LAND AT CAMP FIELD, OAK VIEW, BROADHAYES FARM, STOCKLAND, DEVON

(Centred on NGR ST 22520 02573)

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Stockland, East Devon		nal Grid Reference 520 02573	nce Number:	
Subject: Land at Camp Field, Oak View, Broadhayes Farm, Stockland, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording Photo attached? Yes				
Scheduled Monument Consent Reference: S00135111		Recipient museum: N/A		
OASIS ID: 259694		Museum Accession no: N/A		
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1435		Dates fieldwork undertaken: 28th July 2016		

Introduction

Archaeological monitoring and recording carried out by AC archaeology was undertaken during groundworks associated with the reversal of operations associated with the creation of a temporary level platform on land at Camp Field, Oak View, Broadhayes Farm, Stockland, Devon (ST 2260 0258). The work was required by Historic England as a condition of Scheduled Monument Consent, ref. S00135111.

The site was located 2.5km to the southwest of Stockland and to the west of Broadhayes Farm (Fig. 1). It lay in an agricultural field, which was situated on ground that sloped gradually to the south at around 204m aOD (above Ordnance Datum), and formed a portion of a wider prehistoric hillfort known as Stockland Great Castle (Scheduled Monument No. SM29646), which extended either side of the road leading to Broadhayes Farm.

Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-3)

The groundworks were carried out using a mechanical-excavator that re-graded the area of the temporary platform to reinstate its original natural gradient. The groundwork excavations were directly supervised by the attending archaeologist.

The temporary platform measured approximately 15m by 10m and consisted of a terrace that was a maximum of 0.3m high on the downslope (south) side and was cut into the hillslope by a maximum of 0.25m to the north. The terrace consisted of a mid brown silty-loam re-deposited ploughsoil.

Where the platform had cut into the hillslope on the upslope side, this had been maintained within the ploughsoil. No underlying deposits or features were exposed within this. No pre-modern finds were recovered during the works.

Comment

The monitoring of the reversal works to the temporary platform established that no impact to the level at which any underlying archaeological features or deposits that may have been present had been sustained, with excavations for the terrace maintained within the ploughsoil horizon.

Following the removal of the temporary platform, the natural gradient of the hillslope was re-instated.

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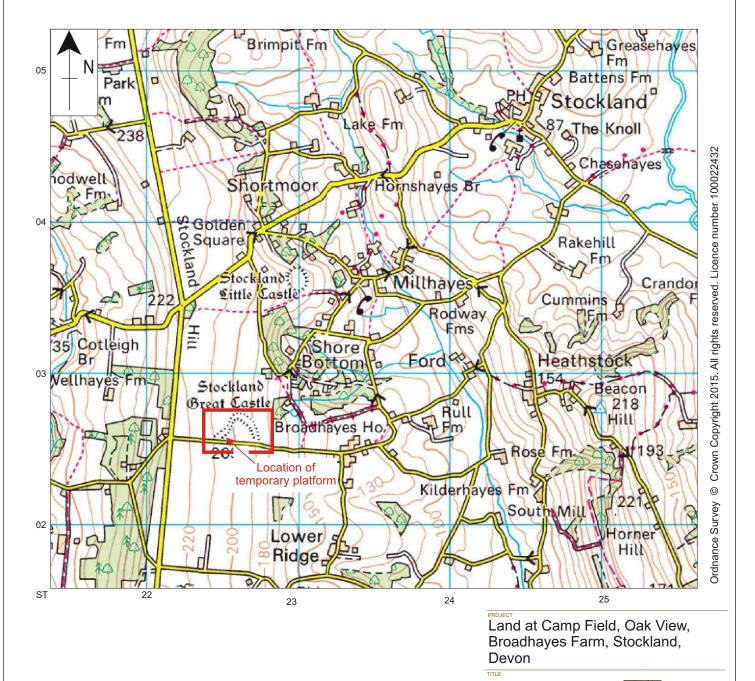


Fig. 1: Site location

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Plate 1: Pre-excavation view of temporary platform, looking northeast



Plate 2: View of reversal works showing profile through temporary platform, looking northwest



Plate 3: Showing completed reversal work to temporary platform, looking northeast



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