

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Holsworthy CP, Torridge District	National Grid Reference SS 3435 0384	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Watching Brief at the Crown and Sceptre, Fore Street, Holsworthy		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 1/0673/2010/FUL	Recipient museum: North Devon and District Museums Service	
OASIS ID: allenarc1-99285	Museum Accession no: NDDMS 2011.2	
Contractor's reference number/code: Site Code: HOFS 11, Report ref: AAL 2011023	Dates fieldwork undertaken: Wednesday 23 rd and Thursday 24 th March 2011	
<p>Description of works</p> <p>Monitoring of groundworks for a single dwelling to the rear of Crown and Sceptre Public House off Fore Street in Holsworthy, undertaken by Allen Archaeology on behalf of Mr Stuart Greening, as a condition of planning permission.</p> <p>The site is in the historic core of the settlement, within a burgage plot probably laid out in the medieval period, after the town was granted borough status in the 13th century.</p> <p>The site sloped downwards from west to east and as such the first stage of work required the partial levelling of the site, removing up to 0.6m of modern garden soil from the west end of the plot.</p> <p>Following this episode of landscaping the foundation trenches exposed the following sequence:</p> <p>100: 0.12m – 0.54m of modern topsoil/garden soil 101: 0.38m – 0.50m thick former topsoil or levelling layer containing small quantities of 18th to 19th century CBM, glass, clay tobacco pipe and pottery 102: 0.20m – 0.38m thick brown silty subsoil, containing two sherds of 17th to 18th century pottery. 103: Natural geology of yellow/grey clay</p> <p>Layer 102 was cut by a NNW – SSE aligned linear feature, [105], c.1.9m wide and 0.9m deep with step sides and a flat base. It contained a single undated silting deposit of yellow/grey silty clay, 104.</p> <p>The ditch was undated but is stratigraphically later than subsoil 102 that contained 17th to 18th century sherds. The feature was not evident on the 1843 Tithe Map or the 1884 OS map and may have been filled in by this time.</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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Colour Plates



Plate 1: General view of the groundworks, looking west-south-west



Plate 2: Section through ditch [105], south side of plot, looking south-west

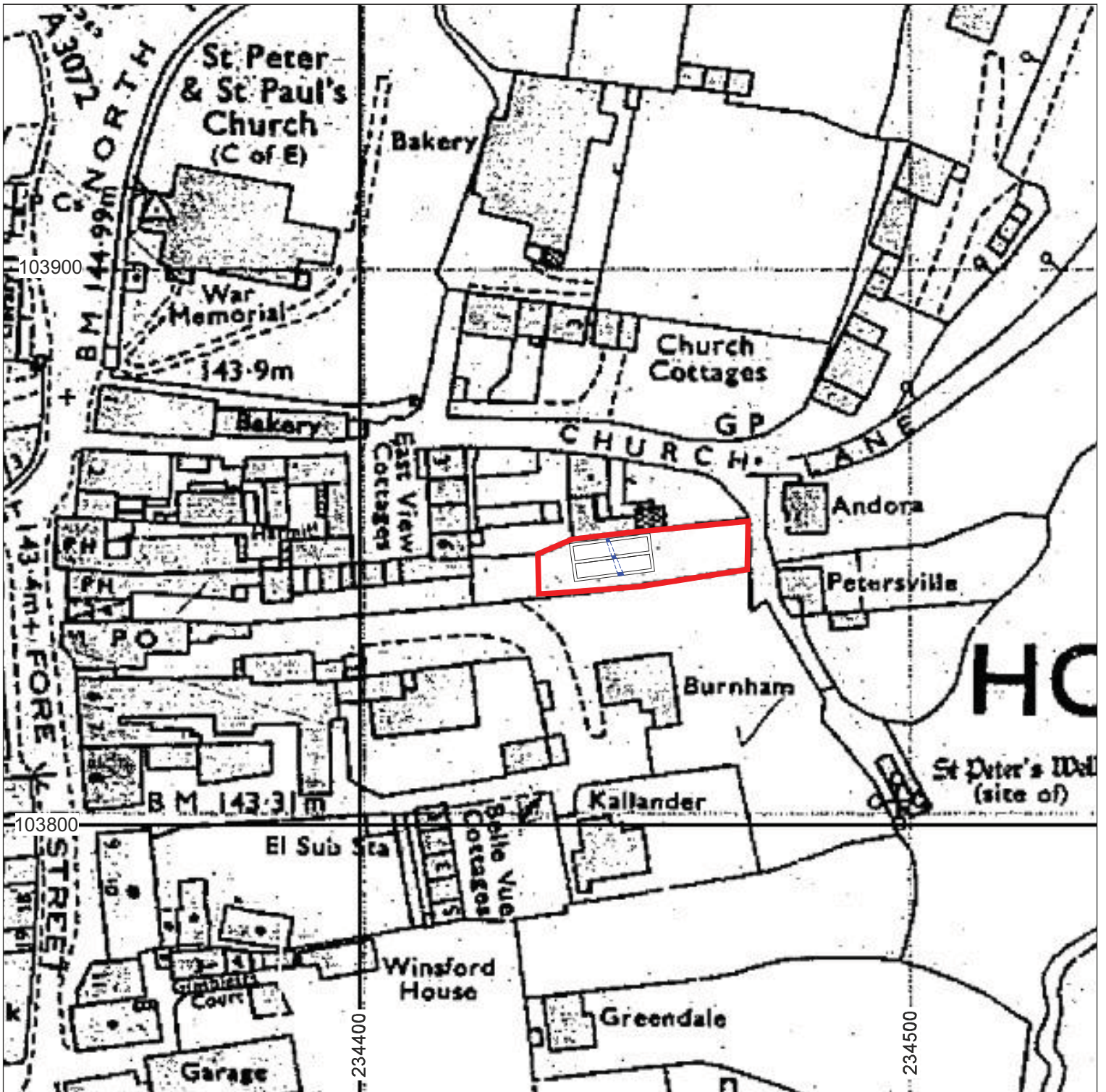
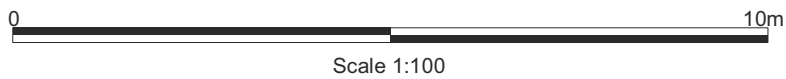
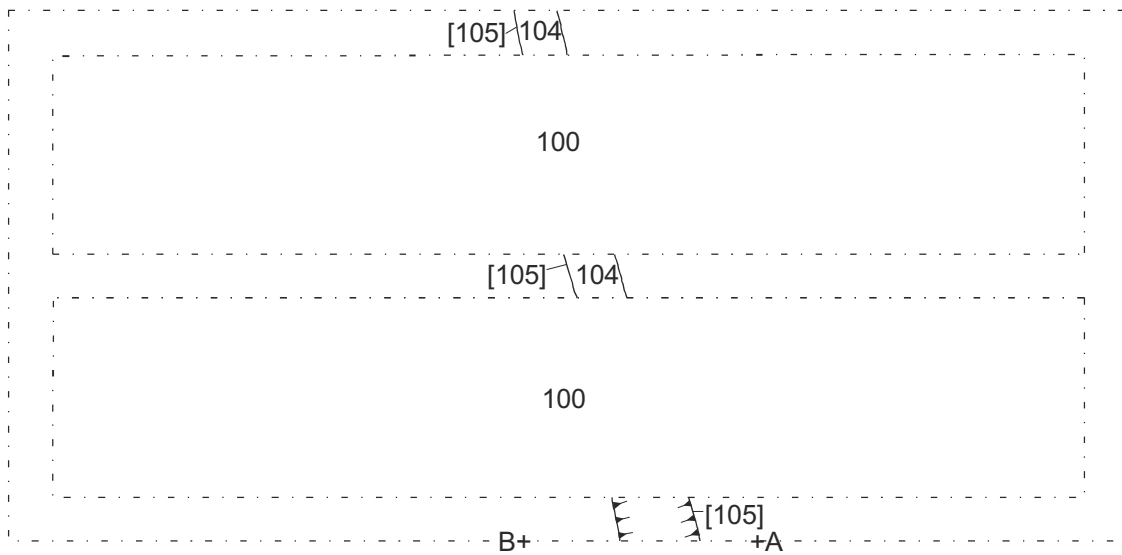


Figure 1: Site location plan at scale 1:1000 with the site outlined in red and ditch [105] in blue



North Facing Section

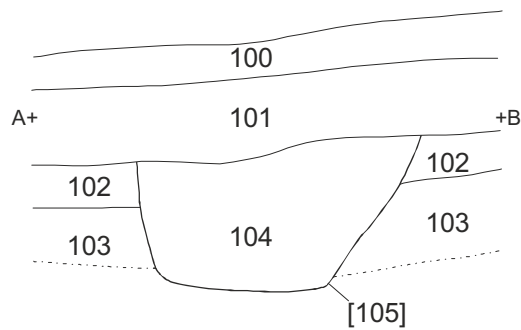


Figure 2: Plan of footings at scale 1.100 and section drawing at scale 1.50