

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Heanton Punchardon, North Devon	National Grid Reference 252405,135384	Number:
Subject: Extensions and alterations to dwelling		Photo attached? Yes
Planning Application no: 51747	Recipient museum: Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	
OASIS ID: southwes1-95085	Museum Accession no: NDDMS 2011.7.	
Contractor's reference number/code: BCA11	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 07.04.11	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>An archaeological evaluation was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. at the request of Steve Riley (the Client) in advance of an extension to the existing dwelling of Charlesworth, Ashford, Heanton Punchardon (Figure 1a-b). The work was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation approved by DCHES, and the work was undertaken by S. Walls.</p> <p>An area 9m by 9.8m had been excavated onto the subsoil at the site by a mechanical excavator using a 1.4m wide grading bucket, but under no archaeological supervision (Figure 1d).</p> <p>The topsoil (101) consisted of a dark grey-brown silt-clay up to 0.25m thick, it was relatively clean containing rare small stones (up to 0.08m) and charcoal fragments. The topsoil overlay a 0.4m thick layer of redeposited natural (102), a loose gritty yellow-grey silt-clay comprised almost entirely of small (up to 0.05m) pieces of shillet. This deposit of redeposited natural covered the entire plot, and overlay a very thin (0.02m deep) layer of mid-brown silt-clay (103), which appears to have been a small accumulation of topsoil, as this sat directly upon the natural (104), a compact grey-yellow shillet.</p> <p>Only a single feature was noted, which was recorded cutting into (104), a 1m wide linear [105] running east-west along the footpath on the southern edge of the development. This linear [105] was filled by (106) a dark grey-brown silt-clay (topsoil) and corresponded with the location of the former flowerbed.</p> <p>To the west of the development area were the remains of a former historic boundary hedge bank (evident on the Ordnance Survey First Edition Map), this had been partially cut by the development, and the layers of redeposited material clearly overlie the eastern edge of this bank (Figure 1c). The lack of any subsoil layers across the development site and the apparent re-deposition of shillet is indicative of the area having been leveled in the past, most likely during the construction of the current property (to the south) in the 1950s or during the 1990s extension of the property (to the east).</p> <p>The finds recovered were all from the topsoil and included 1x sherd of North Devon ware (18th century), 5x sherds of white refined earthenware (post-1720) and 1x sherd of red ware (19th-20th century).</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>		
Recorder: S. Walls	Date sent to HER: 08.04.11	

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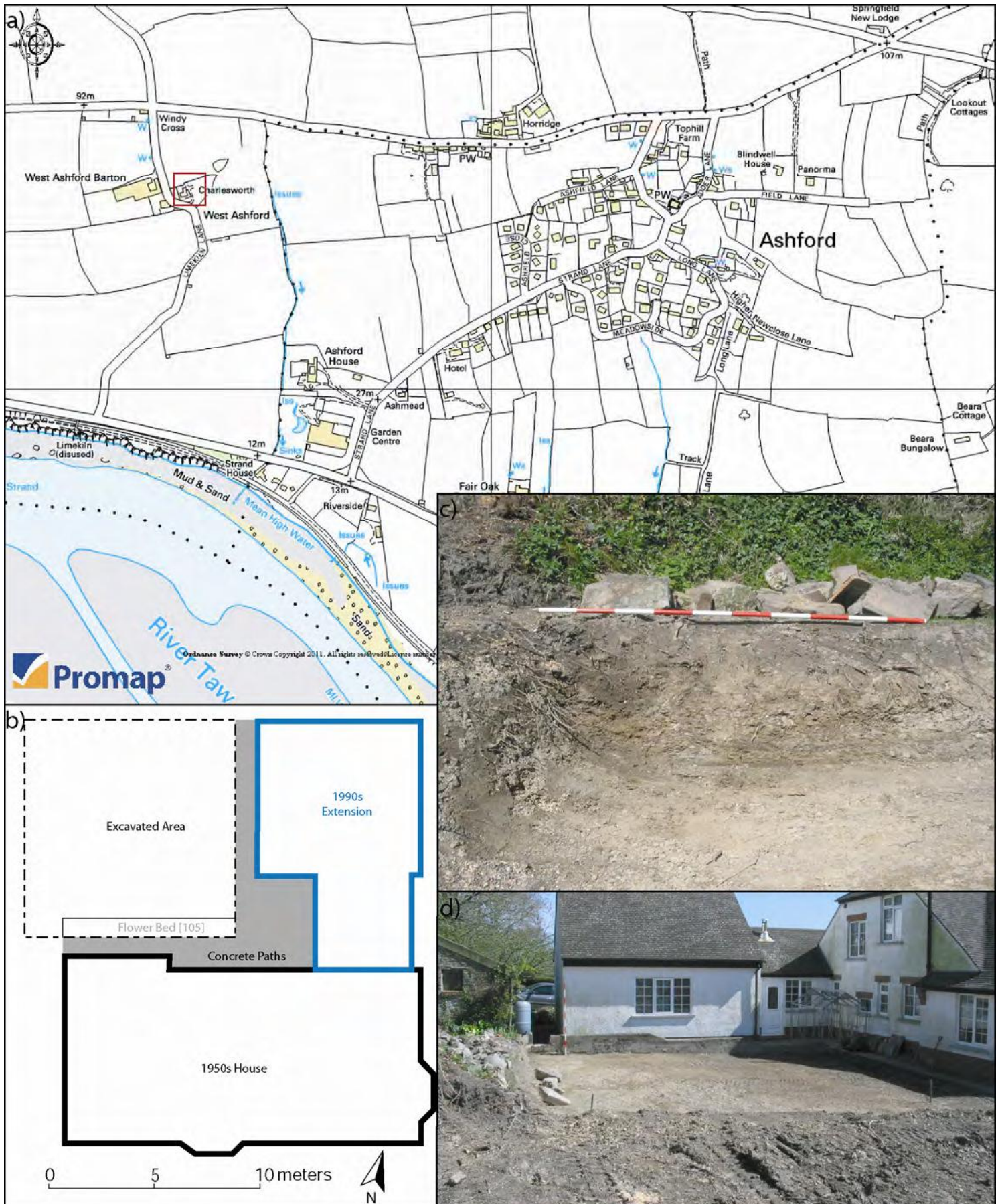


Figure 1: a) Location map, site indicated. b) Plan of the site. c) Photo of the northeast section bulk, viewed from the south (2m scale). d) Shot of the excavated area, viewed from the west (2m scale).