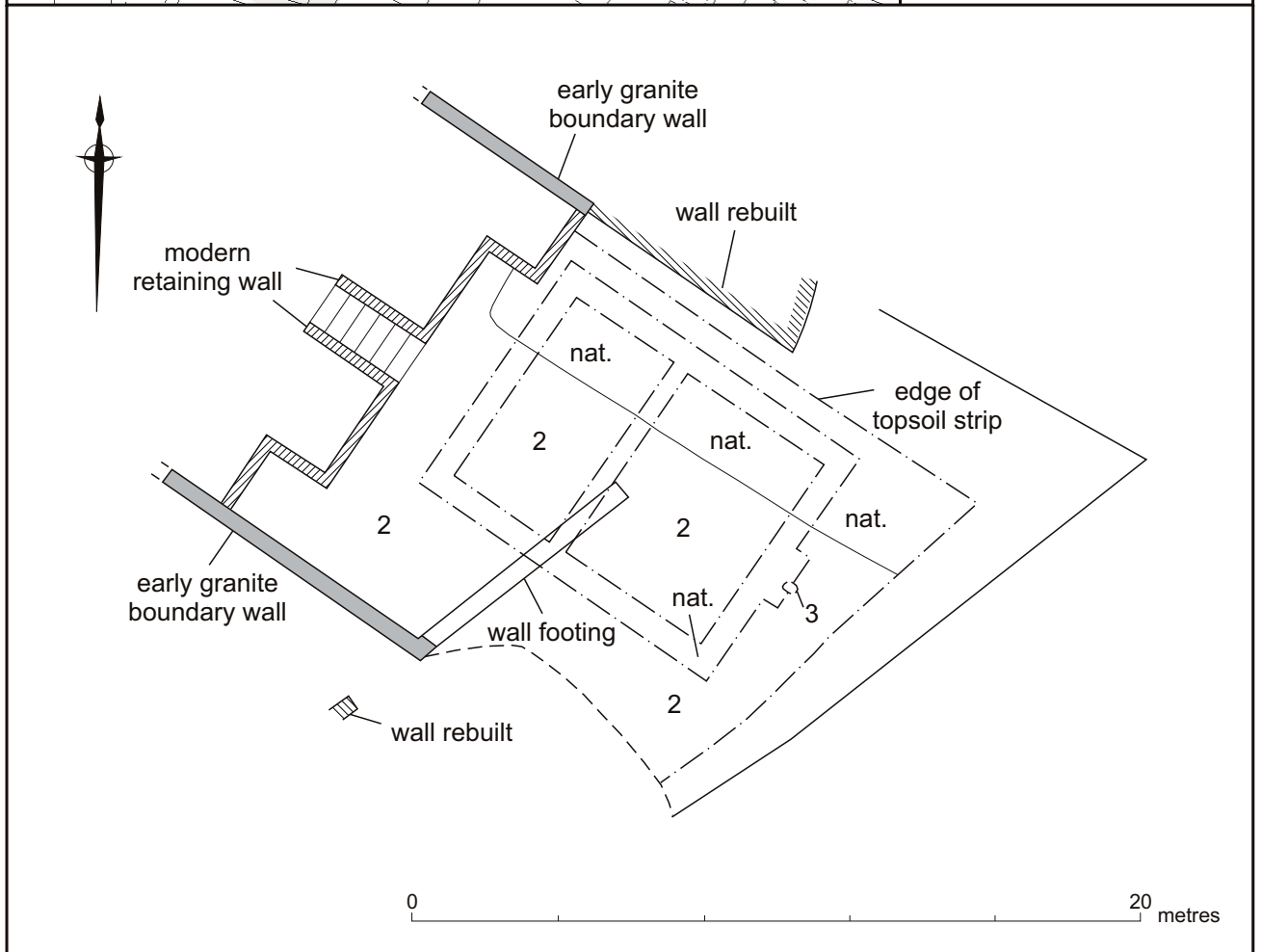
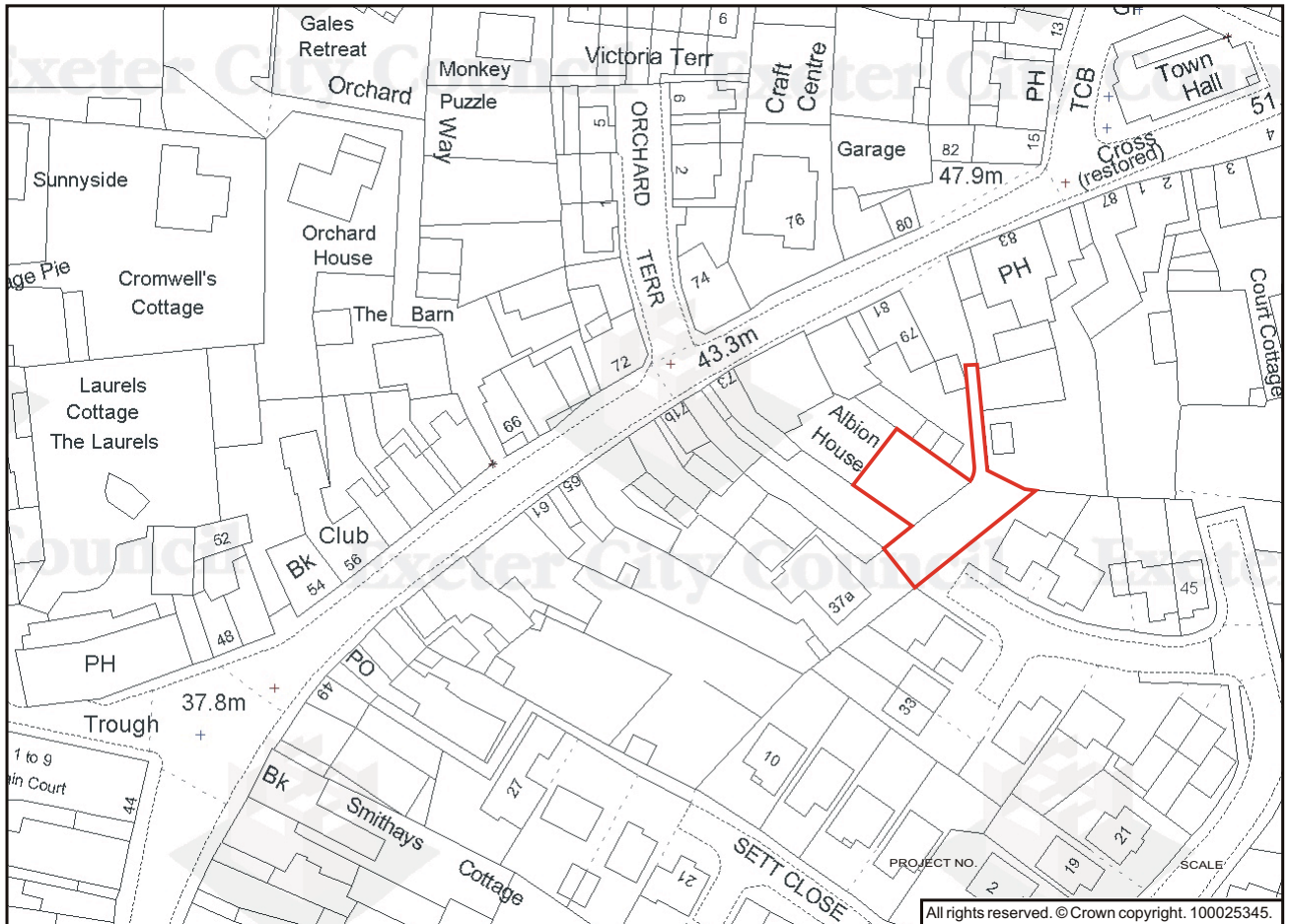


Fig. 1 Location of site and site plan. Scales 1:1250 and 1:200.

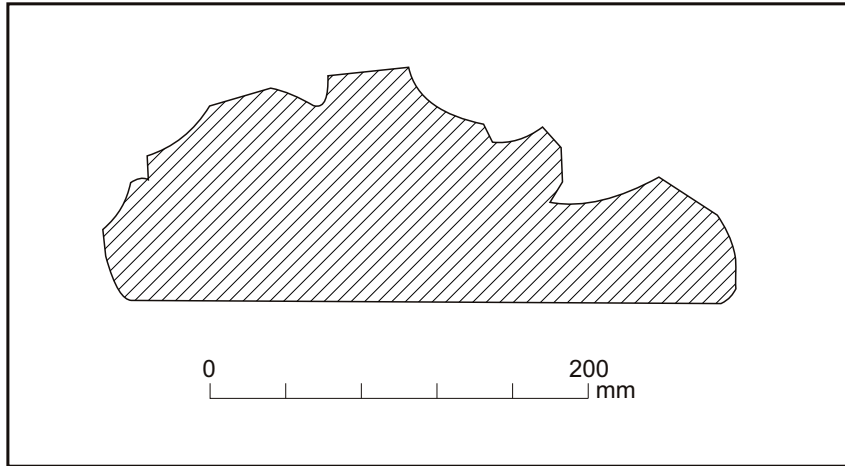


Fig. 2 The architectural fragment. Drawing is at 1:4.