

5a ALLHALLAND STREET, BIDEFORD, DEVON

NGR SS 45404 26519

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

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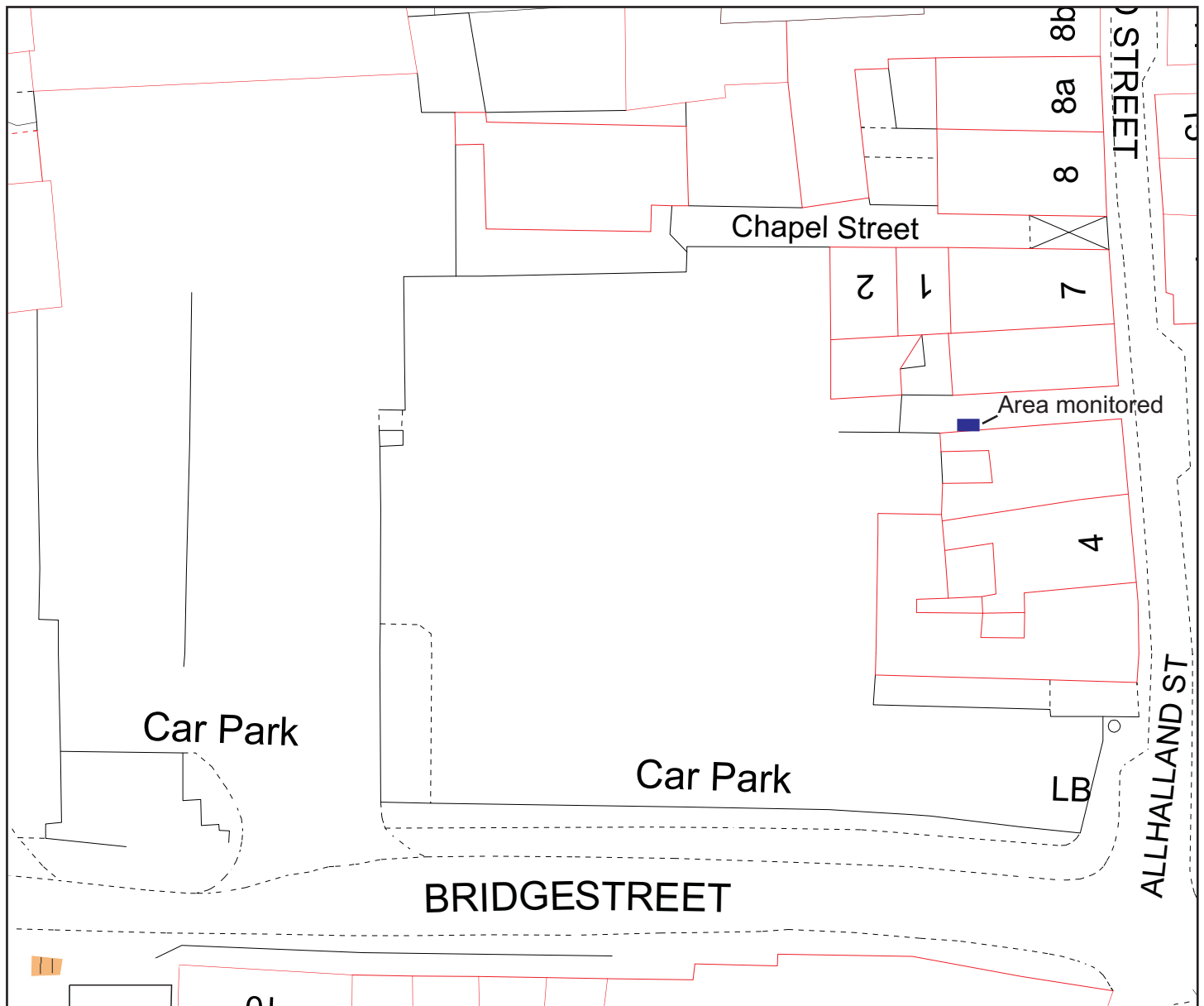
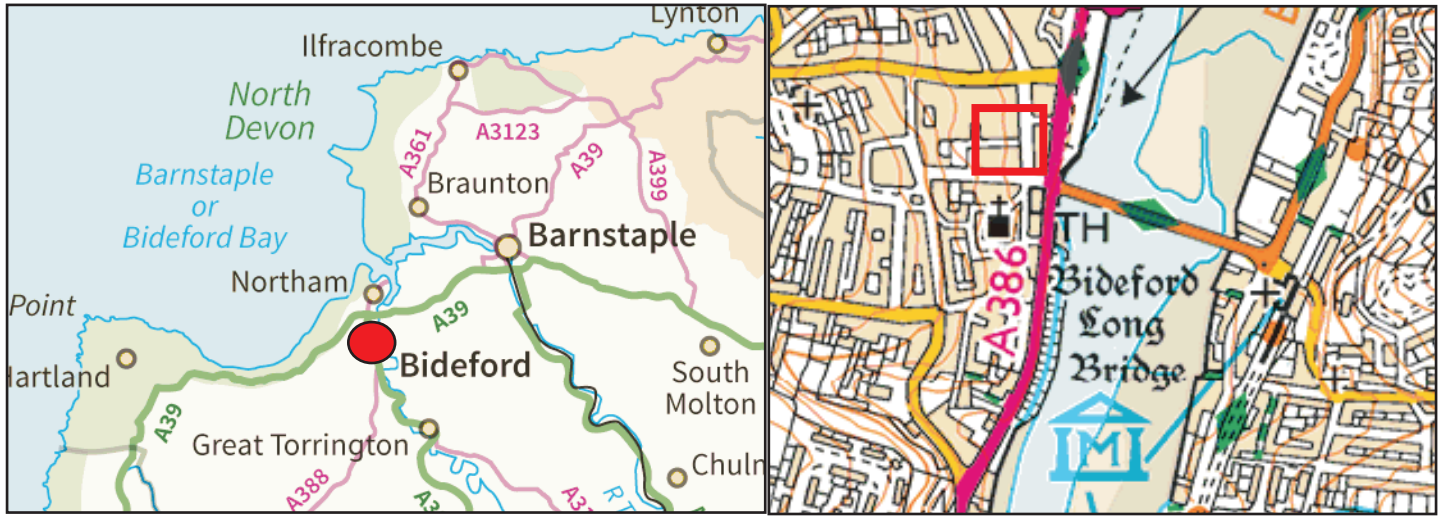
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the laying of a new water pipe serving No. 5A, Allhalland Street, Bideford, Devon (SS 45404 26519). The site was located in Bideford town centre, within a cobbled lane, named Union Place, which currently leads from Allhalland Street to the Bridge Street Carpark (Fig.1, Plate 1).</p> <p>Historic mapping of the site depicts Union Place as having formally extended across the current Bridge Street Carpark towards the site of a Methodist Chapel and was lined by a series of 19th century tenements. These and the chapel were demolished in the 1970s.</p> <p>Description of Works (Plates 2-4)</p> <p>The lane surface consisted of pebble and cobbles with a central line of slate slabs and brick-lined gutters. Its cobbles varied in size from 0.07m to 0.18m long and 0.04m to 0.07m wide.</p> <p>Following pre-commencement photographic recording of the surface, an area measuring 0.9m long and 0.56m wide was hand-excavated to a maximum depth of 0.4m below existing levels. The trench was excavated into a modern backfill of the pre-existing water pipe, which was overlain by the cobbles in a silty-clay bedding layer. Following completion of excavation, the cobbles were replaced in their original positions. No pre-modern deposits were exposed and no finds were recovered.</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were encountered beneath the cobbled surface. The cobbles were replaced in their original positions and the character of the lane's surface was maintained</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and area monitored



Plate 1: General view of site, looking east towards Allhalland Street from Bridge Street Car Park



Plate 2: Pre-excavation view of cobble surface, looking west (scale 0.4m)



Plate 3: Working shot of trench, view to east



Plate 4: Post-excavation view of cobble surface, looking west (scale 0.4m)

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