

THE FORMER SHIPPON, BUCKFAST ABBEY, DEVON

(NGR SX 74042 67371)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

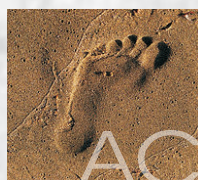
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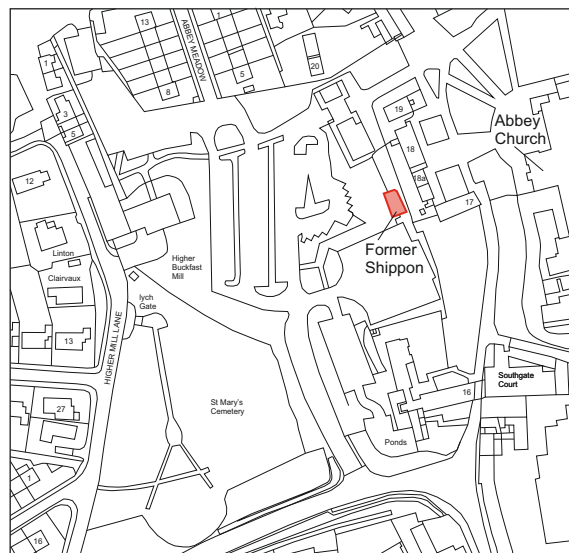
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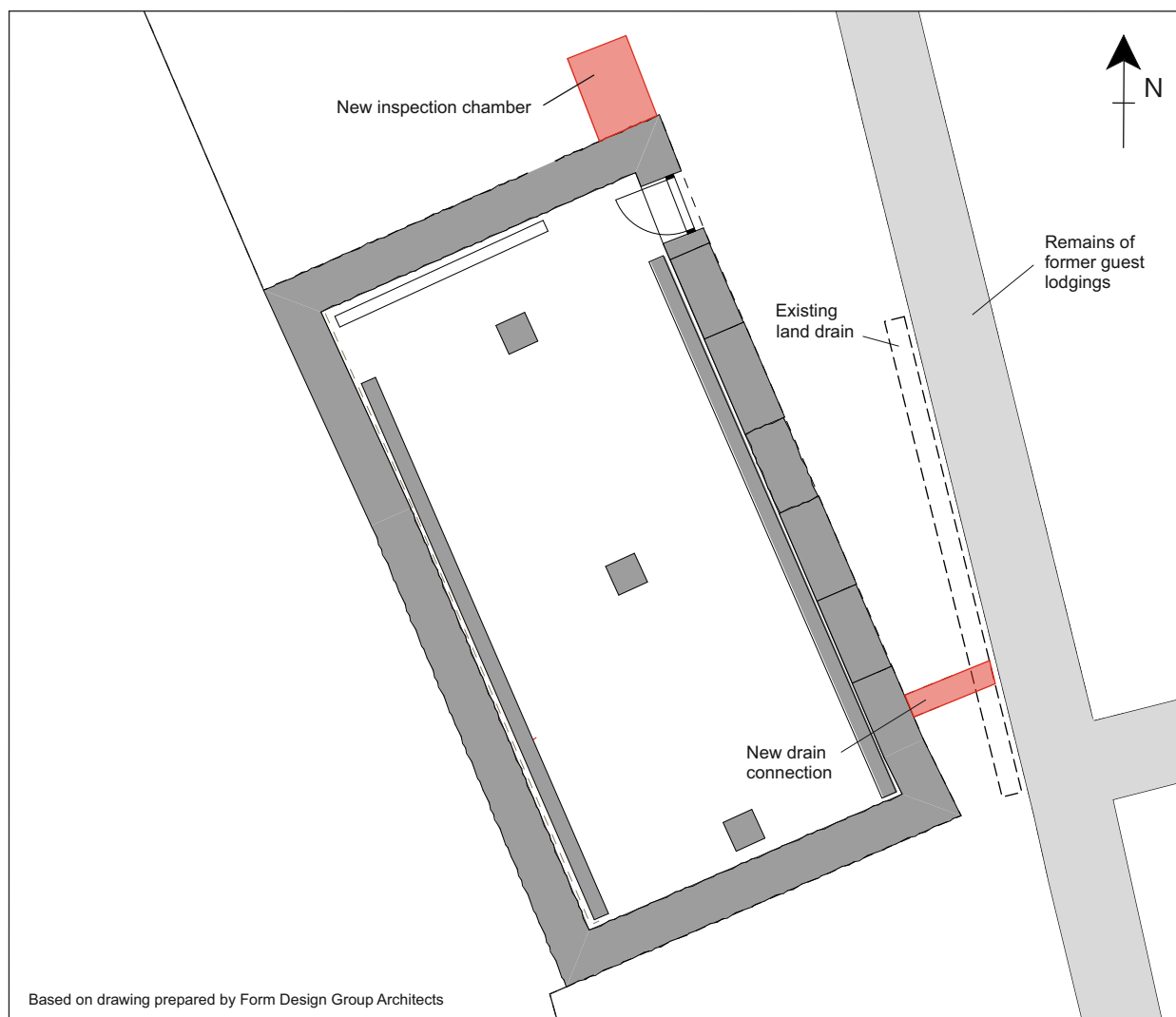
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Subject: The Former Shippon, Buckfast Abbey, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		Photo attached Plates 1-4
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1)</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the upgrading of a drain and a sewer at the Former Shippon, Buckfast Abbey, Devon (SX 74042 67371). The Former Shippon is located some 50m to the west of the abbey church and lies within its precinct outer court. The two-story stone-built Former Shippon is terraced into a sloping bank allowing for access to first-floor level from the west. The work comprised the hand-excavation of a trench for a drain connection and a pit for a sewer inspection chamber; both of which were external to the structure.</p> <p>The Former Shippon lies within a scheduled monument that incorporates the North Gate and part of the precinct area of Buckfast Abbey (Heritage List for England number 1019607). Originally dating from the early 11th century, the Saxon monastery was briefly converted to Savignac Rule before becoming Cistercian in AD1174. It was following this later change that the monastery buildings were rebuilt, visible remains of which include exposed footings of former guest lodgings immediately to the east of the Former Shippon.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-4)</p> <p><i>New drain connection</i></p> <p>The trench for the new drain connection measured 0.3m wide and was excavated to a depth of 0.35m below existing levels. While natural subsoil was exposed on the base of the western portion of the trench, its majority was excavated into the backfill of the existing ceramic land drain. The natural subsoil overlain by a 0.1m thick layer of loose gravel, which was then sealed by topsoil.</p> <p><i>New inspection chamber</i></p> <p>The pit excavated for the inspection chamber measured approximately 1m across and was dug down against the north corner of the building. It was excavated to a depth of 1.2m below existing levels, with this through the trench backfill of an existing sewer pipe that was exposed in the base of the pit. A single sherd from a 19th century Staffordshire type transfer printed plate was recovered from the backfilled material.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed during the monitored groundworks. Despite their location adjacent to medieval building remains, the limited excavations were largely positioned within trench backfills of an existing drain and sewer. No pre-modern finds were recovered.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Site location and position
of monitored groundworks



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Plate 1: Showing Former Shippon building with medieval building remains in foreground View to northwest

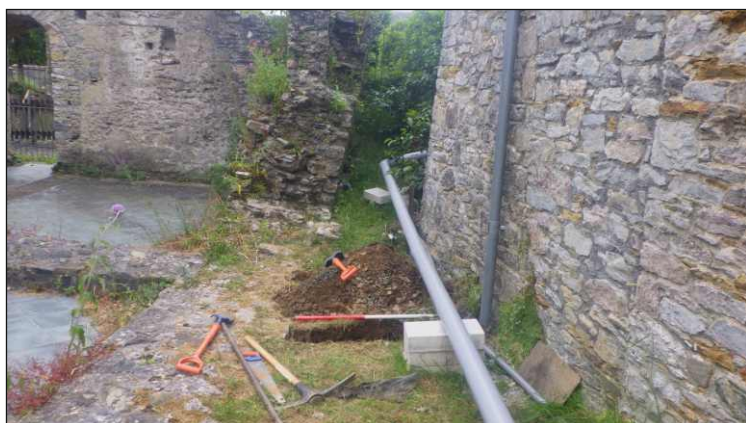


Plate 2: General view of new drain connection trench, looking south (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Showing detailed view of new drain connection trench. View to south (scale 1m)



Plate 4. Showing pit for new inspection chamber. View to west (scale 1m)

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