

# HOWDEN LODGE, WILLAND OLD VILLAGE, WILLAND, DEVON

(NGR ST 03631 10413)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

Mid Devon District Council planning reference  
16/01953/HOUSE

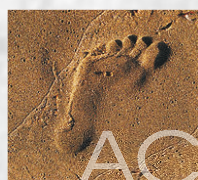
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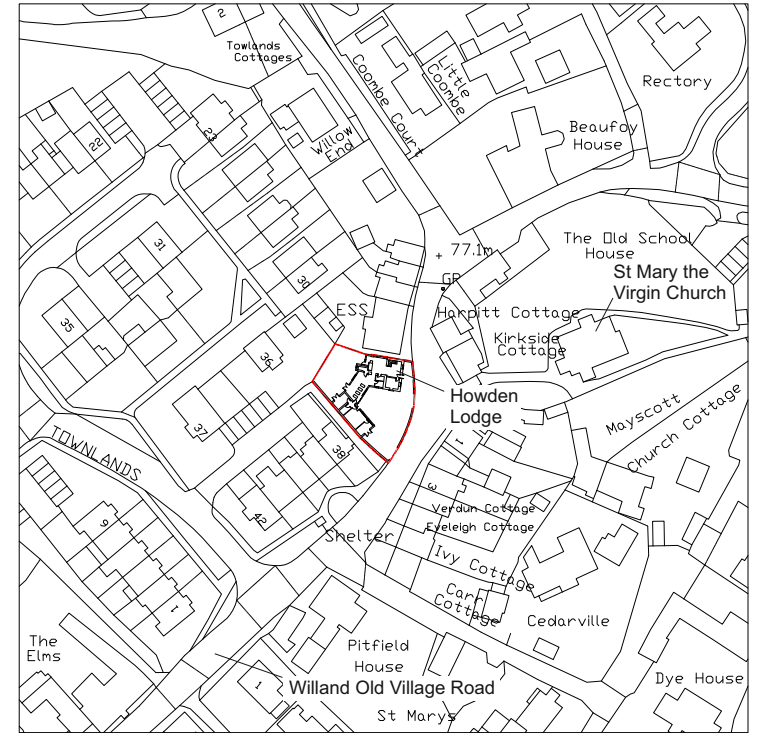
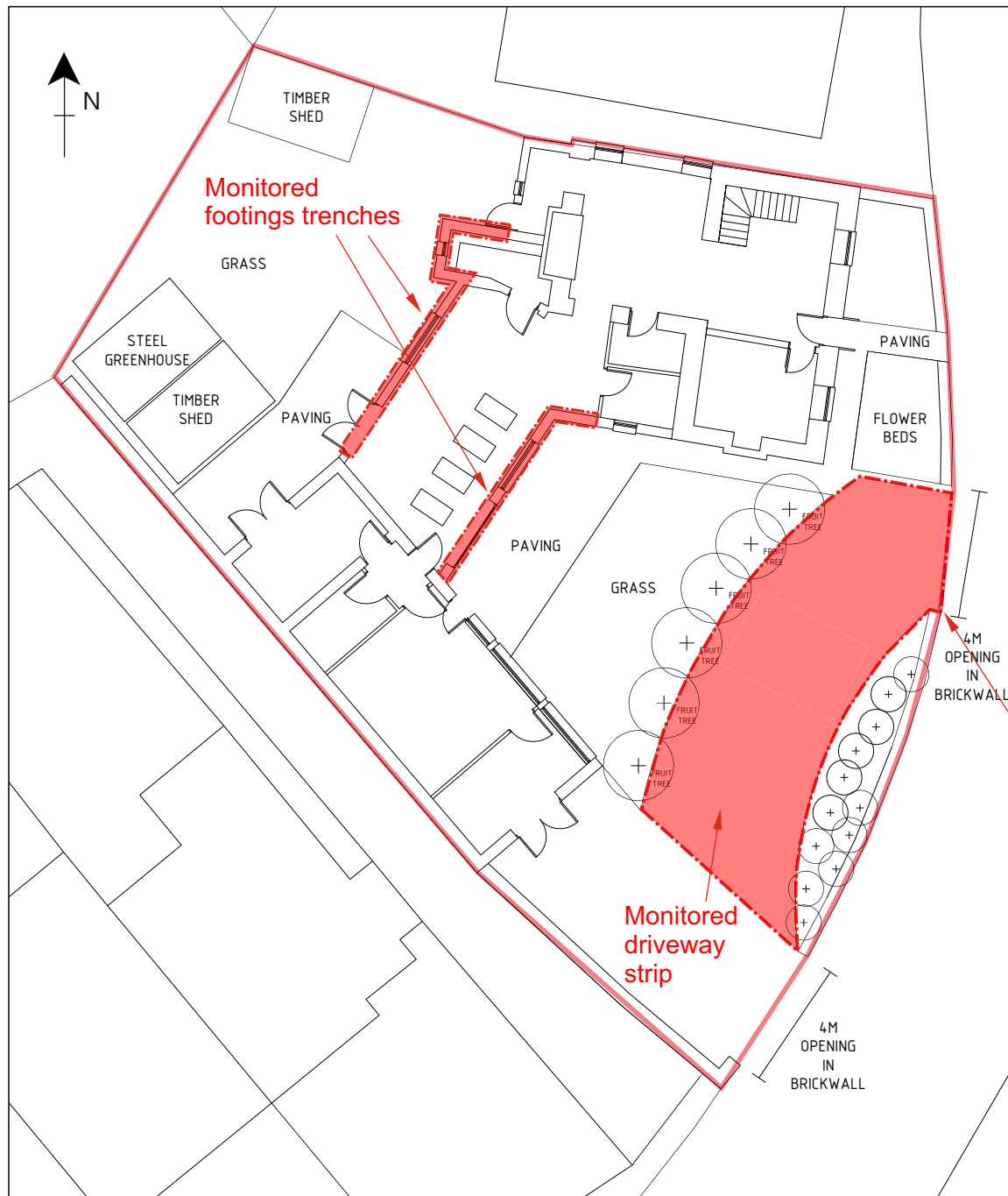


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Willand, Mid Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST 03631 10413	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Howden Lodge, Willand Old Village, Willand, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached?</b> Plates 1-4
<b>Planning Application no:</b> Mid Devon District Council planning ref 16/01953/HOUSE	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 286179	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1567	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 24 March to 11 May 2017	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the conversion to living accommodation of outbuildings, car port and construction of new vehicular access at Howden Lodge, Willand Old Village, Willand Devon (ST 03631 10413). Howden Lodge is located in the centre of Willand, to the west of St Mary the Virgin Church and Willand Old Village road (Fig. 1). It is made up of Howden Lodge to the north of the plot, with outbuildings to the southwest arranged around a lawn fronting Willand Old Village road. Monitored groundworks consisted of a breach through the existing brick boundary wall with Willand Old Village road, stripping for the new drive and footings trenches for a new link between Howden Lodge and existing outbuildings.</p> <p>The site lies in the historic core of Willand. St Mary the Virgin Church to the east dates from the 15th century, with 16th and 19th century additions. The wall forming the boundary with Willand Old Village road, the wall and railings of Kirkside property to the north, and an area of cobbled surface fronting Verbeer Cottages opposite Howden Lodge, have been considered to represent aesthetic historic features as part of a conservation area appraisal. The Willand parish tithe map of 1839 depicts Howdon Lodge with open garden plots to south. The plots are simply named 'house' and 'garden' in the accompanying tithe apportionment. The 1888 Ordnance Survey 25-inch map shows an outbuilding positioned against the southwest boundary, with further outbuildings shown to the northwest by the 1903 edition.</p> <p><b>Results (Fig.1)</b></p> <p><i>Brick boundary wall and driveway strip (Plates 1-3)</i></p> <p>The brick wall forming the boundary with Willand Old Village road measured 0.84m high and 0.22m wide at the breach point. It was constructed from industrially-made 20th century frogged bricks made by the London Brick company and was set upon a mixed stone and brick rubble footing. The stripping for the driveway exposed a mid brownish-red clay natural subsoil at a depth of 0.3m below a garden soil. This was only exposed for approximately 3.3m in plan from the Willand Old Village road frontage. Elsewhere, the stripping was not of a sufficient depth and was maintained with the garden soil. No archaeological features or deposits were exposed by this work.</p> <p><i>New link (Plate 4)</i></p> <p>Groundworks for the new link consisted of footings trenches that measured 0.65m wide that were excavated to a depth of 1.1m. These were positioned within an area that had, until the start of the development, has been occupied by outbuildings set within a terrace. Natural subsoil was exposed at a depth of around 0.4m below existing levels. It was overlain by a dark brown silty-clay subsoil and a thin deposit of mixed soils and rubble from the recent outbuilding demolition. No archaeological features or deposits were exposed in the footings trenches.</p> <p><b>Comments</b></p> <p>The boundary wall that extended along Willand Old Village road was made up of number of sections. The position of the breach was situated within a section that was likely to be of 20th century construction. No archaeological features were exposed by the groundworks for the new drive, although the depth of the stripping was largely of an insufficient depth to expose the natural subsoil throughout. The footings trenches for the new link were positioned within an area that had been previously terraced for some former early 20th century outbuildings.</p>		
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Monitored breach in brick wall

Monitored driveway strip

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**Fig. 1: Location of site with monitored  
 groundworks shown**





Plate 1: Showing Howden Lodge with pre-excitation view of brick wall breach position. Looking northwest (Scale 1m)



Plate 2: Section through breached brick wall. View to south (Scale 1m)



Plate 3: Working view of driveway strip. View to east



Plate 4: Showing footings trench between Howden Lodge and outbuildings. View to southwest (Scale 1m)

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