

Down Hills, Milbury Lane, Exminster, Devon

(NGR SX 9465 8793)

Results of an archaeological watching brief

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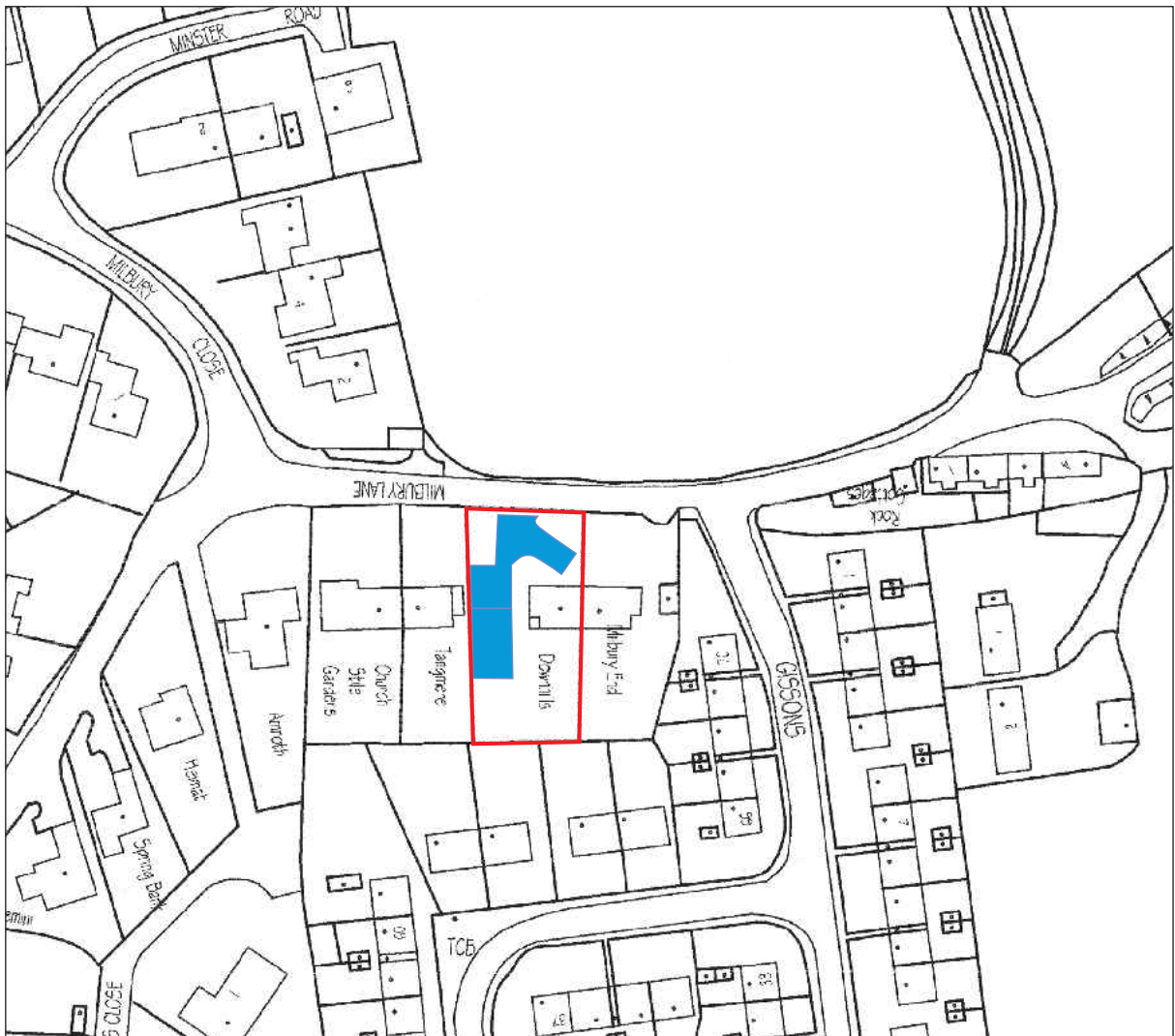
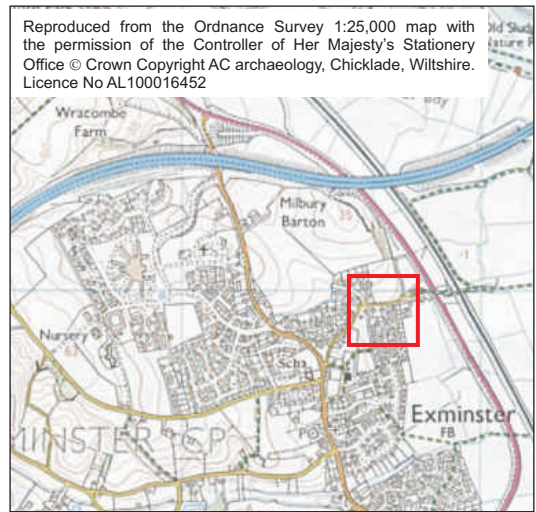
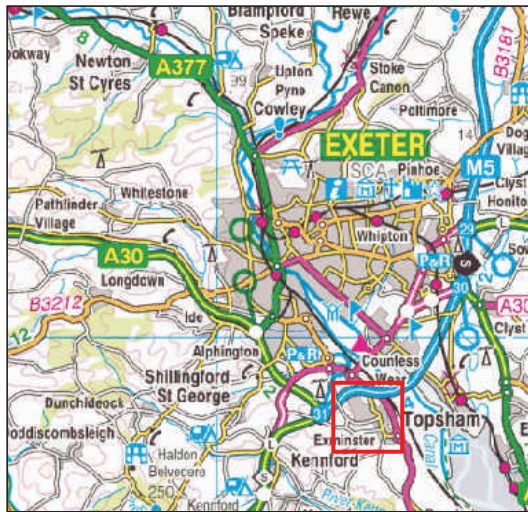


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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Exminster, Teignbridge	National Grid Reference SX 9465 8793	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Down Hills, Milbury Lane, Exminster, Results of an archaeological watching brief		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: 12/02197/FUL	Recipient museum: RAMM	
OASIS ID: 150200	Museum Accession no: RAMM Ref 13/13	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD655	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 2/3/2013 and 8/3/2013	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks associated with the construction of a new single dwelling and extensions to the side and rear of an existing dwelling on land at Down Hills, Milbury Lane, Exminster (Fig 1). The investigations were required by Teignbridge District Council as a condition of the grant of planning permission, and were carried out in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation prepared by AC archaeology.</p> <p>The land is located within 40m of a Roman ditch and industrial remains and earlier Bronze Age settlement activity recorded in previous archaeological trench evaluations on the nearby Milbury residential development. The aim of the watching brief was to preserve by record any archaeological features or deposits exposed during groundworks associated with the development, with particular reference to any evidence of prehistoric or Romano-British settlement and agricultural activity.</p> <p>Groundworks were completed over two separate days. On the first day the south half of the new dwelling area was taken down to natural and the north half was levelled as was the drive and parking area, but this did not penetrate below the topsoil. On the second day in the area of the new dwelling the foundation trenches were dug down in to the natural.</p> <p>The following soil sequence was present: a topsoil, measuring 0.80m thick, comprising friable mid brown sandy-silt with rare small sub-rounded flint/gravels, below which was a subsoil, measuring 0.20m thick, consisting of friable mid yellow silty-sand with occasional small sub-rounded flint/gravel/sandstone. The underlying natural consisted of a friable light red clayey-sand.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were encountered in the groundworks, and no finds were recovered.</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>		
Recorder: Chris Caine, AC archaeology	Date sent to HER: 24 May 2013	

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Plan supplied by client



- Application area
- Area Observed

PROJECT

Land at Down Hills, Exminster, Devon

TITLE

Fig. 1: Location of site

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