

20 MARKET STREET, APPLIEDORE, DEVON

NGR SS 46519 30519

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

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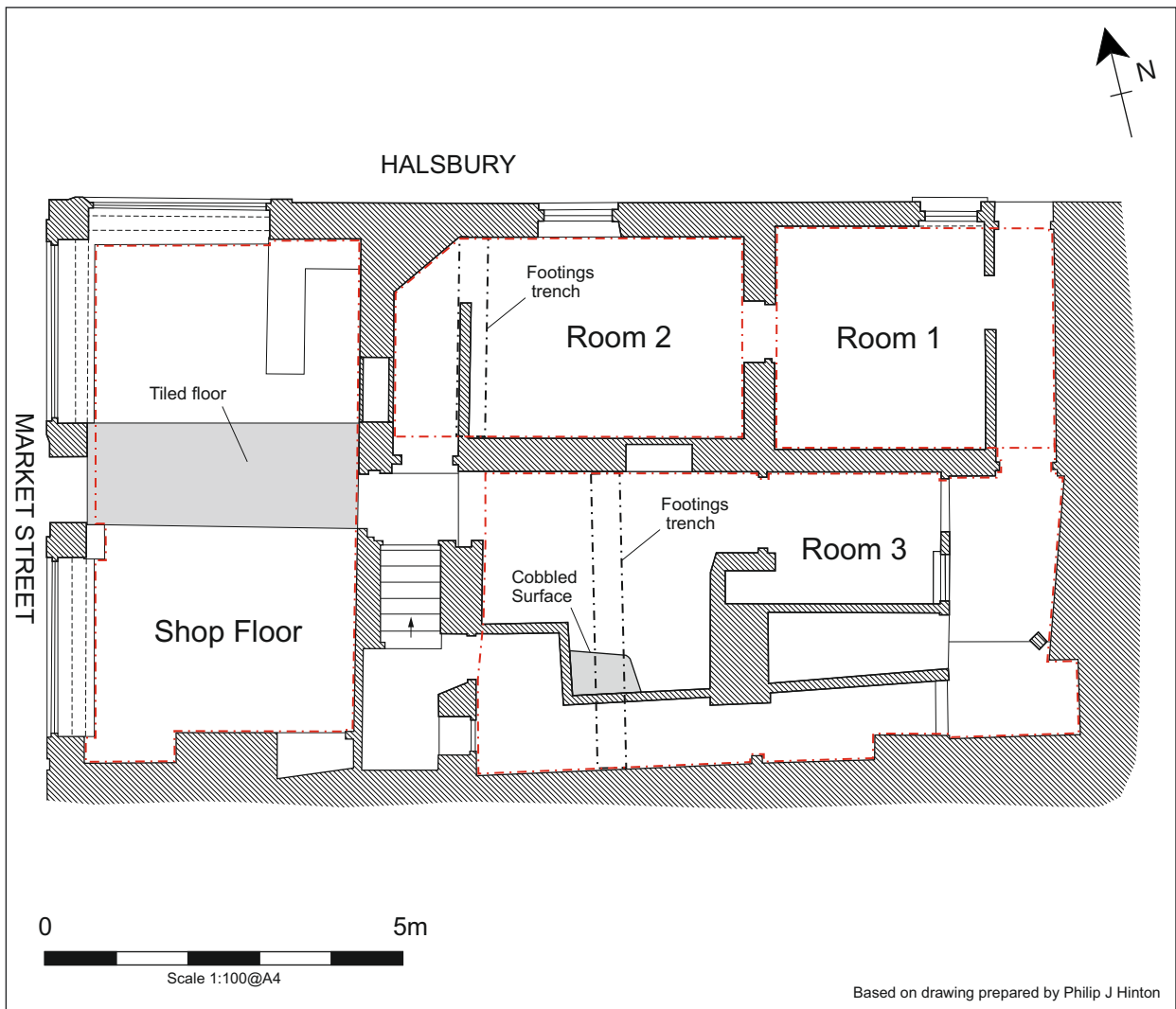
<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Northam, Torridge	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SS 46519 30519	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> 20 Market Street, Appledore, Devon. Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached?</b> Plates 1-3
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<p><b>Introduction</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with internal alterations to 20 Market Street, Appledore, Devon (SS 46519 30519). The property lies on the east side of Market Street and is bounded to the north by Halsbury, a lane which extends east to the Quay (Fig. 1). Located within the historic core of Appledore, 20 Market Street is Grade II-Listed and comprises a probable early-19th century brick corner house with an early to mid-19th century shop front (National Heritage List for England reference 1104700).</p> <p><b>Results</b> Monitoring was carried out on the ground floor within the Shop Floor and Rooms 1, 2 and 3 (Fig. 1). This was during excavations that comprised the removal of existing 20th-century partitions, reduction of floor levels, and, excavation of footings trenches for new partitions.</p> <p><i>Shop Floor (Plate 1)</i> Extending between the front door and entrance to Room 3 to the rear were 19th century floor tiles that divided a concrete surface to the north and south. These surfaces were reduced by 0.25m into a crushed stone and rubble make up layer.</p> <p><i>Room 1 (Plate 2)</i> Following the removal of a partition wall to the east, the floor within Room 1 was reduced by approximately 0.2m into a stone rubble make-up layer. This was present beneath a suspended floor.</p> <p><i>Room 2 (Plate 3)</i> Following removal of a suspended floor, monitored groundworks within Room 2 comprised the bulk reduction of the floor and the excavation of a new footing. The excavation for the floor and footing measured a total of 0.55m deep. This exposed a dark brown sandy-loam soil from which four undiagnostic post-medieval clay tobacco pipe fragments and a sheep/goat tooth were recovered. The soil layer was overlain by a 0.05m thick concrete surface, which was then sealed by a 0.25m thick rubble make up layer. Two further fragments of clay tobacco pipe and a pig scapula, a pig humerus and a medium sized rib were recovered from the rubble layer.</p> <p><i>Room 3 (Plate 4)</i> Groundworks within Room 3 comprised the bulk reduction of the floor level and excavation of footings trenches following the removal of existing partitions. These were excavated to a maximum of approximately 0.6m below an existing concrete floor surface into a dark brown sandy-loam soil, from which a fragment of undiagnostic post-medieval clay tobacco pipe, an oyster and a cockle shell were recovered. The soil layer was overlain in the southwest corner of the room by a small section of cobbled surface, which abutted the wall. This was formed of water-worn pebbles and measured 0.08m deep.</p> <p><b>Comments</b> Deeper groundworks exposed a buried soil present beneath 19th century and later made ground and floor surfaces present within the property. Finds recovered from the soil, which although not closely-dated, have provided a post-medieval to 19th century date. The cobbled surface, which abutted the existing walls and overlay the soil layer is likely to be 19th century and represent part of a largely removed former floor.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and ground floor plan with monitored areas shown





Plate 1: Shop Floor with floor tiles. Looking west towards entrance (scale 1m)



Plate 2: Room 1, view to west following floor reduction (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Room 2, view to west following removal of partition and floor reduction (scale 1m)



Plate 4: Showing area of cobbled surface in Room 3. View to southwest (scale 1m)

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