

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Honiton CP, East Devon	National Grid Reference ST 1507 0017	Number:
Subject: Turks Head Junction, Honiton, Devon: Archaeological Watching Brief		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: NA	Recipient museum: NA	
OASIS ID:	Museum Accession no: NA	
Contractor's reference number/code: CA Job No. 880052	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 15-18 February 2016	
<p>Description of works:</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken, as per an agreed WSI (CA 2016), by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the development of the Turks Head Road Junction and the paths and verges surrounding it (Fig. 1) on behalf of Jacobs UK Ltd at the request of Stephen Reed, Senior Historic Environment Office, Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCCHET).</p> <p>Archaeological background</p> <p>The archaeological background, compiled from a consultation of the Devon and Dartmoor HER using the Heritage Gateway, was outlined in the WSI and the salient points are outlined below:</p> <p><i>Prehistoric</i></p> <p>Remains of a Prehistoric field system (MDV 44031) have been noted in the area surrounding the site and a number of flint scatters (MDV 61150 etc.) were retrieved during works associated with improvements to the A30, c. 600m to the west.</p> <p><i>Roman</i></p> <p>A Roman road (MDV 1875), Honiton to Exeter is believed to follow the historic line of the A30 quite closely and may pass near to, or through, the site.</p> <p><i>Medieval to modern</i></p> <p>The St Margaret's Leper Hospital (MDV 107147) and chapel (MVD 1117009) are located c. 100m east of the site. The hospital was rebuilt as almshouses in 1530. The current Grade II listed almshouses date from 1800 when the earlier structure was rebuilt. There are a number of other Grade II listed buildings in the area. Immediately to the south of the lies the site of a World War Military Camp (MVD 83002), which now lies under an industrial estate.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The watching brief was carried out, observing the excavation of a single trench on the Turks Head junction; the results are outlined below (Fig. 2):</p> <p>A broadly similar stratigraphic sequence was identified throughout the trench: natural substrate overlain by subsoil,</p>		

topsoil and modern road and pavement material (Fig. 3). The subsoil was disturbed by modern service trenching.

A single feature 104 was identified, a ditch running west-south-west to east-north-east in the south-western corner of the excavated area. It was 0.25m wide and 0.13m deep. A length of 2.4m was observed between the limit of excavation and a modern service trench which truncated the feature. Its fill, 105, contained three sherds of pottery dated to the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

No features of archaeological significance were identified during the archaeological evaluation.

References

CA (Cotswold Archaeology) 2016 *Turks Head Junction, Honiton, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*

A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.

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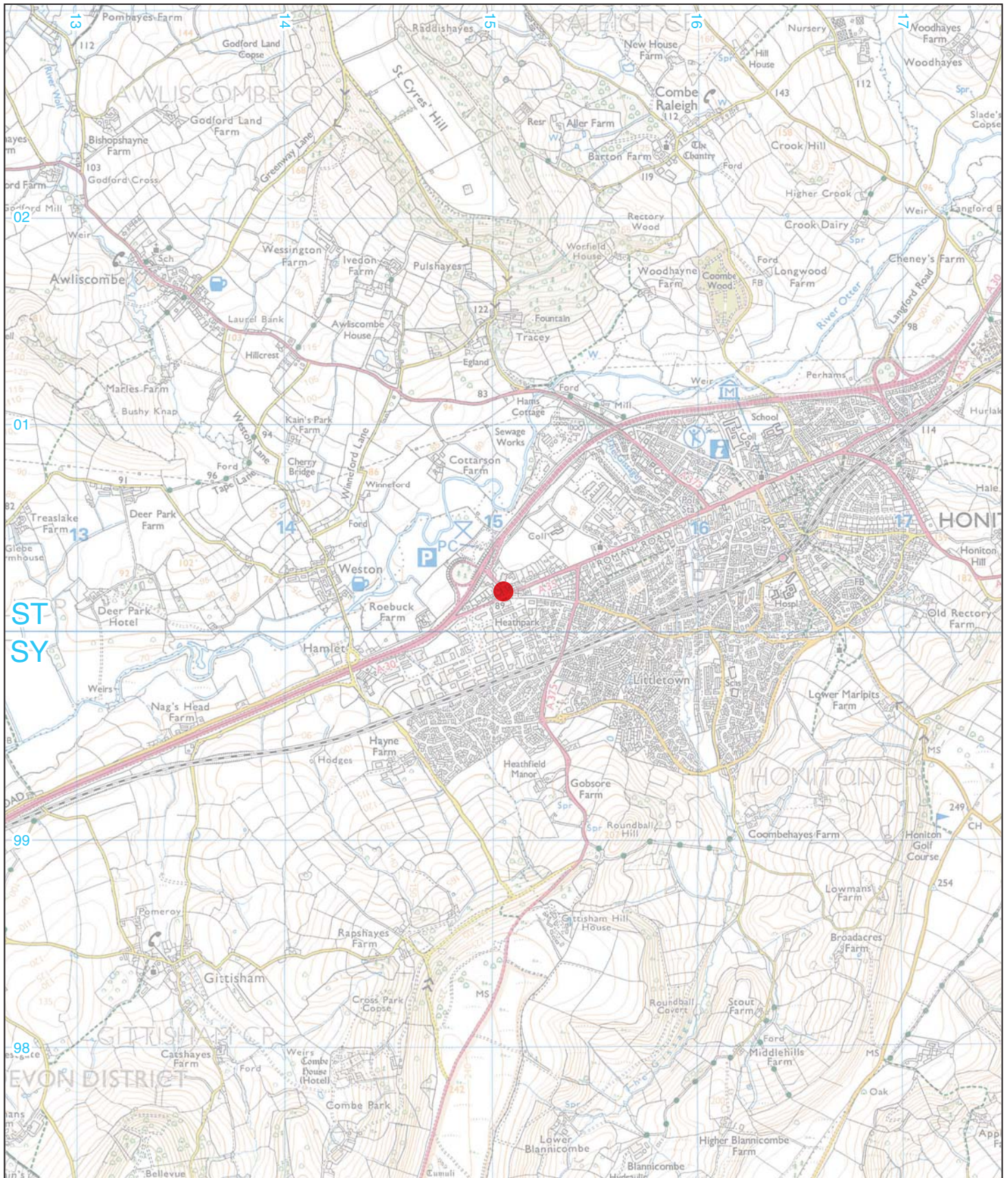
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TURK'S HEAD JUNCTION, HONITON, DEVON; OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Turks Head Junction	
Short description	An archaeological watching brief was undertaken, as per an agreed WSI (CA 2016), by Cotswold Archaeology during groundworks associated with the development of the Turks Head Road Junction and the paths and verges surrounding it. No features, finds or deposits of archaeological significance were identified.	
Project dates	15 to 19 February 2016	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	N/A	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Turks Head Road Junction, Honiton, Devon	
Study area (M ² /ha)		
Site co-ordinates	NGR: ST 1507 0017	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	Devon County Council	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Laurent Coleman	
Project Supervisor	George Gandham	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES	Intended final location of archive (museum/Accession no.)	Content (e.g. pottery, animal bone etc)
Physical	N/A	N/A
Paper	N/A	N/A
Digital	Archaeology Data Service (ADS)	Digital photographs, digital survey data, images of site records
BIBLIOGRAPHY		



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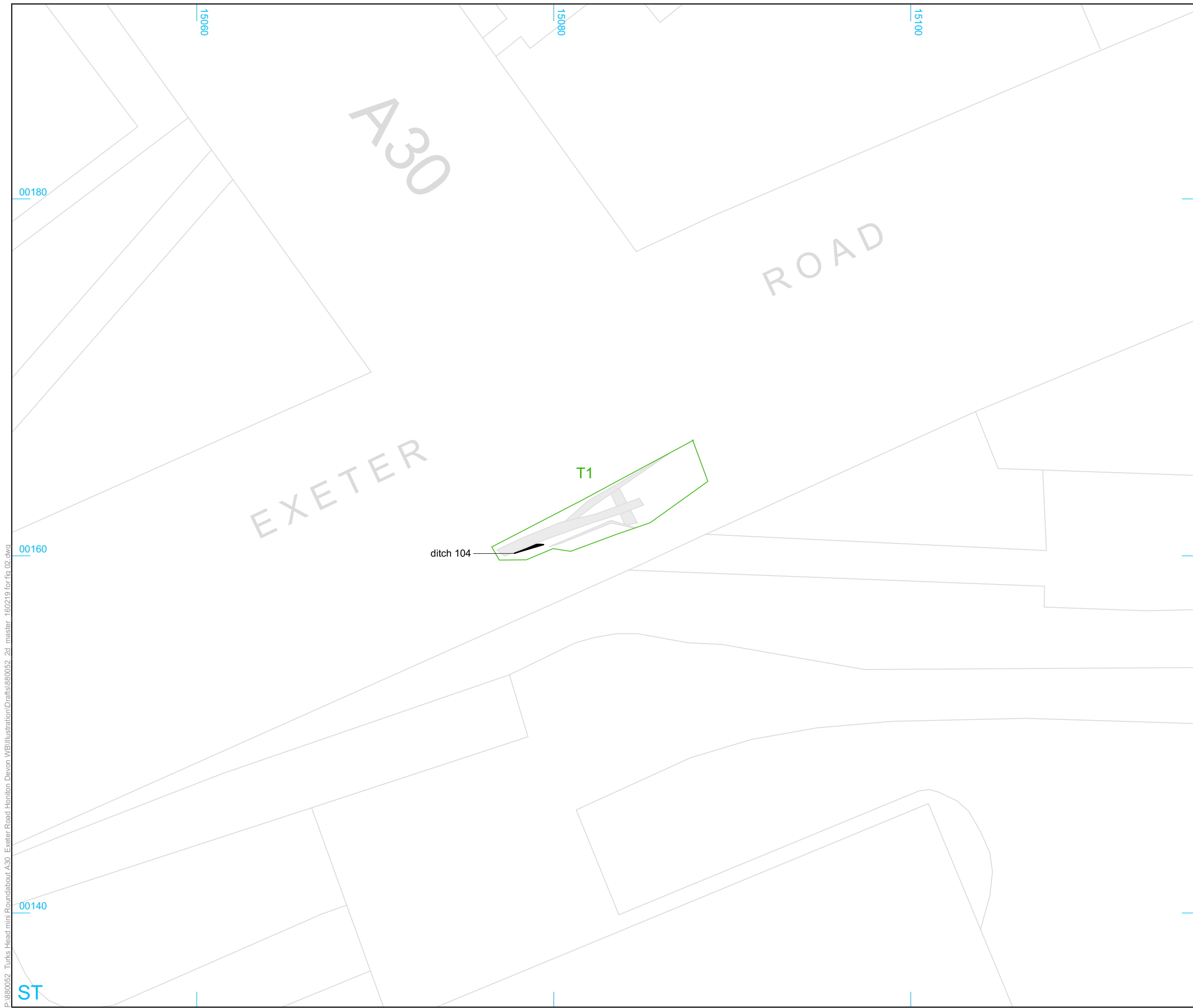
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FIGURE TITLE
 Site location plan

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- excavation area
- archaeological feature
- modern services



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FIGURE TITLE
Trench location plan showing modern services and archaeological feature

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General view of the excavated area facing east

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