

2 BROOK COTTAGES, NETHERTON, DEVON

(NGR SX 89271 71285)

Results of an archaeological watching brief

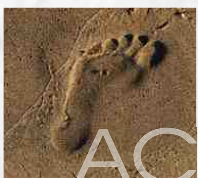
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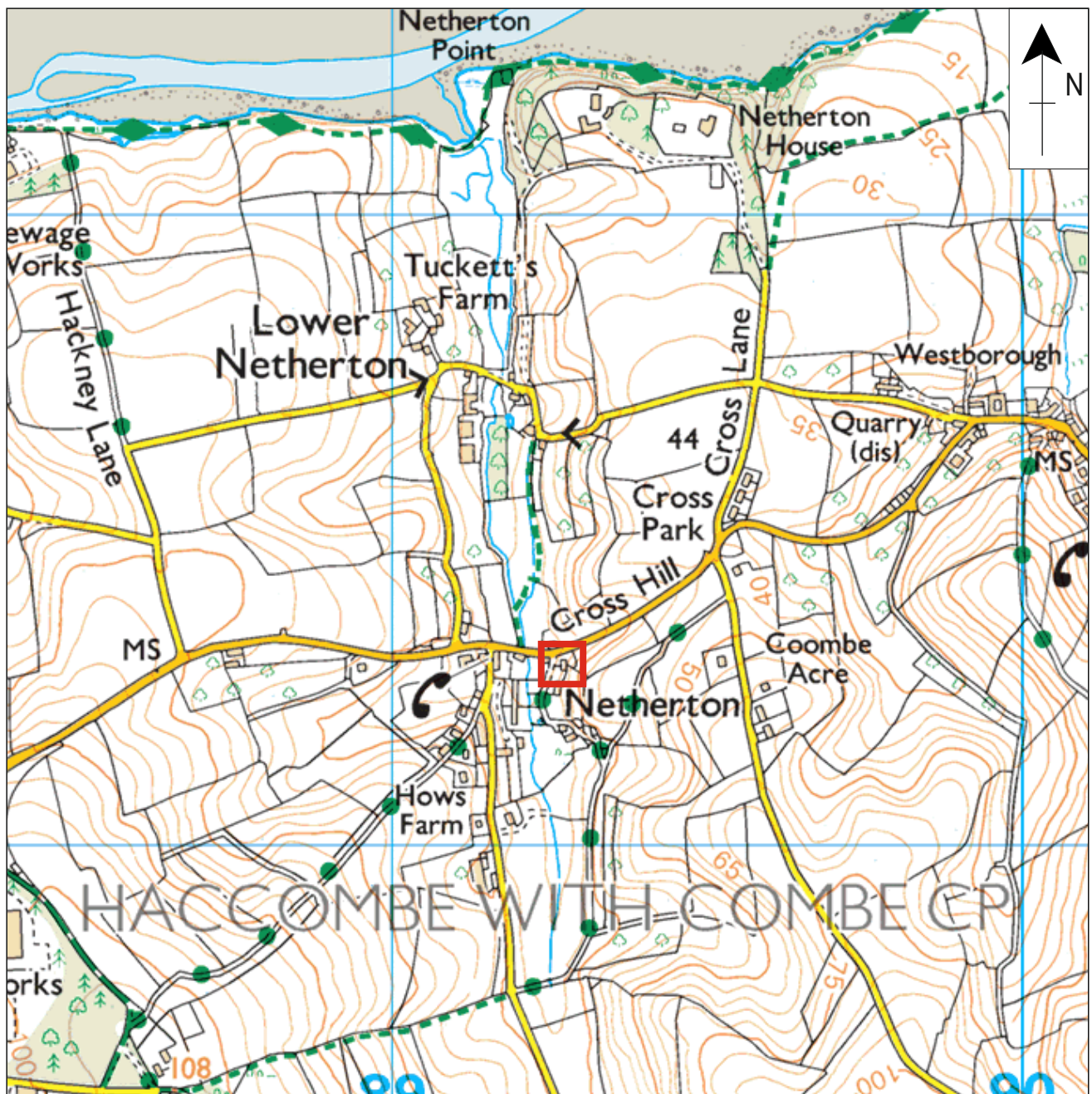
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Civil Parish & District: Teignbridge	National Grid Reference SX 89271 71285	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: 2 Brook Cottages, Netherton, Devon		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 17/01854/FUL	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: 302332	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1706	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 23 and 24 October 2017	
Description of works. Introduction An archaeological watching brief was undertaken during groundworks for a new stair turret at the Grade II Listed 2 Brook Cottages, Netherton (Fig. 1). The works formed part of the restoration of the property, which was damaged by fire on 30 August 2016. The building had been the subject of a full architectural survey (Govier <i>et. al.</i> 2017), prepared in support of planning and Listed Building Consent applications for rebuilding. This identified the location of a probable, now removed, stair turret at the rear of the property, which had been replaced by internal staircases. Results (Plates 1-3) An area measuring approximately 1m by 4.40m, located adjacent to the north end of the house, was reduced by 0.80m below the current surface (Fig. 2). The following feature and deposits were exposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 – 0.05m deep layer of modern concrete forming the current surface behind the house. • 102 – Natural mid brown-red breccia • F101 – Sewer trench aligned north-south cutting through 102 to a maximum depth of 0.55m, and backfilled with mid brownish-red loose breccia fragments. Comments It was clear from the investigations that the ground to the rear of the house has been extensively disturbed in the 20th century, and that no archaeological deposits are present; there was therefore no evidence for the historic stair turret that is thought to have been located here. Render had been removed from the east elevation of the house confirming the previous observation that the wall was initially constructed using cob. It also exposed stone rebuilds (or refacing) at the north and south ends of the wall. The former incorporated the first-floor window and probably relates to the reconfiguration of openings after the removal of the stair turret. The 'cob band' of the possible stair turret recorded previously was not present as a feature, and appears to have been a thicker layer of modern plaster. The rebuilding to the south probably forms part of a larger, perhaps contemporary or slightly earlier, rebuilding of the south end of the building; previous observations had identified that the south wall at ground-floor level was a stone rebuild. This report along with the OASIS entry represent the archive for the project. Source Consulted Govier, L., Passmore, A., and Jones, A., 2017. <i>2 Brook Cottages, Netherton, Devon, (SX 89271 71285), Results of Historic Building Recording, Teignbridge District Council planning references 16/03001/FUL and 16/03002/LBC</i> , AC archaeology document no. ACD1539/1/0		
A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.		
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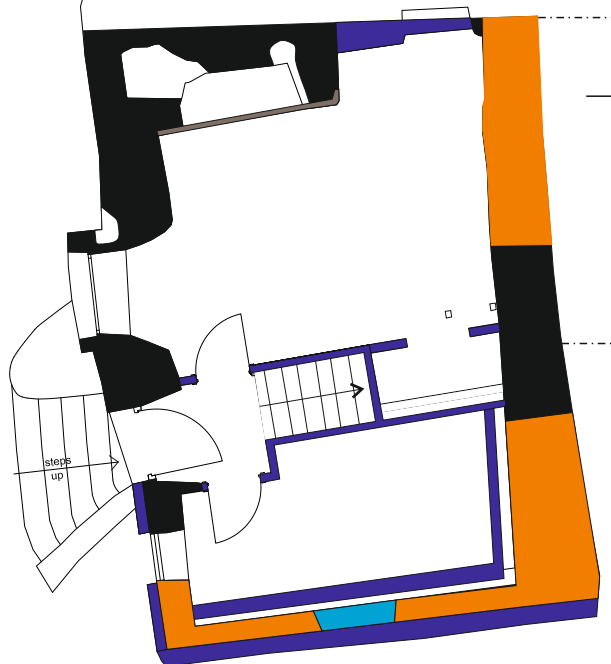
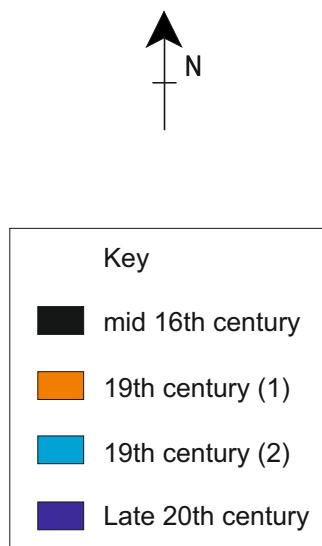
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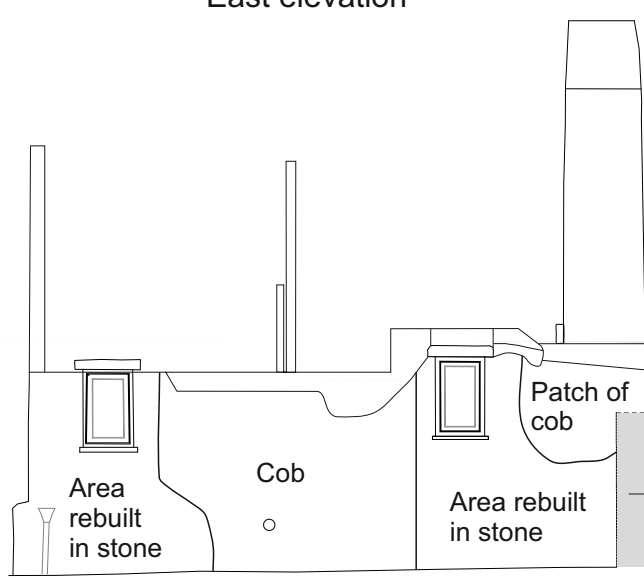
Fig. 1: Site location

Ground-floor plan

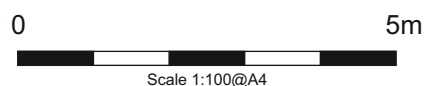


Area reduced under supervision

East elevation



Projecting extension to No. 1



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Fig. 2: Simplified phased floor plan showing location of observations, and east external elevation



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Plate 1: General view of area reduced and north end of east elevation, looking north



Plate 2: General view of excavations showing service trench cutting into the natural, looking south (1m scale)



Plate 3: General view of south end of east elevation showing stone rebuilding, looking southwest

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