

LAND AT THE THREE TUNS INN, EXETER ROAD, SILVERTON, DEVON

(Centred on NGR SS 95485 02722)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

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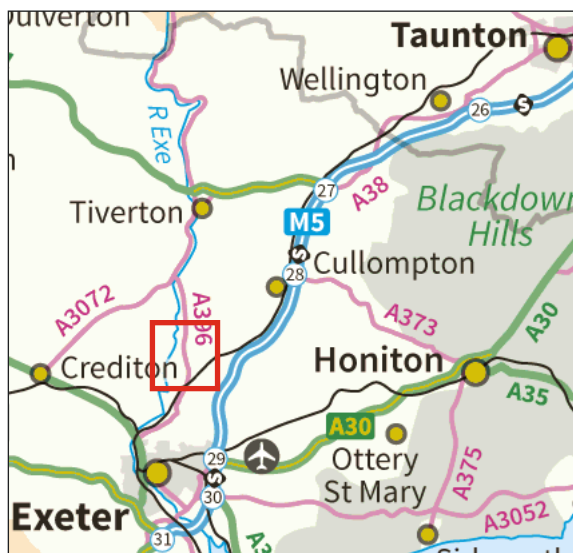
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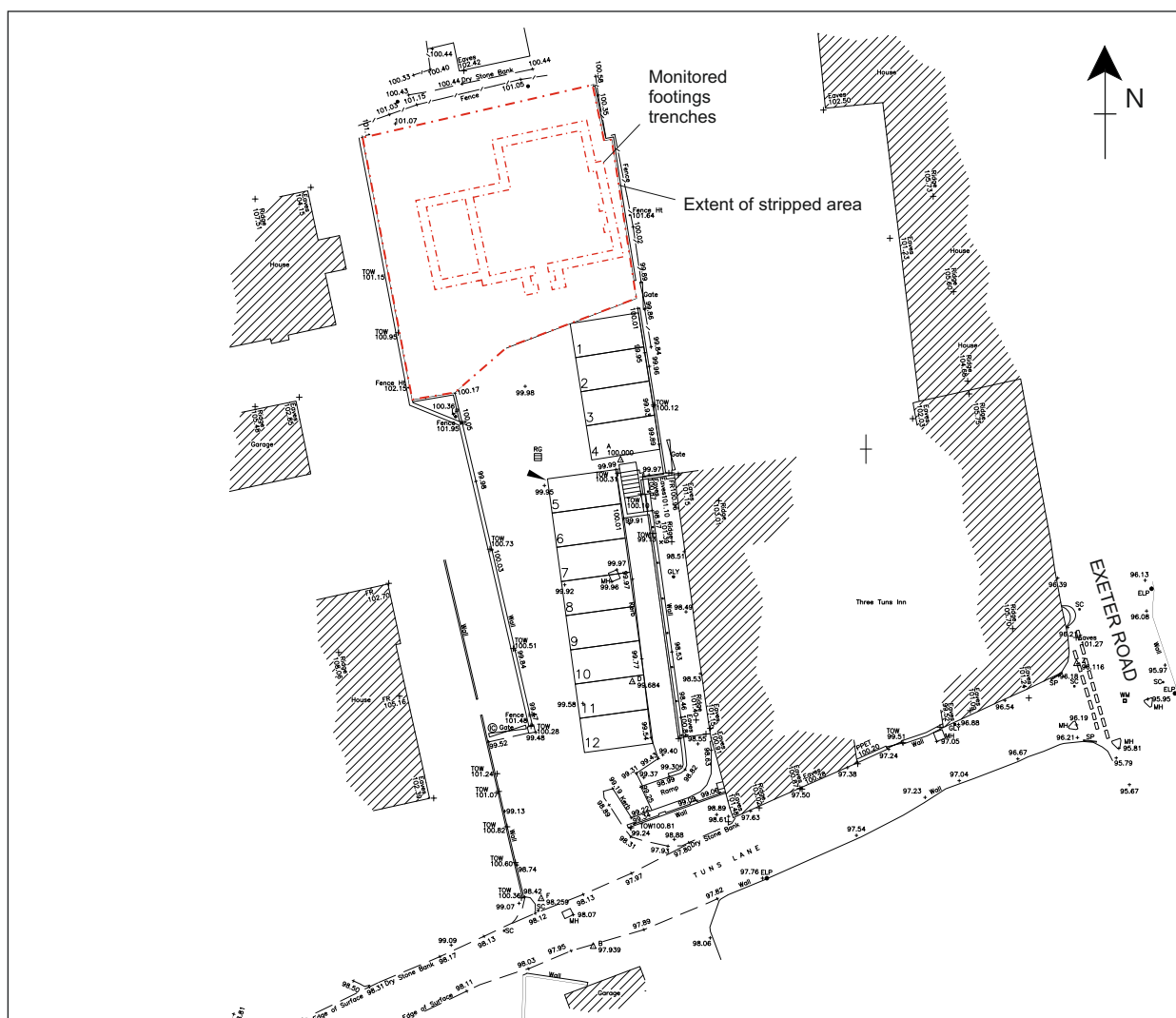
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Civil Parish & District: Silverton, Mid Devon	National Grid Reference SS 95469 02761	Number:
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<p>Introduction</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the erection of a dwelling on land at the former Three Tuns Inn, Exeter Road, Silverton, Devon (SS 95469 02761). The site lies on the southwest side of Silverton and to the rear of the former inn, which fronts onto Exeter Road (Fig. 1). It comprises part of the associated car parking area, which was situated on flat ground at 87m aOD (above Ordnance Datum). The underlying solid geology comprises breccia of the Cadbury Breccia Formation (www.bgs.ac.uk).</p> <p>The Three Tuns Inn, which is Grade II-listed, dates from the 17th to 18th centuries and comprises a cob building with stone footings and thatched roof. The adjacent properties, nos. 10 and 12 Exeter Road are also Grade-II listed and constructed in a similar style. The site is located on periphery of the historic core of the village, with adjacent plots having been used during the post-medieval period as orchards.</p> <p>The 1842 Silverton parish tithe map depicts the position of the proposed development site as occupying part of a wider plot named '<i>Orchard</i>' in the accompanying tithe apportionment.</p> <p>Results (Fig.1)</p> <p>Groundworks comprised an area strip of approximately 15m square, followed by excavation of footings trenches for the new dwelling. Footings trenches measured 0.6m wide.</p> <p>Natural subsoil, which consisted of red gravels in a sand and grit matrix, was exposed at a depth of approximately 1.1m below existing levels. The natural subsoil was overlain by a 0.4m thick mid brownish-red sandy-loam subsoil and a 0.3m thick dark reddish-brown silty-loam buried topsoil. This was then sealed by a 0.4m thick made ground layer comprised of redeposited natural subsoil and tarmac of the former car park surface. In the northwest corner of the site, the edge of the tarmac surface was overlain by a dump of mixed soils and concrete rubble.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed by the groundworks and no finds were recovered. The buried subsoil and topsoil exposed beneath more recent layers (principally associated with the former car park surface) are likely to represent post-medieval cultivation soils. Based on the 1842 Silverton parish tithe map, these soils are perhaps associated with the former use of the plot as an orchard.</p>		
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Scale 1:500@A4

Based on drawing provided by Phillip Price Architectural and Topographical Surveyors

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Fig. 1: Location of site with monitored area shown



Plate 1: View of site following area strip, looking northwest



Plate 2: View of footings trenches looking northeast



Plate 3: Showing buried soils beneath made ground deposit. View to south (scale 1m)

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