

# LAND TO THE REAR OF CUXHAVEN, COLEBROOKE LANE, CULLOMPTON, DEVON

(NGR ST 01861 10679)

Results of an archaeological watching brief

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<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Cullompton, Mid Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST 01861 10679	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Land To The Rear Of Cuxhaven, Colebrooke Lane, Cullompton, Results of an archaeological watching brief		<b>Photo attached?</b> Yes
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 11/01986/FULL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 176529	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  ACD871	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  10/03/2014 and 11/03/2014	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks associated with the construction of a new dwelling on land to the rear of Cuxhaven, Colebrooke Lane, Cullompton (Fig 1). The investigations were required by Mid Devon 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 site is located near to Exeter Street, a possible Roman Road, and excavations at the nearby Shortlands development have produced evidence for Romano-British occupation comprising of ditches and pits. The aim of the watching brief was to preserve by record any archaeological features or deposits exposed during groundworks, with particular reference to any evidence for Roman settlement on the west side of Exeter Street.</p> <p><i>Results (Fig. 2)</i></p> <p>Groundworks comprised two elements, the excavation of the foundation trenches (Plates 1 and 2) and the excavation of a soakaway pit located to the south of the new dwelling. The external foundation trenches measured 0.60m wide and the internal trenches measured 0.30m wide. They were dug to the level of the natural subsoil. The soakaway pit measured 1.80m by 0.90m by 1.50m deep.</p> <p>The following soil sequence was recorded: a topsoil, measuring 0.40m thick, comprising moderate dark brown sandy-silt, below which was a subsoil, measuring 0.90m thick, consisting of moderate mid brown sandy-silt with occasional medium sub-rounded stones. The underlying natural consisted of a moderate mid brownish-red silty-sand. Three sherds of post-medieval pottery, weighing 107g, were recovered from the topsoil. These are all 18th century and represent a base sherd from a flower pot, a fragment of a handle from a south Somerset coarseware jug and a body sherd from a Bristol/Staffordshire combed slipware dish.</p> <p><i>Summary</i></p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were encountered. The soil profile consisted of a typical agricultural sequence. The small finds assemblage recovered from the topsoil is of 18th-century date; no earlier finds were present.</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
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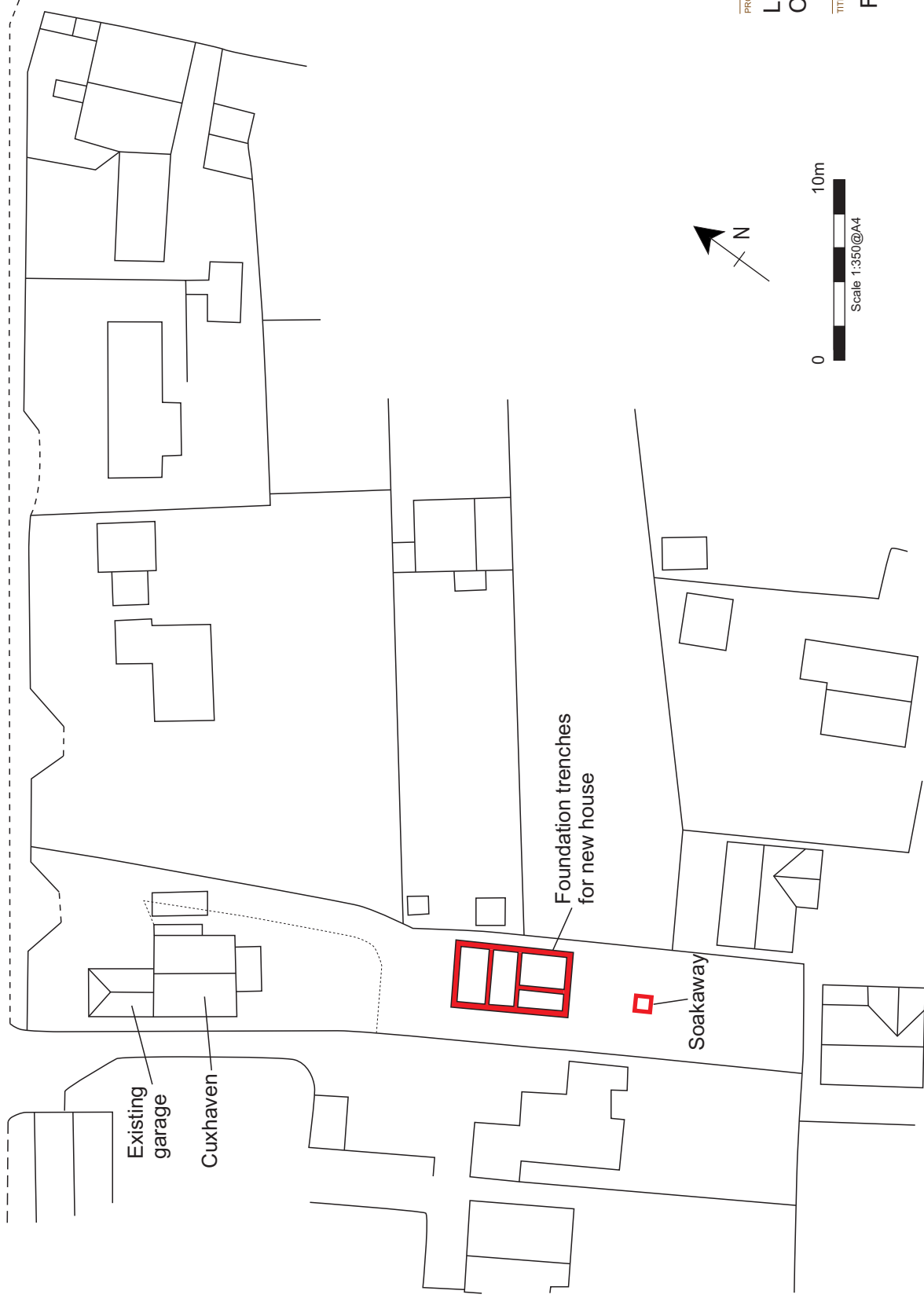
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Fig. 1: Site location

COLEBROOKE LANE

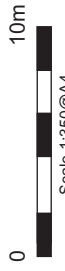


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Fig. 2: Site plan



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Plate 1: General view showing the excavated foundation trenches, looking northwest, 1m scale



Plate 2: A typical section of the foundation trenches, looking northwest, 1m scale

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