

THE CASTLE, CASTLE STREET, BAMPTON, DEVON

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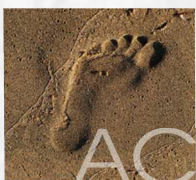
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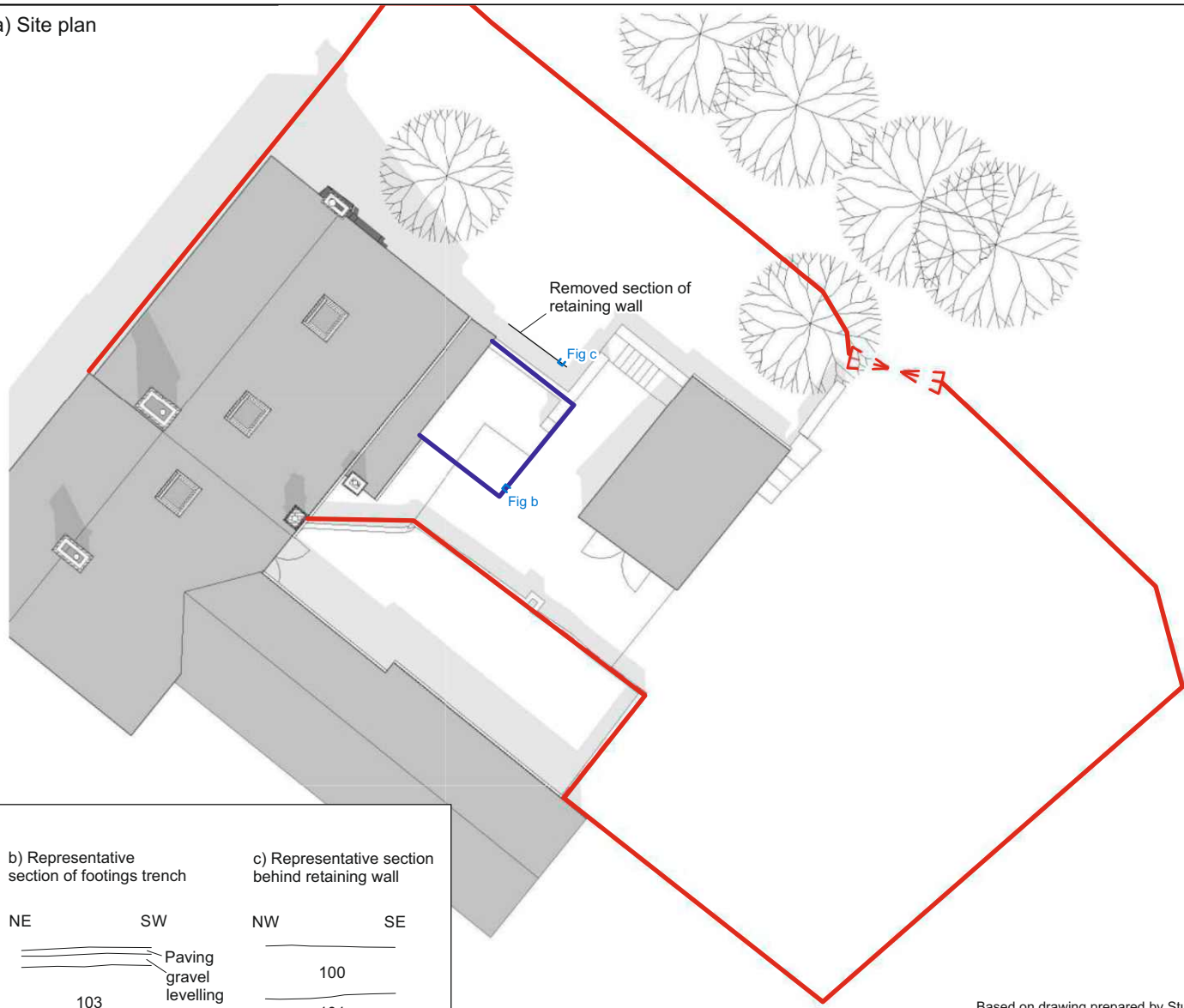


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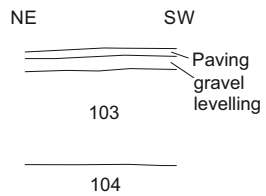
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1) Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a single storey extension at The Castle, Castle Street, Bampton, Devon. The Castle is a former inn, which closed in 1969 and was converted to two properties in the late 1980s. The new extension occupies part of the yard area to the rear.</p> <p>The Castle is a Grade II Listed Building (National Heritage List for England [NHLE] ref. 1106942) and is thought to date to the 18th century or earlier. It is situated within the historic core of the town, with therefore potential for earlier buildings to be present, as well as associated small-scale industry to the rear within the yard area.</p> <p>Results (Plan Fig.1a and sections Figs 1b-1c; Plates 2-3) Monitored groundworks comprised the excavation of an approximately 0.6m wide footings trench and the removal of a retaining wall to the northeast. The footings trench was dug to a maximum depth of 0.7m, exposing the natural subsoil (104), which consisted of a light greyish yellow gravelly sand, at a depth of 0.6m. Overlying the natural subsoil was a 0.48m thick made ground layer (103) comprised of a mid-yellowish brown sandy silt and building rubble. This was then sealed by gravel levelling, paving slabs and modern concrete. Two sherds of 19th century pottery were recovered from layer 103.</p> <p>The removal of the retaining wall exposed a sequence of soils overlying made ground layer 103. At the base of the sequence was a 0.62m thick further made ground layer of mid-yellowish brown sandy silt with abundant angular cobbles (102). This was overlain by a 0.2m thick mid yellowish brown sandy silt loam subsoil (101) and a dark greyish brown silt loam garden soil (100). One sherd of 17th to 18th century pottery was recovered from subsoil 101.</p> <p>The finds by Naomi Payne The only finds from the watching brief were four sherds of post-medieval to modern pottery, weighing a total of 109g. Context 101 contained a body sherd from a Bristol/Staffordshire yellow slip ware plate, dating from c. 1660-1770. Context 103 produced two sherds of transfer-printed pottery (a willow pattern dish rim and body sherd) and a piecrust rim from a yellow kitchen ware bowl, all of 19th century date.</p> <p>Comments Despite the location of the site within the historic core of Bampton, no evidence for pre-modern activity was exposed by the groundworks. The excavation of the footings trench revealed 19th century made ground overlying the natural subsoil, with overlying deposits comprising further layers associated with a former extension or soils for a garden bed.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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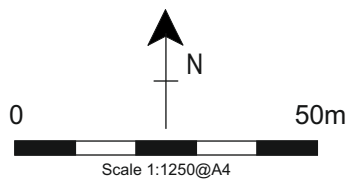
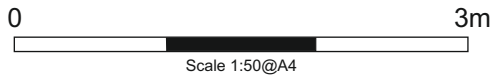
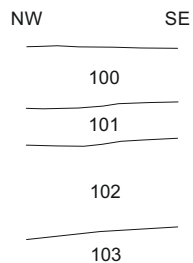
a) Site plan



b) Representative section of footings trench



c) Representative section behind retaining wall

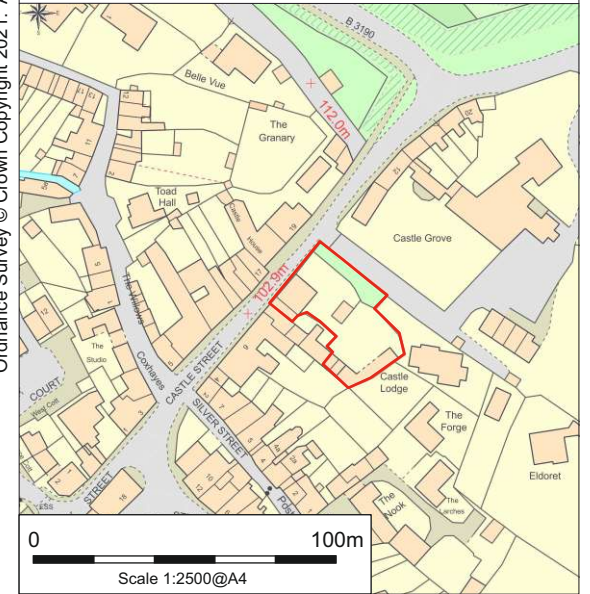


Based on drawing prepared by Stuart Bayley

Key

- Site boundary
- Monitored footings trench

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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored groundworks, and representative sections





Plate 1: General view of site showing footing trench outline with demolished retaining wall in background. View to northeast



Plate 2: Representative section of trench. View to southeast (1m scale)



Plate 3: Section behind retaining wall. View to northeast (1m scale)

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