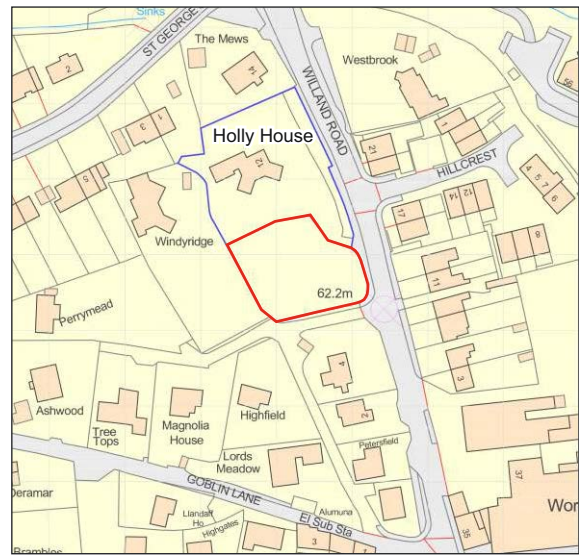


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Civil Parish & District: Cullompton, Mid Devon	National Grid Reference ST 02057 07820	Number:
Subject: Land at Holly House, Willand Road, Cullompton: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		Photo attached? Plates 1-3
Planning Application no: 15/01779/FUL	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: 256636	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1423	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 29 August to 11 September 2018	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of two dwellings on land at Holly House, Willand Road, Cullompton, Devon (ST 02057 07820). The monitored groundworks consisted of the creation of two terraces for the two house plots followed by the excavation of footings trenches (Fig. 1)</p> <p>The site lies at the northern extent of Cullompton and to the west of Willand Road. It comprises the southern portion of a plot previously occupied by the gardens of Holly House on what was a lawn (formally a tennis court) terraced into the hillslope with surrounding planted borders. The site lies close to a Roman fort located on St Andrew's Hill (approximately 200m to the southwest), while excavations undertaken ahead of the construction of the nearby Culm Valley health centre recorded late Iron Age and early Romano-British remains.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The plots were both terraced further into the hillslope from the existing lawn terrace and intermittently onto the natural subsoil. Beyond the lawn terrace, the natural subsoil, which consisted of weathered breccia gravels in a mid red silty-sand matrix, was exposed at a maximum depth of 0.85m below existing levels.</p> <p>At its maximum, the overlying layer sequence consisted of a 0.45m thick mid reddish-brown silt-sand subsoil, which was sealed by a 0.16m thick dark brown sandy-loam buried topsoil. This was then overlain by a dumped mid brown sandy-silt loam further topsoil mixed with patches of re-deposited natural subsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed by the groundworks. A small assemblage of finds were recovered from spoil, which are summarised below.</p> <p>The finds by Naomi Payne</p> <p>A small quantity of unstratified post-medieval finds was collected during the monitoring. They included seven sherds of 19th to early 20th century pottery, a base fragment from a modern moulded light green transparent glass bottle and two pieces of undiagnostic ironworking slag.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The groundworks demonstrated that much of the site had been previously landscaped, with this associated with the creation of the former tennis court that occupied the majority of the site. Intact soils were present around the perimeter of the site, which were overlain by dumped soils, presumably derived from landscaping works.</p> <p>The small collection of finds recovered were largely of recent date, while the iron working slag was not diagnostic.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site with monitored areas shown





Plate 1: Unit 1 footings trenches, view to northeast (scale 1m)



Plate 2: View of Unit 2 footings trenches. Looking southeast (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Representative section showing overlying soil layers. View to southeast (scale 1m)