

LAND AT HIGHER SAUNDERS, CHERRY MEADOW, CHERITON FITZPAINE, DEVON

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Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

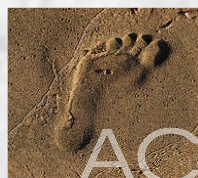
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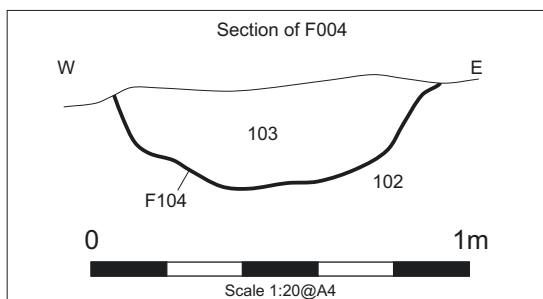
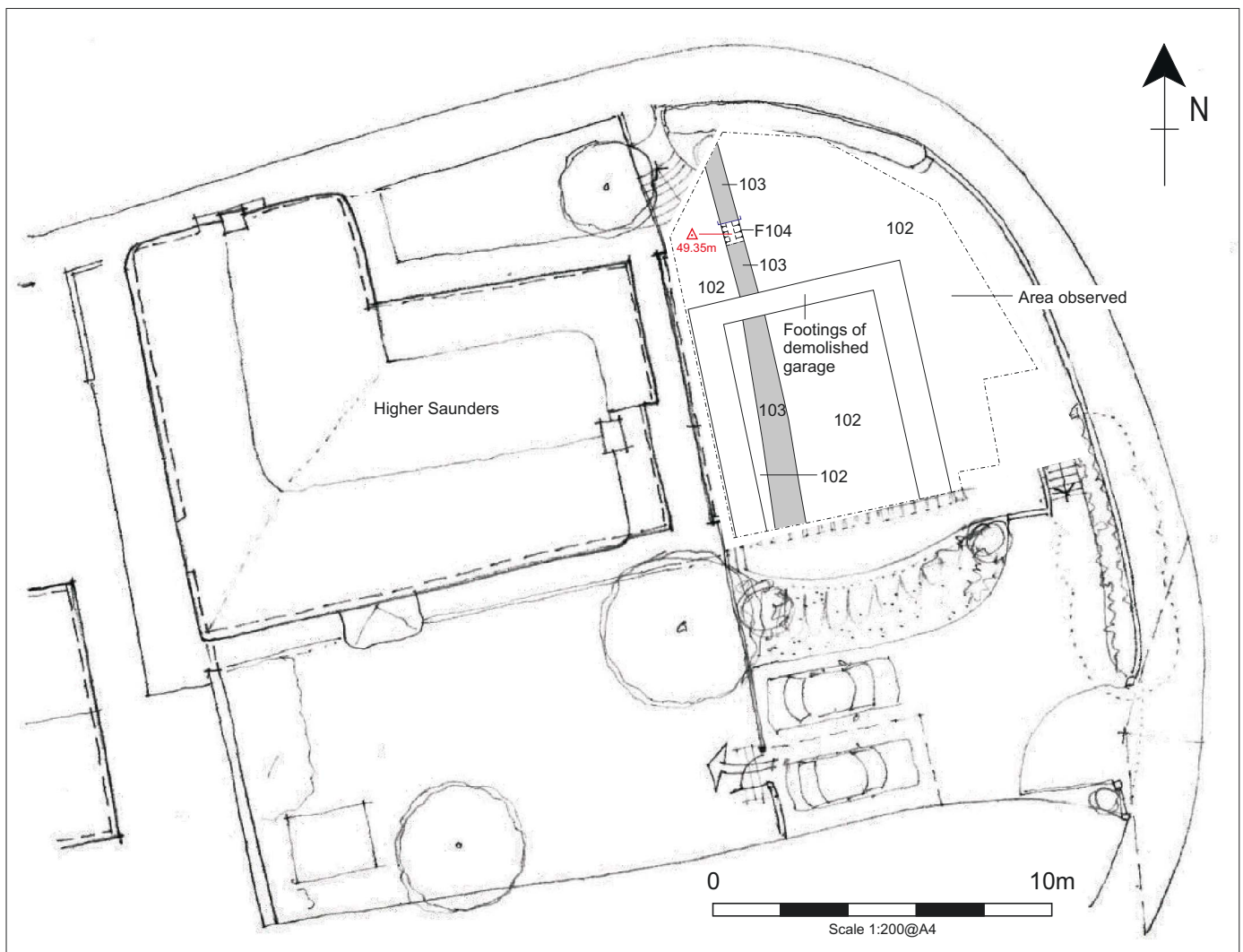
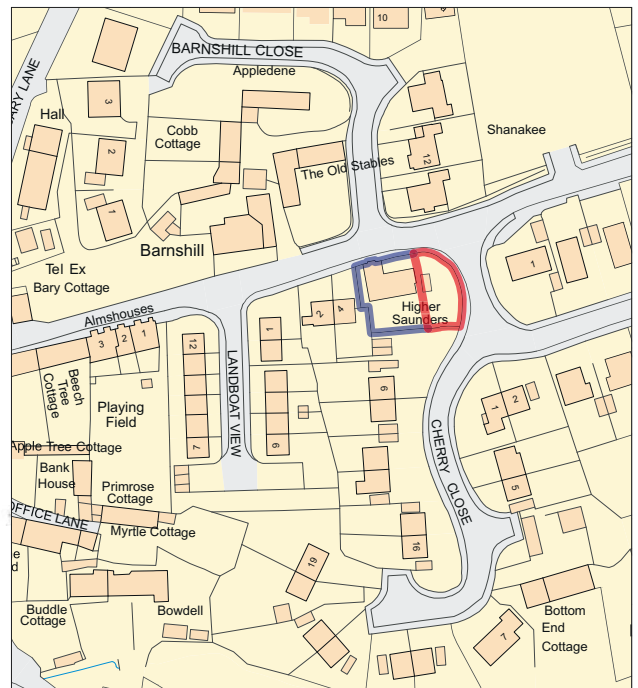
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<p><u>Introduction</u> Archaeological monitoring and recording carried out by AC archaeology was undertaken during groundworks associated with the erection of a single dwelling on land at Higher Saunders, Cherry Meadow, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon (Fig 1). The site lies on the corner of Cherry Meadow, towards the east of Cheriton Fitzpaine village and comprised what was previously a garden area to the east of the Higher Saunders property (Plate 1). Higher Saunders house, which is a Grade II listed (National Heritage List for England ref. 1170576), consists of an early 17th century thatched farmhouse with late 17th to early 18th century adaptations. The Cheriton Fitzpaine tithe map of 1841 depicts the house with the proposed development site located within a slightly wider open plot to the east.</p> <p><u>Results</u> (Fig. 1; Plates 2-3) The monitored groundworks comprised the bulk removal of soils from the development footprint using a tracked machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket. Natural subsoil (context 102), which consisted of a mid greyish-red to greyish-yellow weathered mudstone was exposed at a depth of between 0.14m and 0.32m below a dark brown clayey-silt loam garden soil (100). Part of the site had been occupied by a previously-demolished garage. In this location, its concrete footings were cut into the natural subsoil.</p> <p>A single NNW to SSE aligned ditch was exposed (F104). This measured a maximum of 1m wide and 0.25m deep with moderately-steep sloping sides and a concave base. It contained a mid greyish-brown silty-clay fill (103).</p> <p><u>The finds by Naomi Payne</u></p> <p><i>Iron:</i> A small iron rod weighing 2g was recovered from context 103, fill of boundary ditch F104. This appears to have one tapering end.</p> <p><i>Glass:</i> Four sherds (296g) of post-medieval vessel glass were recovered from context 103. There are three body sherds and one base sherd, all of which are from green bottles dating from c. 1750-1800.</p> <p><i>Ceramic Building Material:</i> Three fragments (32g) of brick were recovered from context 103. They have no surviving original surfaces.</p> <p><i>Post-medieval pottery:</i> Six sherds (203g) of post-medieval pottery were recovered from context 103. They include a rim sherd from a large North Devon gravel-tempered ware bowl, a handle sherd from a North Devon gravel-free jug or bucket pot and four sherds from a single fine-walled English stoneware tankard. These also indicate a late 18th century date for the context.</p> <p><u>Comment</u> Ditch F104 has been dated to the late 18th century and therefore post-dates the construction of Higher Saunders House. Its alignment, as parallel to the eastern elevation, suggests that it represents a former drainage ditch or sub-division from the formerly larger contemporary plot that extended under Cherry Meadow road to the east.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site with
position of ditch F104 shown



Plate 1: General view looking west towards Higher Saunders



Plate 2: View of stripped area with ditch F104. Looking northwest (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Showing ditch F104, view to north-northwest (scale 0.40m)

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