

LAND ADJACENT TO 4 FOSTERLEA, TIVERTON ROAD, CULLOMPTON, DEVON

Results of an archaeological evaluation

NGR ST 01654 07361

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Subject: Land adjacent to 4 Fosterlea, Tiverton Road, Cullompton: Results of an archaeological evaluation		Photo attached: Plates 1 and 2
Planning Application no: 10/01234/FULL	Recipient museum: RAMM, Exeter	
OASIS ID: 124323	Museum Accession no: 91/2010	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD 230	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 29 March 2012	

Introduction

An archaeological trench evaluation was carried out by AC archaeology on behalf of the site owner, Mr David Fergie. The site is located to the west of the historic core of Cullompton (Fig. 1) in an area where recent investigations have identified evidence for prehistoric and Romano-British settlement. To the southeast of the site at Shortlands, excavations have identified evidence for extensive Romano-British remains, including a complete Black-Burnished Ware jar with an associated shale gaming board. Prehistoric remains have been found to the west of the cemetery across the road from the present site.

The site lies at around 68m OD on gently sloping ground down to the southwest, with the underlying solid geology comprising Permian Breccia.

Aim

The aim of the evaluation was to establish the presence or absence, extent, depth, character and date of any *in-situ* archaeological deposits within the site. The results would be used to inform the need for any further archaeological work on the site.

Methodology

Three trenches totalling 25m in length and each 1.60m wide (Fig. 2) were excavated using a mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket and working under constant archaeological supervision. All levels shown on Fig. 3 relate to the architect's arbitrary datum, allocated a nominal value of 50m.

Results

The trenches were excavated onto a reddish-brown weathered Breccia natural subsoil. The overlying layer sequence comprised between 0.20-0.40m of mid brown clay silt topsoil over between 0.25-0.70m of mid reddish-brown silty clay subsoil. Below the subsoil was a 0.20m thick orange-brown silty clay colluvial layer (Fig. 3; Plates 1 and 2). The recorded layer sequence in each of the trenches is summarised in the tables below.

Trench 1			Length: 5m	Width: 1.60m	Alignment: NE-SW
Context	Depth bgs (m)	Description	Interpretation		
100	0-0.15	Mid brown clay silt	Topsoil		
101	0.15-0.75	Mid to reddish-brown silt clay	Subsoil		
102	0.75-0.95	Orange-brown silty clay	Colluvium		
103	0.95+	Reddish-brown weathered Breccia	Natural subsoil		

Trench 2			Length: 5m	Width: 1.60m	Alignment: NE-SW
Context	Depth bgs (m)	Description	Interpretation		
200	0-0.20	Mid brown clay silt	Topsoil		
201	0.20-0.85	Mid to reddish-brown silty clay	Subsoil		
202	0.85-1.05	Orange-brown silty clay	Colluvium		
203	1.05+	Reddish-brown weathered Breccia	Natural subsoil		

Trench 3			Length: 15m	Width:1.60m	Alignment: NW-SE
Context	Depth bgs (m)	Description	Interpretation		
300	0-0.20	Mid brown clay silt	Topsoil		
301	0.20-0.70	Mid reddish-brown silt clay	Subsoil		
302	0.70-0.90	Orange-brown silty clay	Colluvium		
303	0.90-1.10+	Reddish-brown weathered Breccia	Natural subsoil		

No evidence for archaeological activity was identified and no finds were recovered. Based on the comprehensive trench coverage, the work has established with some confidence that groundworks associated with the development are unlikely to impact upon any archaeological features or deposits.

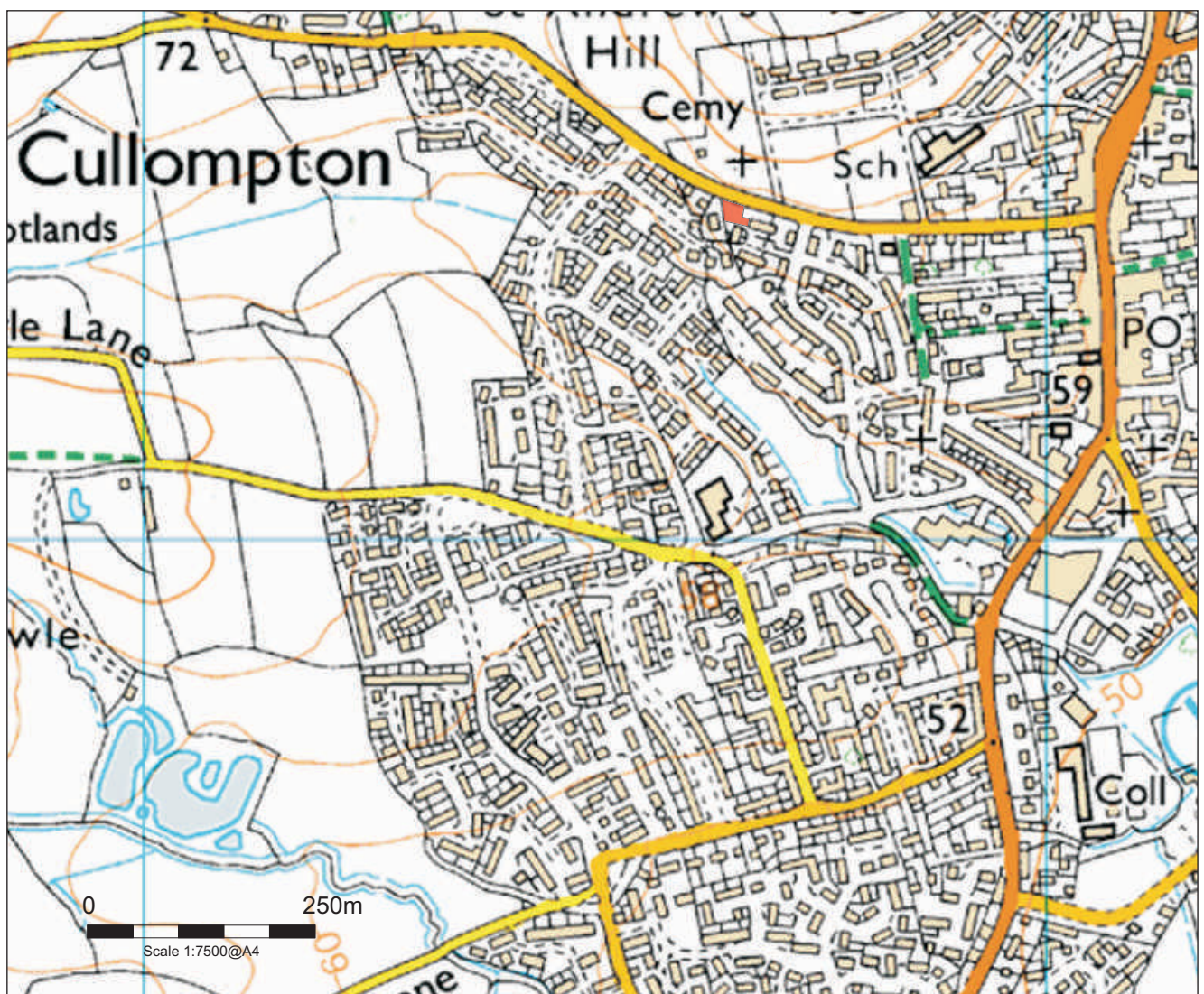
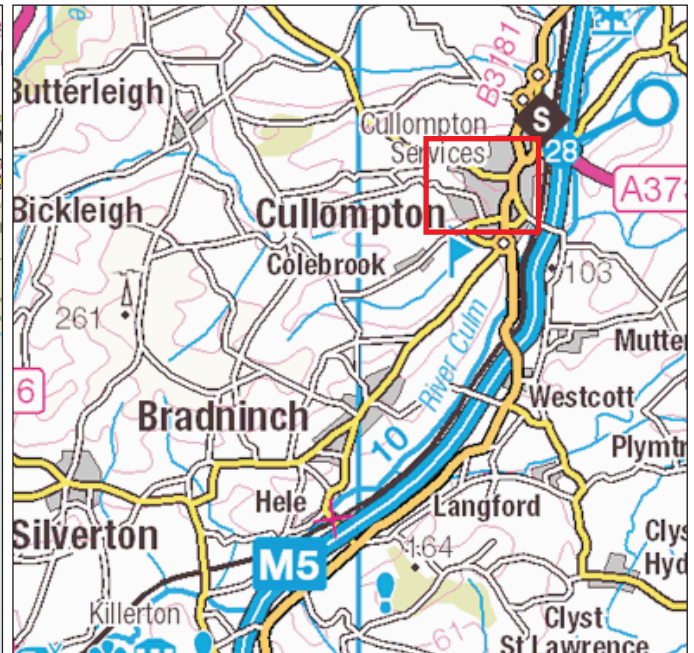
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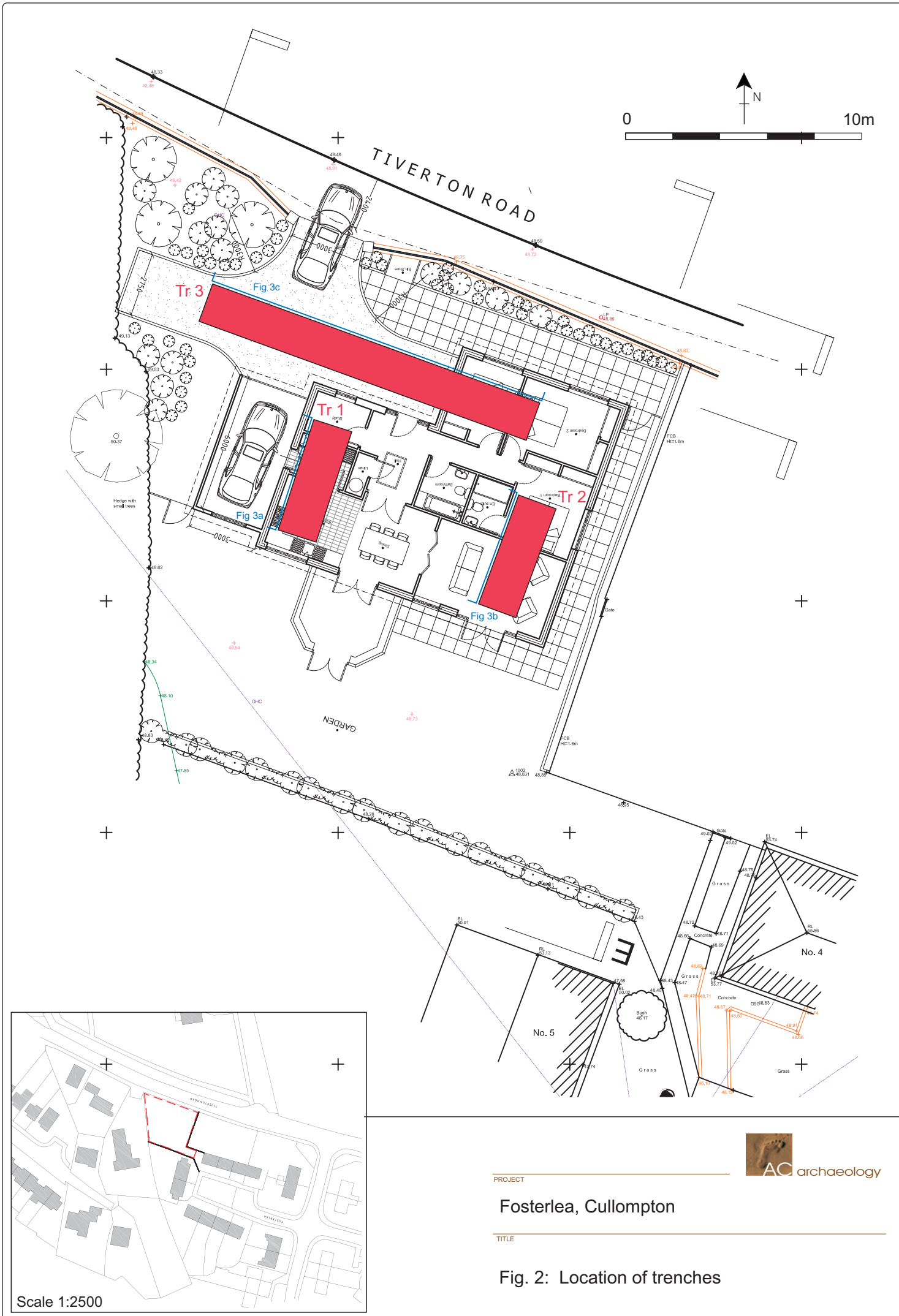
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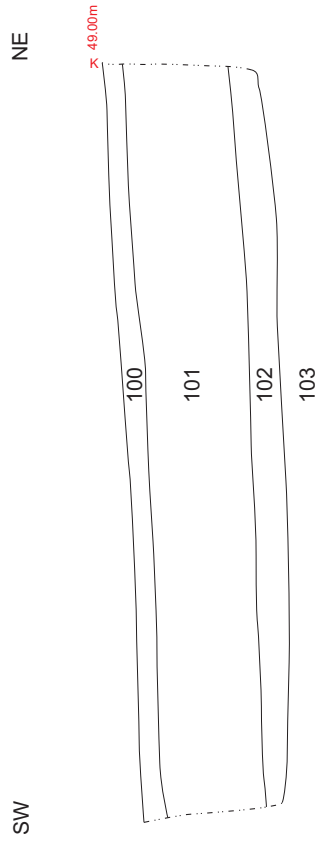
Fig. 1: Site location



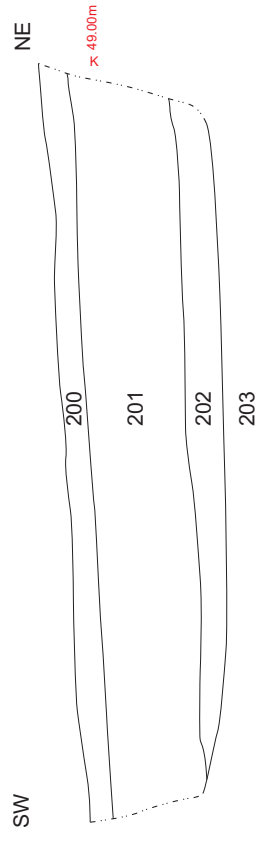
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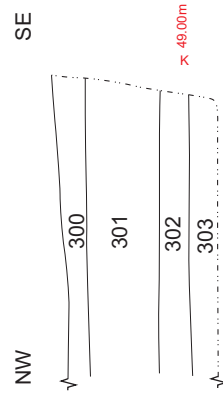
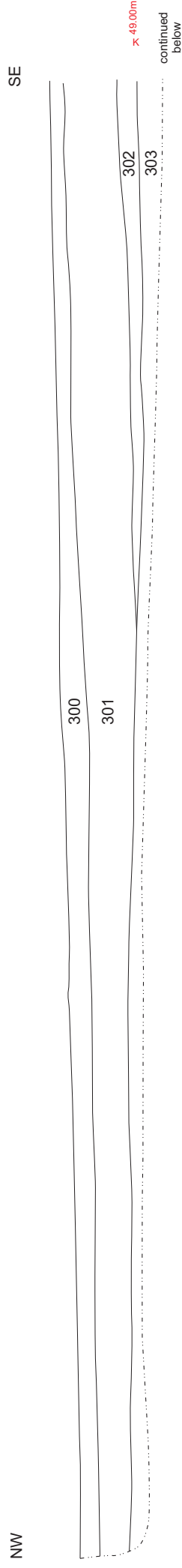
a) Trench 1, section



b) Trench 2, section



c) Trench 3, section



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Fig. 3: Sections of all
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Plate 1: Southeast facing section of Trench 1 (Scale 1m)



Plate 2: Trench 3, view from southeast (Scale 1m)

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