

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

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| Civil Parish: Chittlehamholt | National Grid Reference 264934.120945 | Number: (Leave blank) | |
| Subject: Archaeological recording at plot adjacent to 'Cobblestone Court', Chittlehamholt. | | Plan/Photo attached? Y (should show the location of areas investigated excavated and features exposed) | |
| Planning Application no: 38809 | | | |
| Description of works. Archaeological recording associated with the near complete construction of a dwelling to the south of 'Cobblestone Court' was effected by South West Archaeology (SWARCH) staff. This consisted of: firstly, cleaning and recording the section to the rear (west) of the dwelling where the rising ground had been terraced; secondly, the recording of hedge-banks, and examination for finds; thirdly, the collecting of pottery from the site. Most of the spoil had been removed from site, enough sherds were collected from topsoil, sections and surrounds to aid analysis. They were all post-medieval in date. The work conformed to a written scheme of investigation (WSI) drawn up by SWARCH in consultation with Devon County Historic Environment Service (DCHES). Cleaning of the section to the rear of the new dwelling revealed a cut (103) filled with stones and mid to dark brown clay (102) and sealed by (101), a band of darkish brown cultivated soil containing C19/20 ceramics. This was overlaid by topsoil (100). This may be interpreted as a field drain or soakaway. At the north end of the section, the cut (111) for a lead pipe was visible. This was filled by loose, friable, mid-brown clay (110) containing several sherds of white-glazed C19/20 pottery. It was sealed by layers (101) and (100). There were no other features evident in this section which typically was approximately 1m in height, with topsoil (100) of c.0.2m depth, the cultivated layer (101) of c. 0.3m depth with the remainder made up of natural yellow clay. The southern boundary, comprising a hedgebank, had been slightly graded back by a maximum of 0.4m, exposing the buried soil surface on which the bank was constructed. At the eastern end the hedgebank appeared to have been added to and curved northwards, addressing the edge of the road. This part had been breached for access to the site but no finds were made to date it. It was of less height (1m) than the conjoining south boundary bank and shrubs growing on it appeared to be of no great age. The hedgebank which formed part of the northern boundary appeared to have originally linked with the extant stone wall. Part of this had been removed and replaced temporarily, with two panels of Arris fencing. The section was photographed and a C19/20 terracotta sherd was located at the base. The height of this section was only 1m and was probably part of the embanked boundary addressing the road. | | Reference. | Date. of site visit(s) 19.07.07 |
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