

# LAND NORTH OF THE FORMER A30, SITE OF CRANBROOK NEW TOWN CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, CRANBROOK, DEVON

NGR SY 01357 95455

Results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation

East Devon District Council Planning Reference:  
15/1872/FUL (Condition 10)

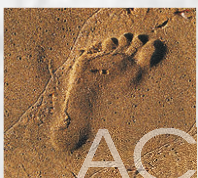
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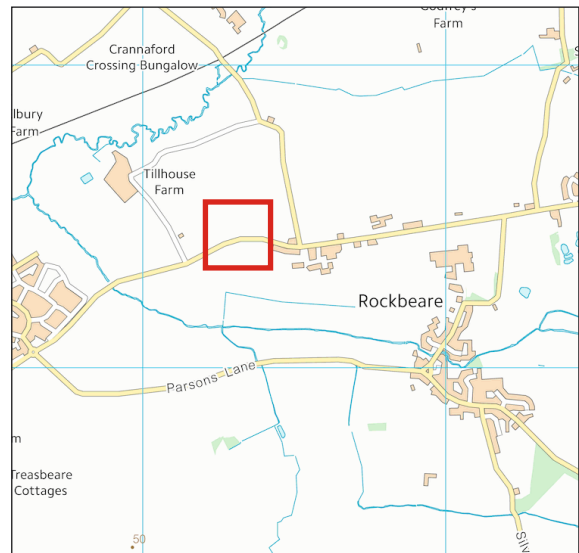


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Cranbrook, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 01357 95455	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land north of the former A30, site of Cranbrook new town centre, London Road, Cranbrook, Devon. Devon: Results of an Archaeological Trench Evaluation		<b>Photo attached</b> No
<b>Planning permission no:</b> 15/1872/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
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<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1405	<b>Date fieldwork undertaken:</b> 27 October 2016	
<p><b>Introduction</b> An archaeological trial trench evaluation was undertaken in associated with the construction of a new public house, car park, electrical substation and associated works on land north of the former A30, site of Cranbrook New Town Centre, London Road, Cranbrook, Devon (SY 01357 95455). The site occupied parts of two adjacent pasture plots to the north of London Road (the current B3174). It was positioned on flat ground with the underlying solid geology comprising mudstone of the Aylesbeare Mudstone Group.</p> <p>The principal interest in the site was its close proximity to London Road, which represents the route of the Roman road that extended between Exeter and Honiton (Devon Historic Environment Record reference MDV1875).</p> <p><b>Results</b> The work comprised the machine-excavation of 5 trenches totalling 80m in length, with each trench 10m or 20m long and 1.6m wide (Fig. 1).</p> <p>Natural subsoil, which comprised a mid red clay, with occasional flint gravel and manganese fleck inclusions, was exposed at a depth of approximately 0.3m below existing levels. This was overlain by a mid brown sandy-silt loam ploughsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed in any of the trenches and there were no finds recovered.</p> <p><b>Comments</b> The evaluation provided negative results, with no evidence for any activity associated with the Roman road, nor from any other period.</p>		
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0 50m  
Scale 1:1000@A4

Based on drawing prepared by Mackenzie and Wheeler Architects and Designers

Key

-  Trenches
-  Site boundary

PROJECT  
Land north of former A30, Cranbrook, Devon

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Fig. 1: Location of site with trench positions shown



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