

LAND AT OPPOSITE ST PAUL'S CHURCH, CHUDLEIGH KNIGHTON, HENNOCK, DEVON

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Results of an archaeological watching brief

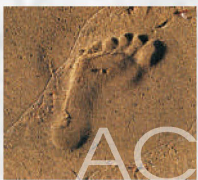
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<p>Description of works.</p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks associated with the construction of a new single dwelling on land opposite St. Paul's Church, Chudleigh Knighton, Devon (Fig 1). The site is located within the historic core of Chudleigh Knighton which is named in the Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Chenistetone' (Devon Historic Environment Record MDV16129). St. Paul's Church opposite the site dates from 1841-2 (MDV21228).</p> <p>A number of sites around the village have provided evidence for the production of clay tobacco pipes. The remains of a probable kiln site have been recorded approximately 250m to the northeast of the site in association with fragments of tobacco pipes and waster fragments (MDV14388). A further scatter of clay tobacco pipe fragments have been detailed approximately 175m to the south of the village (MDV14447), while a further scatter of clay pipe fragments, dating to 1690-1720 were recorded during a watching brief undertaken during the construction of housing to the south of the site (MDV71397).</p> <p>The Hennock parish tithe map of 1840 depicts the site as an open plot adjacent to the existing property to the northeast and is described as 'garden' in the accompanying appointment. This arrangement remains the case on the Ordnance Survey first-edition and second-edition 6-inch maps of 1890 and 1906 respectively.</p> <p><i>Results (Fig. 2; Plates 1-3)</i></p> <p>The monitored groundworks comprised the removal of the existing surface and the excavation of the foundation trenches (Plates 1 and 2). The external foundation trenches measured 0.90m wide whilst the internal trenches measured 0.70m wide. They were dug to the minimum depth of 1m. The southwest corner of the new dwelling is adjacent to an old boundary stone wall and the foundation trench was excavated to a level of 1.8m for 2m along the foundation trench corner.</p> <p>The following soil sequence (Plate 3) was recorded: The topsoil, measuring 0.35m thick, comprised moderate dark greyish-brown clayey-silt with occasional brick, small glass, and animal bone. A total of 56 clay tobacco pipe stems and a single complete bowl were collected. The bowl probably dates to c.1700-1770. None of these display characteristics of wasters, although none actually appear to have been smoked. Single sherds of medieval and post-medieval Totnes-type pottery were also found.</p> <p>The subsoil, measuring 0.20m thick, consisted of fairly compact mid greyish-brown sandy-clay with occasional medium sub-rounded stones and occasional small charcoal flecks. The underlying natural consisted of a compact light brown-yellow sandy-clay with occasional sub-rounded stone.</p>		

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Summary

No archaeological features or deposits were encountered. The soil profile consisted of a typical agricultural sequence, with no evidence that the site had been formerly developed or occupied as a dwelling. The abundance of clay tobacco pipes in the topsoil is indicative of nearby clay tobacco pipe production, although this was clearly not taking place on the site itself.

A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.

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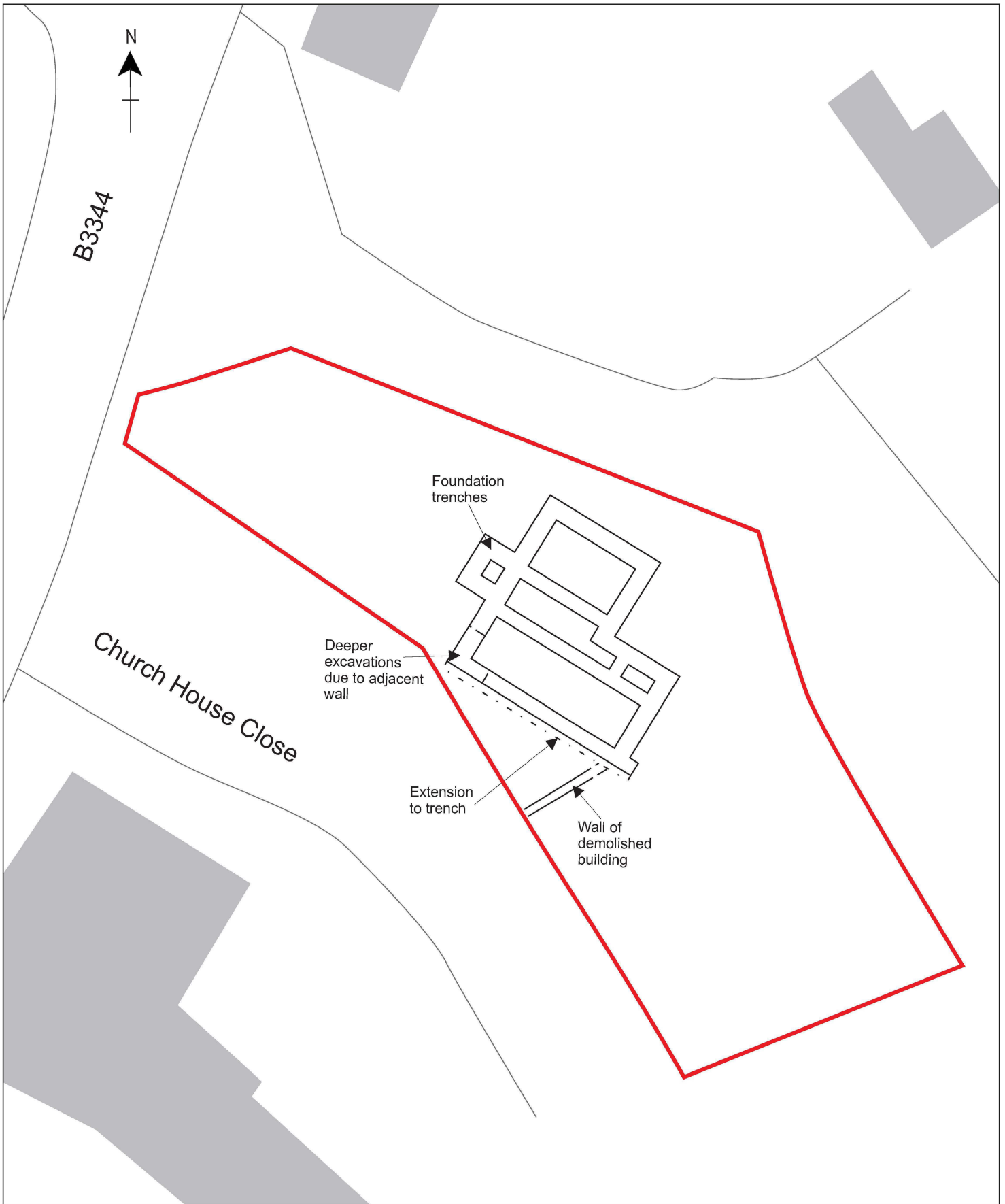
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Fig. 1: Location of site





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Fig. 2: Plan of building footings





Plate 1: View of site following removal of topsoil, looking south. 1m scale



Plate 2: View of site following excavation of foundation trenches, looking southeast. 1m scale



Plate 3: Typical deposit sequence, looking southeast. 1m scale

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