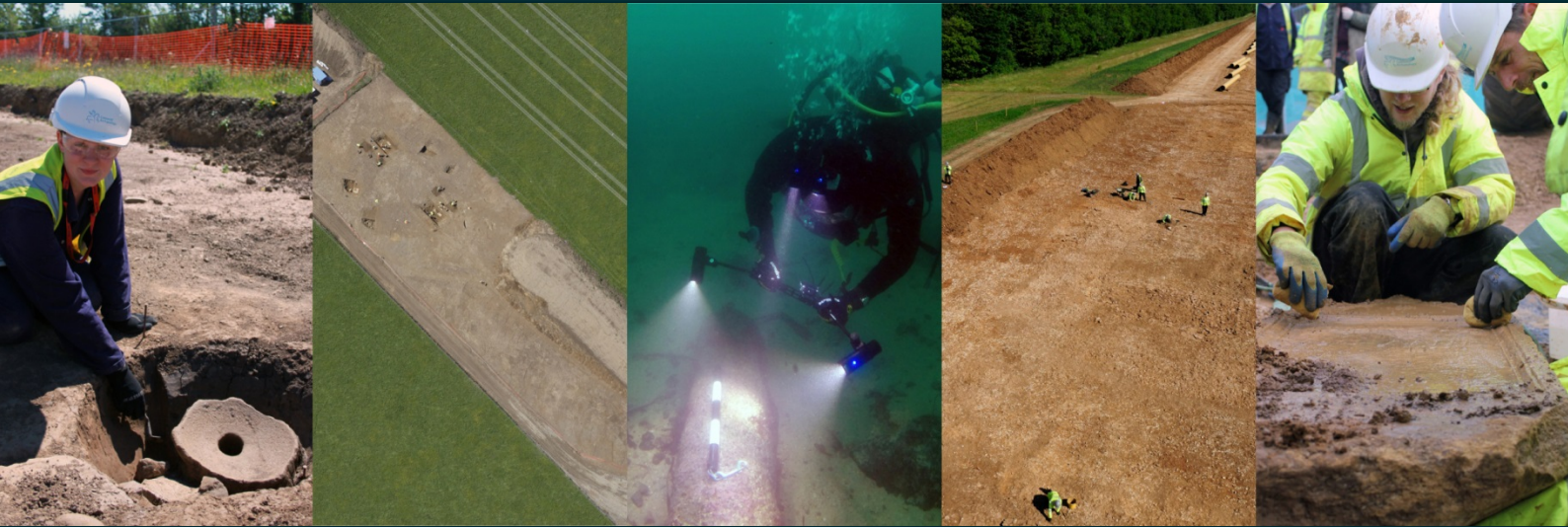


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*Archaeological Watching Brief*



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**Devon County Council Historic Environment Record**

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Cullompton, Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> 301983 107233	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> 6 New Cut, Cullompton, Devon		<b>Photo attached:</b> N/A
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<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> Site code: NCCU 20; project number EX0120	<b>Date fieldwork undertaken:</b> 15 August 2020	

**Introduction**

In August 2020, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief at 6 New Cut, Cullompton, Devon (Fig. 1). The watching brief was commissioned by Devon Property Partnership and was undertaken to fulfil a condition of planning before residential development of the site.

**Archaeological background**

Approx. 860m north of the site excavations in advance of the construction of the Health Centre on Willand Road on revealed both late prehistoric and Romano-British features, including a curvilinear gully and number of pits. Approx. 400m north-west of the site a possible prehistoric/Romano-British field system and a series of archaeological features north of Tiverton Road were recorded during excavations in 2010.

The Roman forts and camps on St. Andrew's Hill are located approx. 420m north of the site. This substantial asset was first identified through aerial photography in 1984, and its presence subsequently confirmed by geophysical surveys and excavations in the 1990s. Archaeological investigations revealed the presence of two Roman forts on St Andrew's Hill, constructed between AD 50 and AD 70 and abandoned by c. AD 75.

The excavation at the Willand Road Medical Centre revealed part of a late Iron Age and early Roman rural settlement, with several penannular (roundhouse) gullies and enclosure ditches. A similar settlement was excavated at Knowle Lane, which was again probably occupied in the early Roman period.

North of the site (approx. 900m) excavations adjacent to Willand Road revealed both prehistoric and Romano-British features, including field boundaries, three sub-rectangular enclosures, part of a circular enclosure and possible post-holes. Northwest of the site (approx. 470m) a possible prehistoric – Romano-British field system and a series of archaeological features north of Tiverton Road were recorded during excavations in 2010. A number of artefact scatters to the immediately to the south and southwest, located at Knowle Lane and within the gardens of the Walronds have included Romano-British finds.

**Methodology**

The watching brief followed the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Cotswold Archaeology 2020). An archaeologist was present during the excavation of intrusive groundworks associated with the proposed development (Fig. 2).

**Results (Figs. 2 & 3)**

The monitored groundworks identified a series of made ground layers to a depth of 0.5m below the present ground level. These made ground deposits contained modern finds that were noted but not retained. Existing services and drains were also identified. The natural substrate was not encountered in any of the monitored groundworks, that were halted at a depth of 0.5m below the present ground level.

**Discussion**

Despite the archaeological potential of the site, the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the observed groundworks. The modern made ground deposits identified across the site seem to indicate that, if present, archaeological features could have been removed by later activity although it is also possible that archaeological remains could still be present at a greater depth.

**References**

AC Archaeology 2014 *Land to the northwest of Cullompton, Devon: Historic Environment Assessment*

Cotswold Archaeology 2020 *6 New Cut Cullompton: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief*

South-West Archaeology 2014 *Land at Shortlands Lane, Cullompton, Devon; Results of a Desk-Based Assessment and Archaeological Evaluation*

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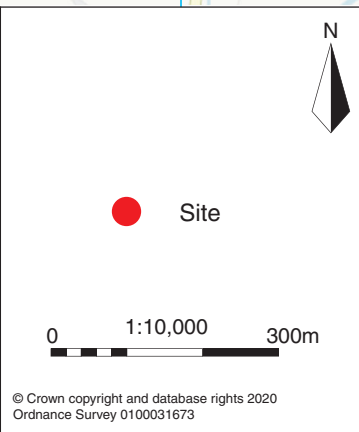
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**APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	6 New Cut, Cullompton, Devon	
Short description	In August 2020, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief at 6 New Cut, Cullompton, Devon.  No archaeological features or deposits were identified in any of the monitored groundworks.	
Project dates	15 August 2020	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	None	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	6 New Cut, Cullompton, Devon	
Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)		
Site co-ordinates	301983 107233	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Oliver Good	
Project Supervisor	Jonathan Orellana	
<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>	None	
<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
	<b>Intended final location of archive</b>	<b>Content</b>
Physical	N/A	N/A
Paper	The Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM), Exeter	Trench forms, photo register
Digital	The Royal Albert Memorial Museum, (RAMM) Exeter	Digital photographs
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>		
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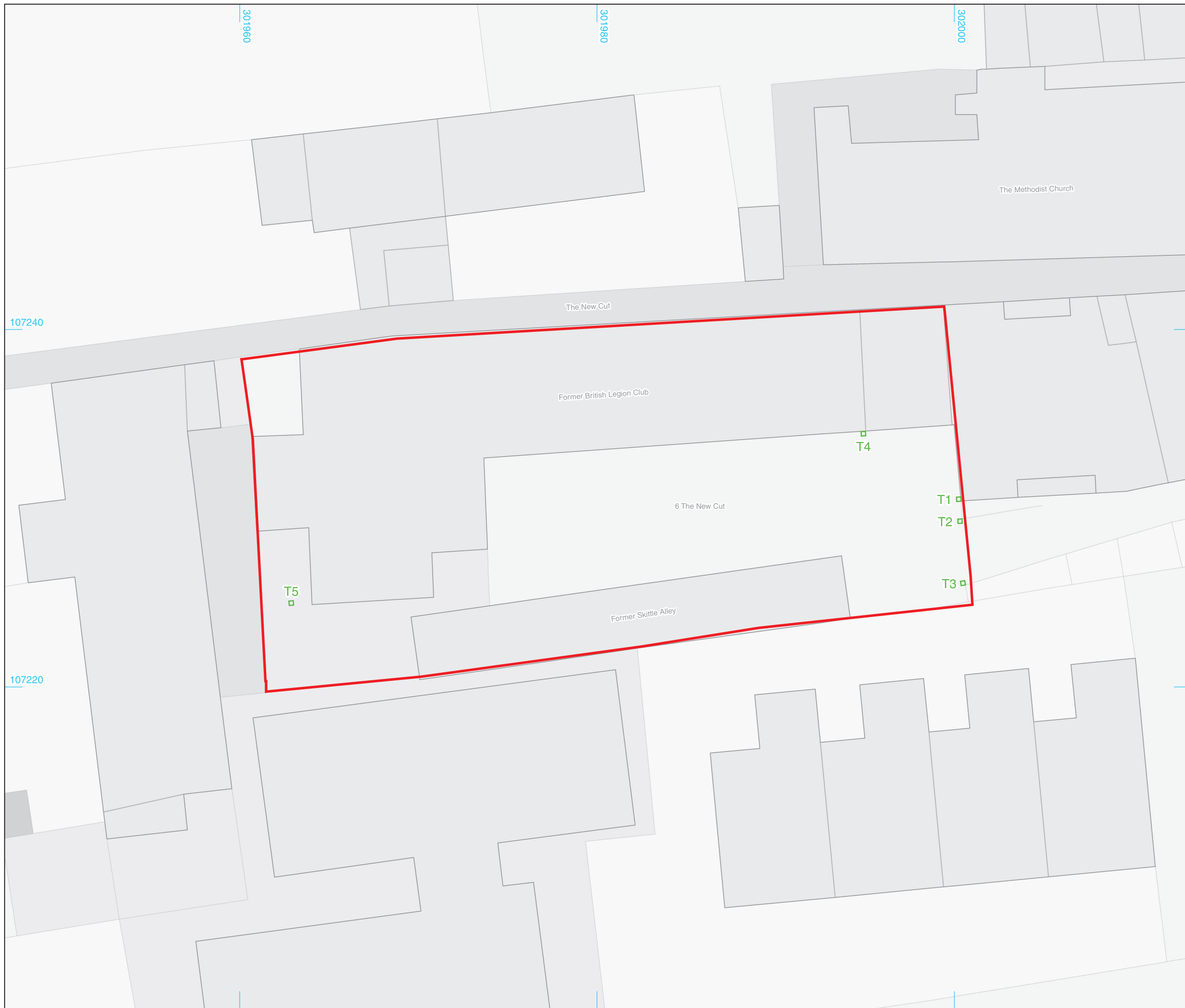
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Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Monitored groundwork



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The site, showing monitored groundworks

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Trench 3, looking west (0.4m scale)



Trench 4, looking north (0.4m scale)



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