

# Post Hill Tiverton Devon

## Archaeological Evaluation



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**Devon County Council Historic Environment Record**

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Tiverton, Mid Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> 298545 113365	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon		<b>Photo attached:</b> N/A
<b>Planning application no:</b> 19/00210/MFUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> cotswold2-374905	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> Site code: PHTV 19; project number EX0087	<b>Date fieldwork undertaken:</b> 16–20 January 2020	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>In January 2020, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Post Hill, Tiverton Devon (Fig. 1). This evaluation was undertaken for Burrington Estates Ltd. It was carried out in response to a draft planning condition associated with a planning application for the demolition of existing buildings and subsequent residential development of the site.</p> <p><b>Archaeological background</b></p> <p>The following text is summarised from the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; CA 2020). Several prehistoric archaeological sites are known in the vicinity, including a Neolithic long barrow (c. 170m north of the proposed development site), a series of Neolithic pits (c. 360m south-west of the proposed development site) and a Middle Bronze Age cremation (c. 330m south-west of the proposed development site). A sub-square Roman enclosure with a possible burial in its centre has also been excavated some 430m north-east of the proposed development site.</p> <p>The Tiverton Joint Hospital was established at the site at the turn of the 20th century. Historic cartographic sources depict several associated buildings, some of which have subsequently been demolished.</p> <p><b>Methodology</b></p> <p>The evaluation followed the methodology set out in the WSI (CA 2020). A total of nine trenches was excavated (Fig. 2). All trenches were c. 10m long and 1.8m wide. There was some variation from the trench plan proposed in the WSI in order to avoid underground services and due to access constraints.</p> <p><b>Results (Figs. 2 &amp; 3)</b></p> <p>The natural substrate comprised brown-red silty clay with occasional shillet inclusions. It was exposed in all trenches at a depth of 0.4m–0.6m below the present ground level. It was generally sealed by colluvium layers which were covered in turn by the modern topsoil, although in T6 the natural substrate was sealed directly by the topsoil.</p> <p>A modern field drain was encountered in T8 and T9. A series of modern brick walls and a concrete surface were identified in T2 and T3.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>None of the trenches contained archaeological features or deposits. No evidence for truncation was observed. This indicates that the prehistoric and Roman activity recorded in the vicinity of the site did not extend as far as the site itself.</p> <p>The modern walls and surface revealed in T2 and T3 are similar in construction to the extant hospital buildings at the site. They are in the location of (and are on the same alignment as) a former hospital building depicted on Ordnance Survey mapping from 1905 to 1993.</p> <p><b>References</b></p> <p>Cotswold Archaeology 2020 <i>Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation</i></p>		
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**APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon	
Short description	<p>In January 2020, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon. Nine trenches were excavated.</p> <p>The evaluation recorded modern walls and a surface associated with a 20th century hospital building. No archaeological features or deposits were observed.</p>	
Project dates	16–20 January 2020	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	None	
Future work	None	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon	
Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)	c. 0.92ha	
Site co-ordinates	298545 113365	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
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<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	None	
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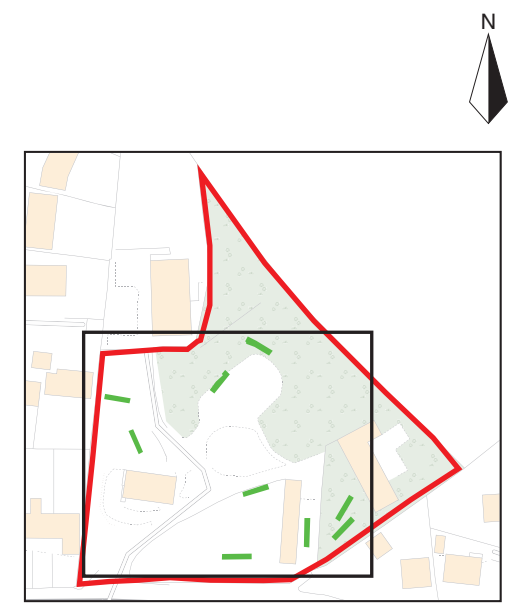
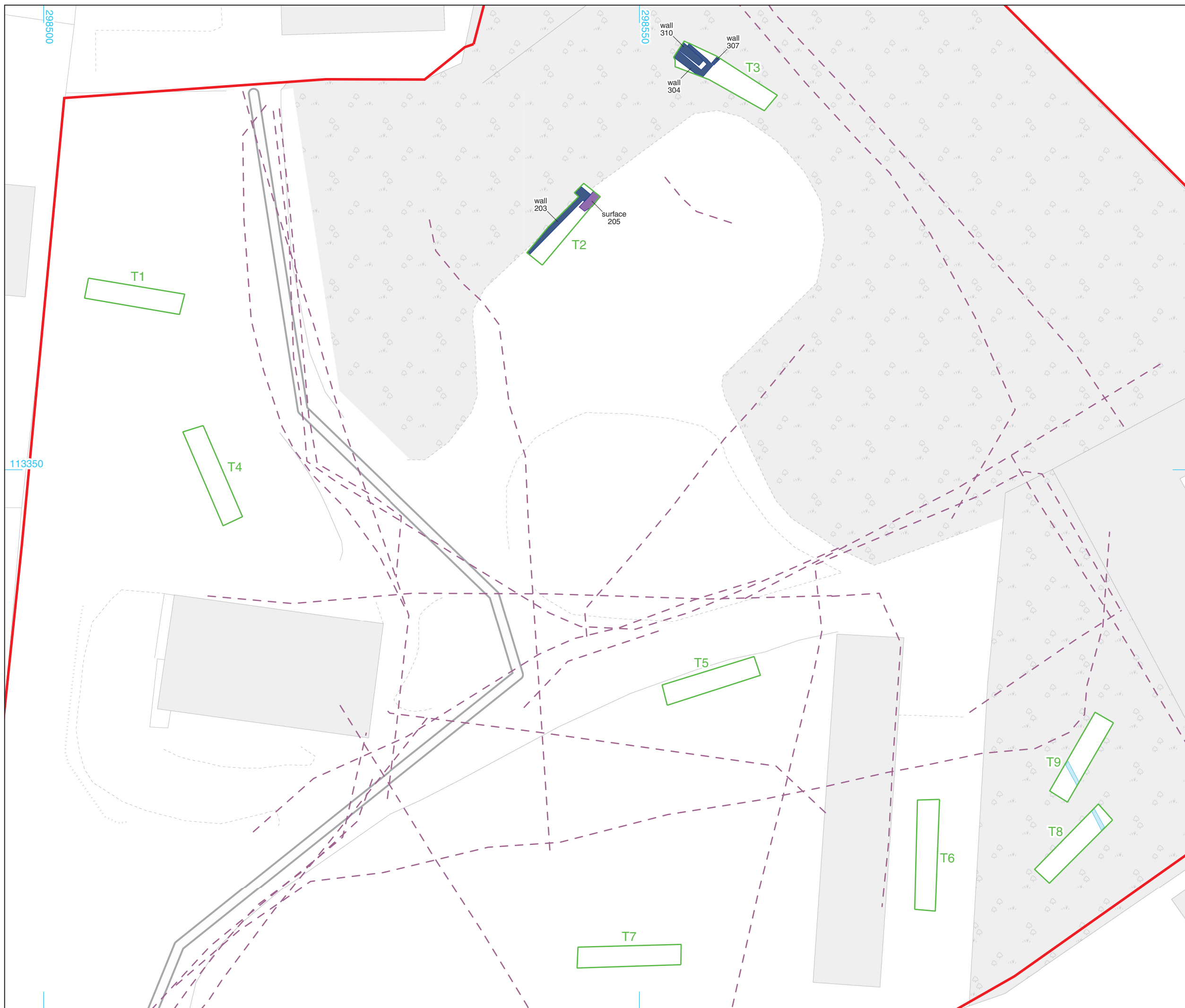
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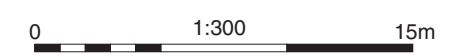


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- Site outline
- Evaluation trench
- Structure
- Surface
- Drain
- Below-ground service



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Trench 2, showing brick wall 203, looking north-east (1m scales)



Trench 3, showing brick walls 304 and 307, looking north-east (1m scale)



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