

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Sidmouth, East Devon	National Grid Reference: SY 1362 9008	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring at the former Victoria Laundry site, Church Street, Sidford, Devon.		Photo attached: N
Planning Application no: 06/2282/OUT	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-67272	Museum Accession no: 147/2008	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA6430	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 24/10/08, 25/11/08, 08/12/08 and 09/12/08	
<p>Description of works: The site (Fig. 1) lies on the edge of the historic core of Sidford, immediately to the northwest of the parish church of St Peter's. The development site is situated to the rear of possible medieval buildings in an area that would have formerly contained orchards and gardens. Prehistoric and Saxo-Norman activity has been recorded in the vicinity, while the A3052 lies on or near to the line of a possible Roman road.</p> <p>The site area was an irregular shape and measured approximately 4.8ha. A watching brief was maintained during groundworks associated with the construction of the access road and building plots at the north and north-east end of the site.</p> <p>Results: The layer sequence revealed by the trenching typically consisted of the following: 0.2m friable dark red brown clayey silt (topsoil) 0.2-0.8m friable mid red brown silty clay (subsoil) 0.8+ friable mid red silty clay (natural subsoil)</p> <p>In view of the complete absence of archaeologically significant deposits within the monitored areas, and following consultation with DCHES, it was decided that no further site attendance was merited.</p> <p>Conclusion No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development.</p> <p>Project archive and OASIS entry The site records have been compiled into a fully integrated site archive which is currently held at Exeter Archaeology's offices under project number 6430, pending deposition at the RAMM (147/2008). A summary of the investigations, including a PDF copy of this report has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		
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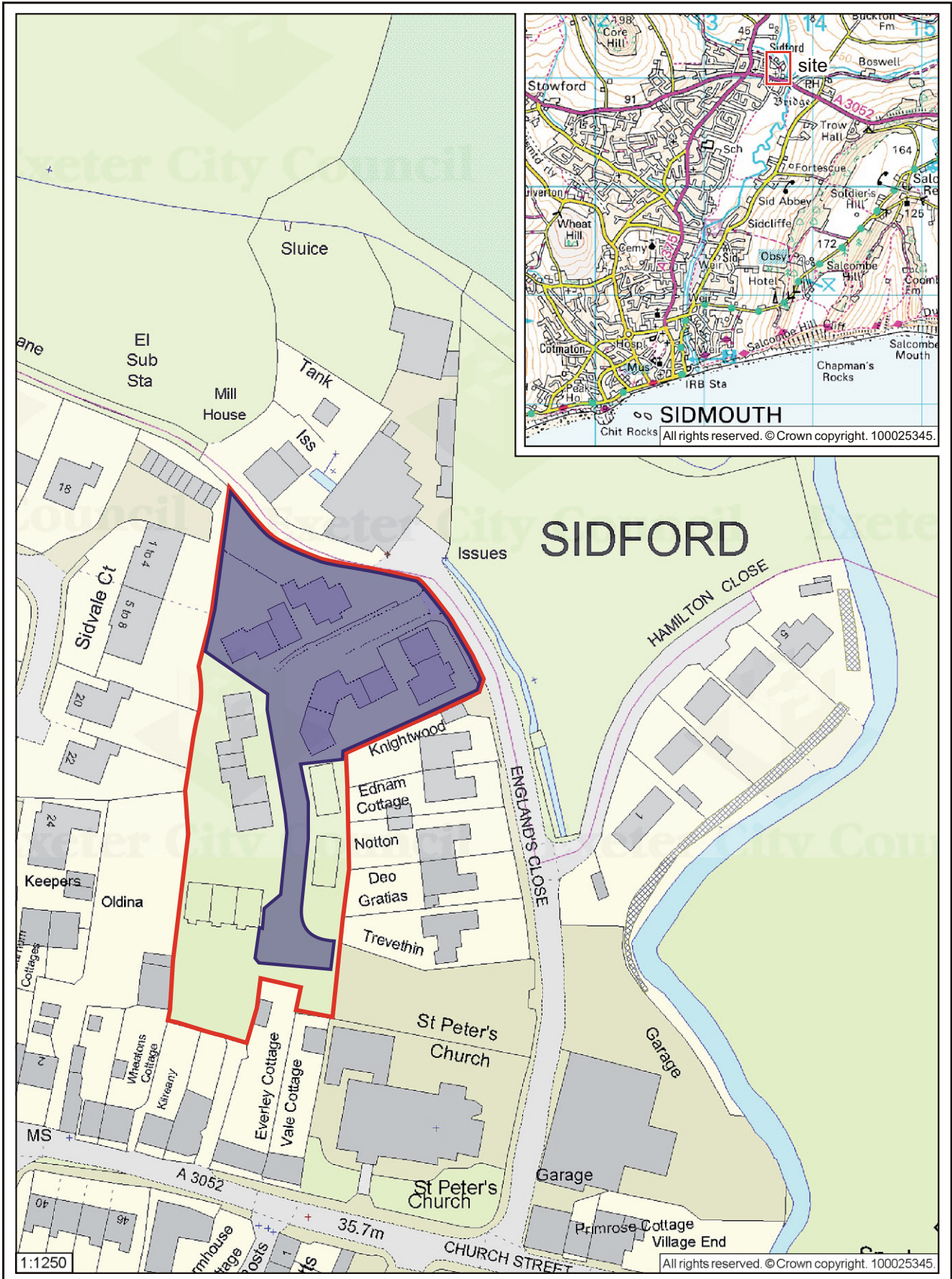


Fig. 1 Location of site showing monitored area (blue).