

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Cullompton, Mid Devon	National Grid Reference 301677.107533	Number:
Subject: archaeological watching brief in advance of the construction of a single bungalow at the western end of St. Andrew's Estate.		Photo attached? NO
Planning Application no:	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
OASIS ID: southwes1-74776	Museum Accession no: 62/2010	
Contractor's reference number/code: CSA10	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 24/03/10 – 25/03/10	
<p>Description of works. Archaeological monitoring was undertaken by South West Archaeology (SWARCH) at the request of Mr Dennis Saupe (the Client) prior to the construction of a single bungalow. The work was carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) approved by DCHES and was undertaken by B. Morris and L. Bray.</p> <p>An area of c. 203 m², corresponding to the footprint of the proposed bungalow, was stripped to the surface of the subsoil by a tracked, mechanical excavator using a 1.2m wide toothless grading bucket under strict archaeological supervision.</p> <p>Before purchase by the Client, the site was a vacant building plot owned by the Council and had most recently been used as a garden. The topsoil was composed of two distinct layers varying between 0.4m and 0.5m thick. The upper layer (001) was 0.15m to 0.2m thick and consisted of a mid to dark brown, friable clay-silt containing occasional sub-angular to sub-rounded stone inclusions. This overlay the lower horizon (002), which reached 0.3m thick and was composed of a mid-brown, friable sandy silt with a gravelly texture containing abundant sub-angular to sub-rounded stone inclusions up to 30mm in size. The natural subsoil consisted of a uniform, red-brown clay-silt matrix containing abundant stone inclusions and was fairly loose and friable at its upper surface but became harder with depth.</p> <p>No archaeological features were uncovered although 2 small, poorly defined spreads of grey, gravelly material containing charcoal fragments and abraded sherds of post-medieval pottery were encountered. These were too indistinct to be considered definite archaeological features and were not recorded as such.</p> <p>No stratified finds were recovered but a small assemblage of post-medieval ceramics and clay pipe was retrieved. 15 fragments (74g) of clay pipe were noted, including a single bowl of probable mid 17th century date and a decorated bowl fragment dating to the 19th century. The ceramics assemblage contained 42 sherds (903g) and was dominated by South Somerset earthenwares (28 sherds, 826g), but also included post-AD1720 white refined earthenwares (9 sherds, 19g), 18th century Westerwald German Stoneware (3 sherds, 27g), and a single sherd (28g) of Dutch Delft Ware dating to the late 17th 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: L. S. Bray		Date sent to HER: 27.04.2010

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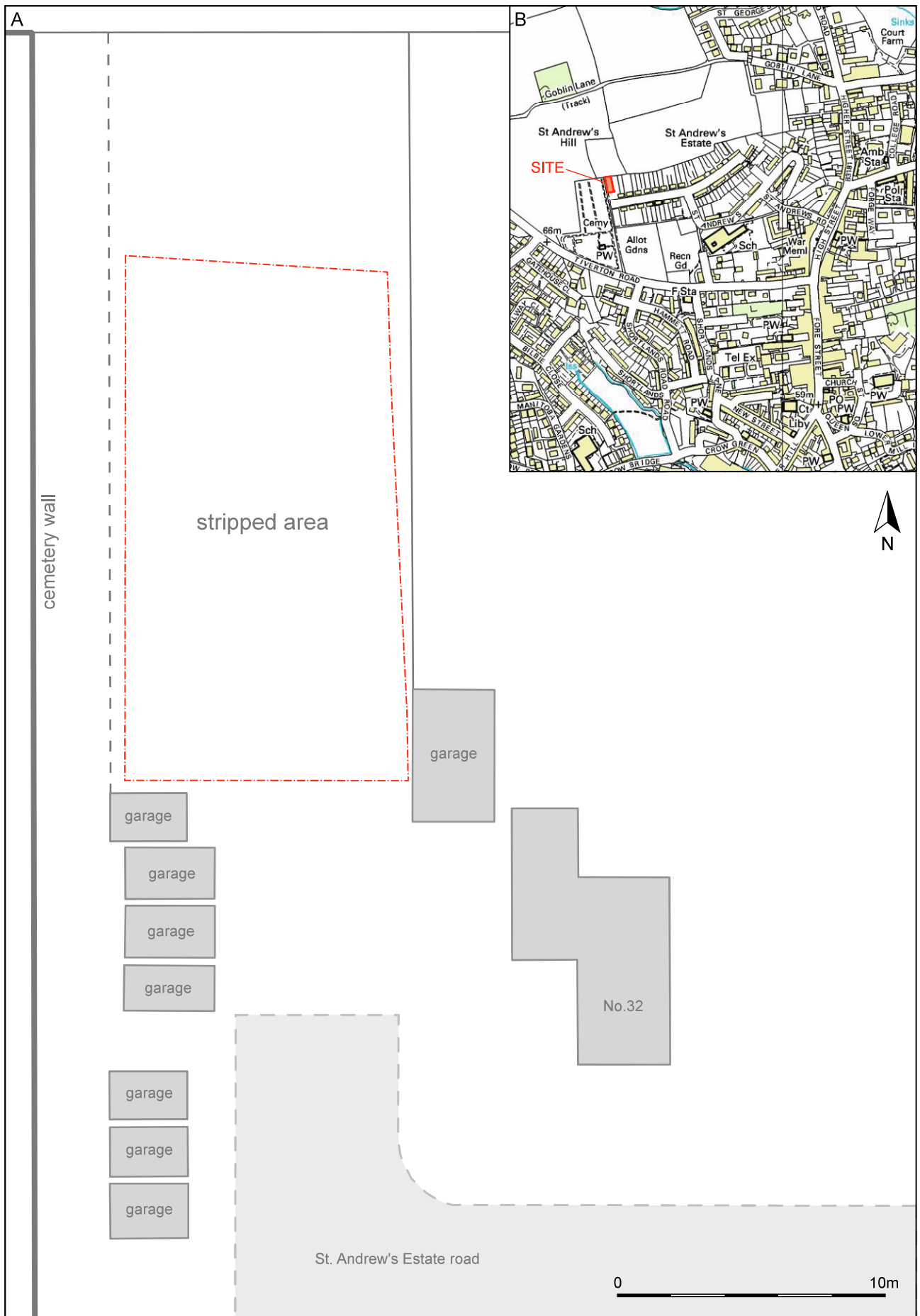


Fig. 1: St. Andrew's Hill, Cullompton: (a) Site plan showing the stripped area; (b) inset showing location of monitoring in relation to the rest of the town (scale 1:10,000 Promap image OS licence no. 100020449).