

LAND TO THE REAR OF 1 SOUTH HAYES, MODBURY, DEVON

(NGR SX 6575 5170)

Results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation

South Hams District Council Planning ref. 3013/15/FUL

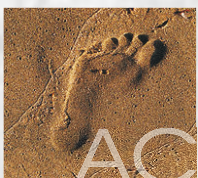
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Subject: Land to the rear of 1 South Hayes, Modbury, Devon: Results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation		Photo attached Plates 1-3
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Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1550	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 24 January 2017	
<p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological trial trench evaluation forming part of a programme of archaeological work was undertaken ahead of the construction of a detached dwelling on land at Back Street, Modbury, Devon (SX 6575 5170).</p> <p>The site lay within the historic core of Modbury on land to the rear of properties extending north from Church Street, in what would have been probable burgage plots. It comprised an irregularly-shaped plot which was occupied by a garden and lay on ground that sloped gradually to the south.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The work comprised the machine-excavation of three trenches totalling 24m in length, with each trench 1.6m wide. These were positioned to provide a sampled coverage the site.</p> <p>Natural subsoil, which consisted of a mid greyish-yellow clay, was exposed at a depth of between 0.7m and 1.35m below existing levels. It was overlain by a light yellowish-red clayey-loam that was sealed by one to two made ground deposits. These measured between 0.16m thick in Trench 1 to 0.7m thick in Trench 2 and consisted of mid brown silty-loam and re-deposited natural subsoil deposits. The made ground layers were overlain by a dark grey sandy-loam garden soil.</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed by the work. A small quantity of post-medieval pottery and glass was recovered from the garden soil.</p> <p>Findings by Naomi Payne</p> <p>The assemblage consists of four pieces of post medieval pottery and a single shard of glass. A single piece of westerwald porringer dating from 1750-1800 was recovered from Trench 1 garden soil context. A further three pieces of post medieval pottery were recovered from the garden soil in Trench 3 these are two sherds of industrial transfer printed white ware and single piece of a porcelain bowl base with a footring, this is likely to date to the late 18th century. The single glass shard is from a small green vessel.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The results from the trial trenching were negative, with no archaeological features exposed. A consistent overlying sequence of deposits demonstrated the presence of made ground sealing a buried subsoil throughout the site. This deposition was perhaps related to landscaping for the existing garden plot or the dumping of material from adjacent terraced properties.</p>		
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Plate 1: View of site, looking south



Plate 2: Trench 1, view to east (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Trench 1 showing overlying layer sequence, view to north (scale 1m)

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