

LAND AT BROOKDALE, PAYHEMBURY, HONITON, DEVON

(NGR ST 0894 0168)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

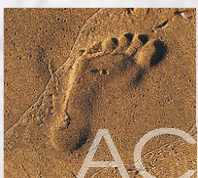
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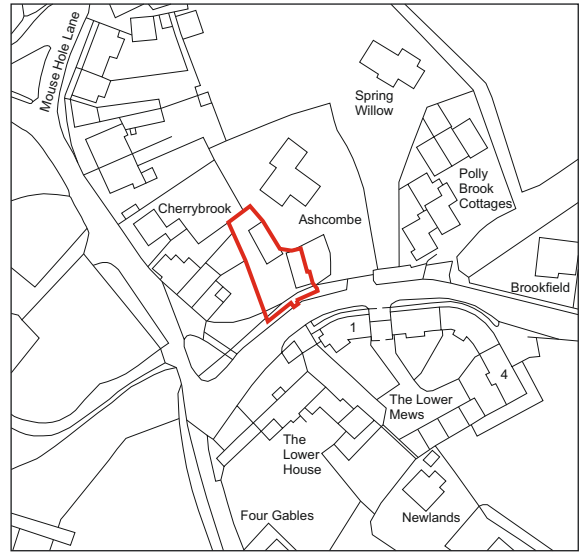
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Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1174	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 15th to 23rd May 2017	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a detached dwelling on land at Brookdale, Payhembury, Honiton, Devon (ST 0894 0168). The site occupies a plot fronting onto Moorcott road towards the east side of Payhembury (Fig.1). It comprises an approximately rectangular area bounded to the south by an open stream, with properties fronting Mouse Hole Lane to the west and Ashcombe house to the east. The site had previously been occupied by a number of outbuildings, mixed surfaces and scrub accessed via a plank bridge over the open stream.</p> <p>The principal interest in the site was that it partially overlay the positions of former buildings depicted on the 1839 Payhembury parish tithe map. On this, an 'L-shaped' structure is shown fronting the open stream to the south of the plot, with a further adjacent rectangular building positioned to the northwest. While a rectangular building is shown in the same location on the First-Edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1887, the 'L-shaped' building was no longer present. The site of the rectangular structure was in use until the commencement of the development, although this was a later shed of 20th century date.</p> <p>Results (Fig.1)</p> <p>Following demolition, groundworks comprised an initial bulk reduction of the site followed by the excavation of footings trenches. The depth of the bulk reduction was a maximum of 0.6m deep to the northwest of the site, reducing to 0.1m adjacent to the stream alongside the street frontage. Footings trenches measured 0.6m wide and a maximum of 1m deep.</p> <p>Natural subsoil comprised a mid red to mid yellowish-red clay with common gravels. This was exposed at a depth of between 0.3m and 1m below existing levels. It was overlain by a mixed dark greyish-brown silty loam soil with common stone rubble inclusions. In the position of the 20th century outbuilding was a concrete base that overlay the natural subsoil. However, its wall that formed part of the northeast boundary had retained the fabric of the earlier structure. No evidence for remains of the former structures was evident from the monitored groundworks. No pre-19th century finds were noted in the overlying soil layer.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed by the groundworks. The presence of a thick mixed soil layer across the site that contained stone rubble suggested that the site had been extensively disturbed probably during the 20th century. Despite the survival of the earlier wall along the northeast boundary, all remains of this structure had been removed within the site itself.</p>		
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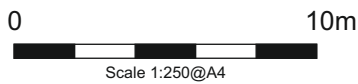


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Key

- Site boundary
- Extent of monitored strip
- Monitored footings trenches



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Fig. 1: Location of site and development plan with monitored groundworks shown





Plate 1: General working view of site, looking north



Plate 2: Representative view of footings trench. Looking north (scale 1m)

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