

Mapleton House, 30 West Street, Ashburton

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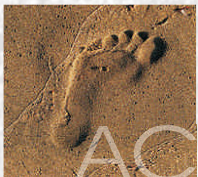
Results of a watching brief

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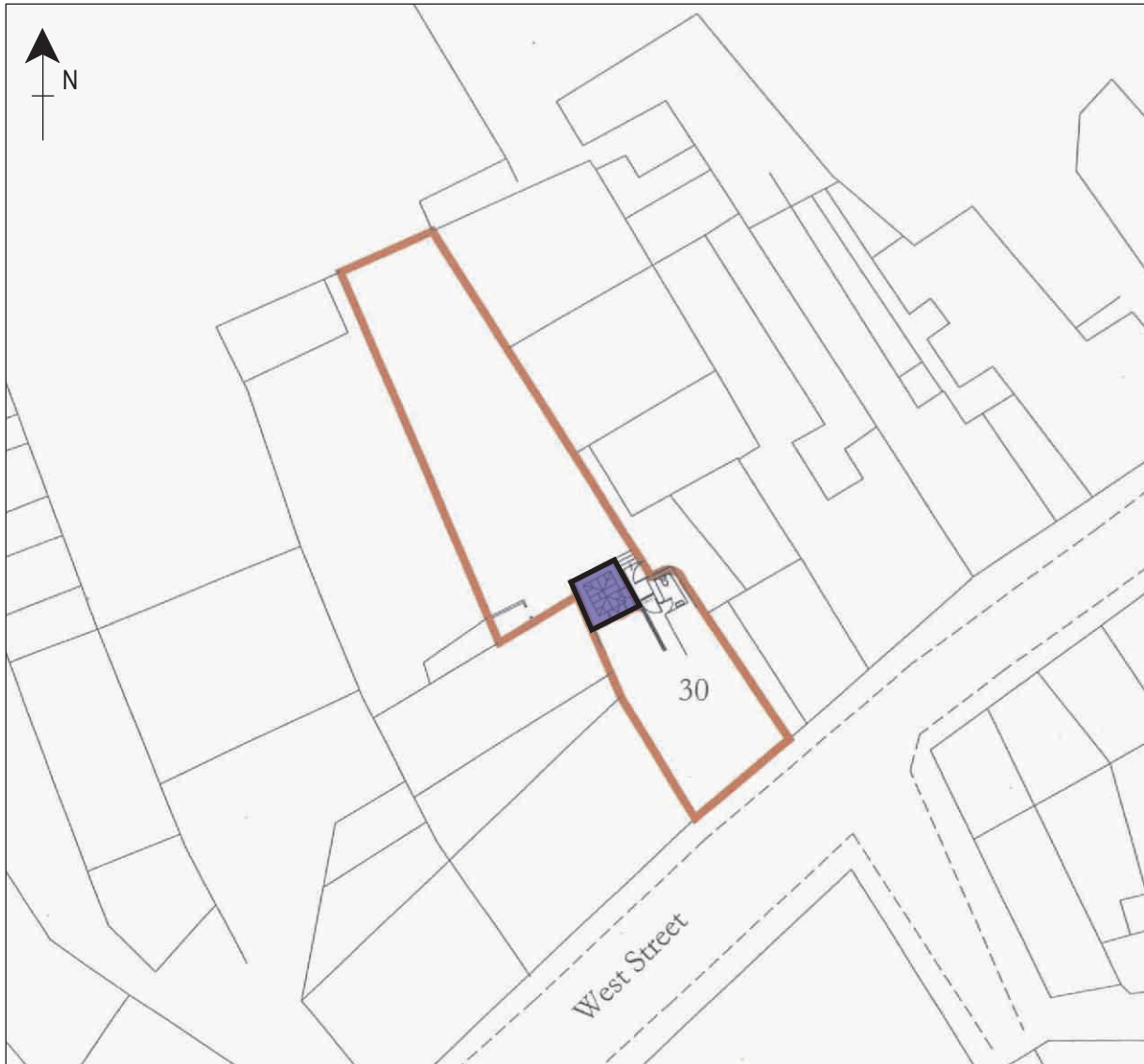
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Civil Parish & District: Ashburton, Teignbridge	National Grid Reference SX 75484 69806	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Watching Brief at Mapleton House, 30 West Street, Ashburton		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: Listed Building Consent 0174/11	Recipient museum: RAMM	
OASIS ID: 111515	Museum Accession no: Reference Number 11/36	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD343	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 31 August-1 September 2011	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>A watching brief was undertaken during the construction of an orangery at the rear of Mapleton House, 30 West Street, Ashburton (Figure 1). Mapleton House is a Grade II listed building (National Heritage List number 1201033), and is described as being of late 18th-century date.</p> <p>Excavations were undertaken within the new orangery, which covers an area of 3.50m by 4.30m, along with a further area at the north-west corner of the site that measured 1.20m by 0.40m (Figure 2) Archaeological monitoring took place after the removal of the existing modern slate surface, and was undertaken during the excavation of 0.40m wide narrow foundations trenches that were up to 0.46m deep. The deposit sequence (see section on Figure 2) was as follows:</p> <p>100 – up to 0.20m mid-dark brown sandy clay with occasional shillet, sub-angular pebbles, slate, lime mortar, yellow sand and yellow cement. This is interpreted as the bedding for the removed slate surface.</p> <p>101 – 0.28m+ yellow-brown sandy clay with manganese staining and 19th-century pottery and ceramic building material. This is interpreted as a 19th-century levelling layer, and had been disturbed by a number of services.</p> <p>102 – natural orange-brown sandy clay with occasional manganese and shillet fragments. Patches of this natural were only exposed in trench 2.</p> <p>Along the east side of the site adjacent to trench 3 the upper part of layer 101 was removed in order to investigate the services. The base of this layer and the underlying subsoil was not exposed.</p> <p>In summary, no archaeological deposits or features were exposed, and no finds recovered. The excavations were relatively shallow and excavated through modern deposits. There is however potential for earlier features cut into the natural subsoil to survive, but a lower depth than the formation level of the present development.</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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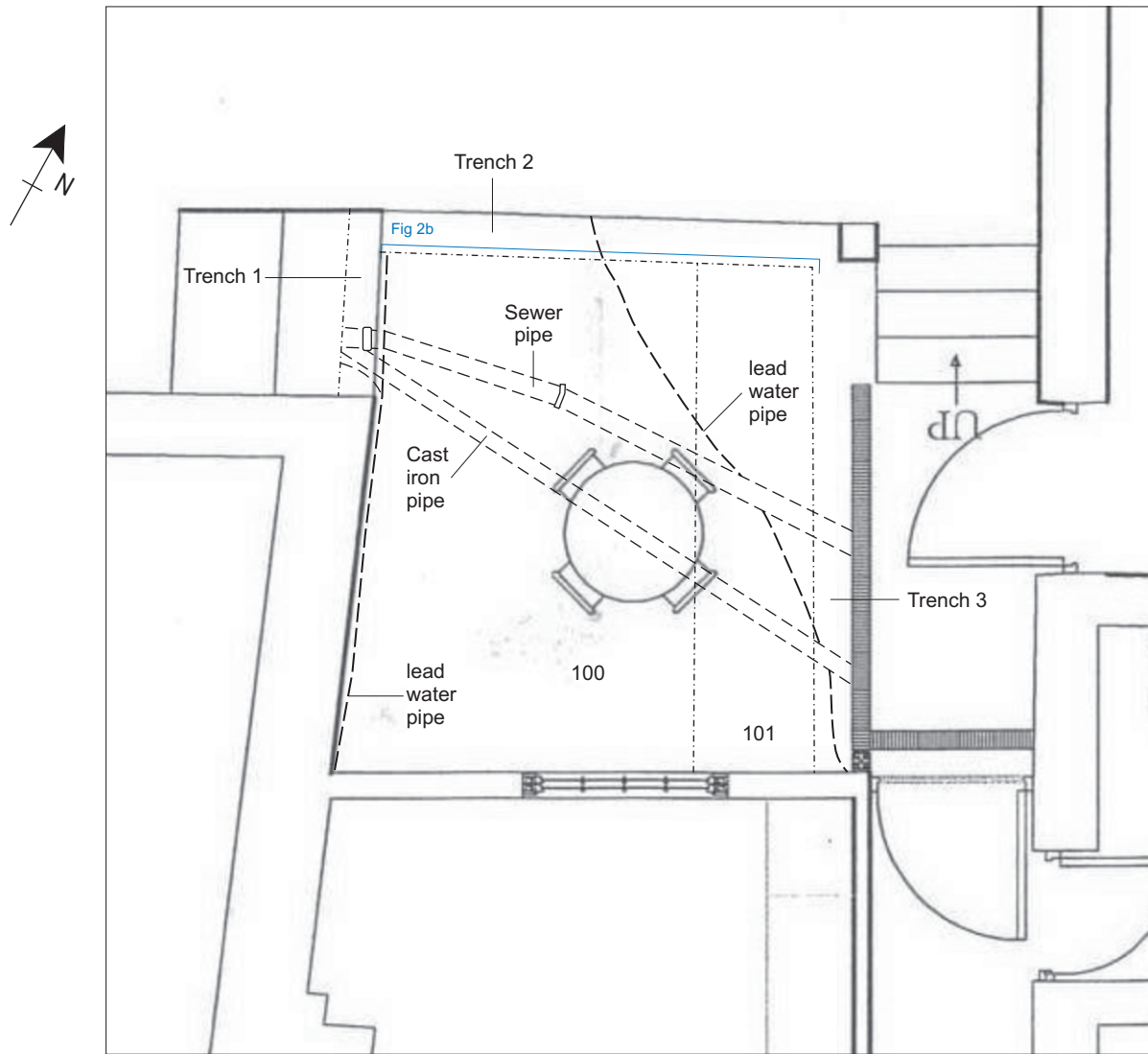
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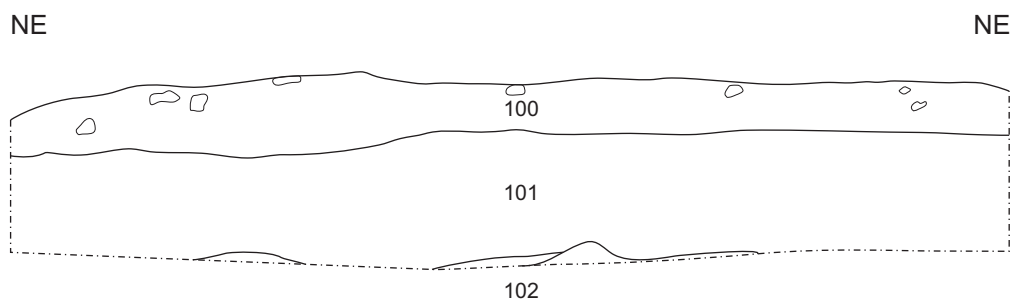
Fig.1: Location of site



a) Plan of site



b) Section of overlying deposits



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Fig.2: Site plan

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