

LAND AT SWEETLANDS FARM, UPOTTERY, HONITON, DEVON

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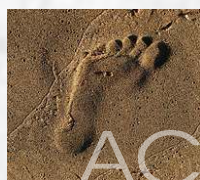
Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief

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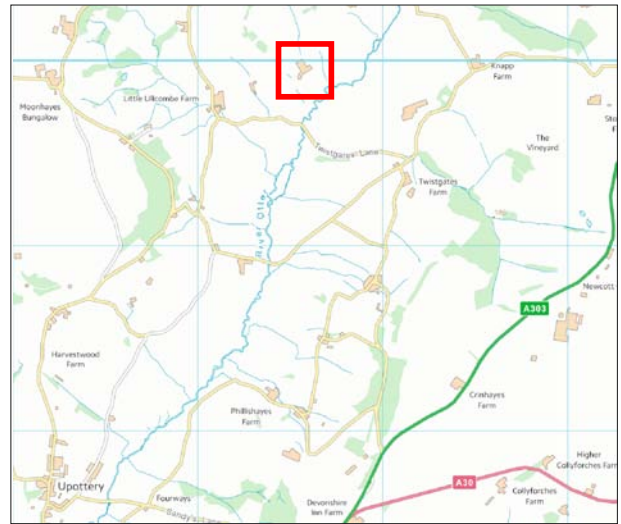
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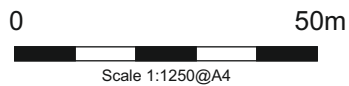
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Civil Parish & District: Honiton, East Devon	National Grid Reference ST 2159 0992	Number:
Subject: Land at Sweetlands Farm, Upottery, Honiton, Devon		Photo attached: Plates 1-2
Planning Application no: 19/0125/FUL	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: 348511	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD2003	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 28 March 2019	
Introduction <p>An archaeological watching brief was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new livestock agricultural building. The site comprised part of a field positioned immediately to the south-east of the current farm buildings. The monitored groundworks covered an area of 11m x 22m and consisted of stripping the area of topsoil in preparation for the new building (Fig.1; Plates 1-2).</p> <p>The site is located immediately west of where a large quantity of iron slag was found in a ploughed field (Devon County Council Historic Environment ref. MDV47423). Samian pottery and pieces of Roman tile were also found. A subsequent geophysical survey identified where the slag was most concentrated, indicating a dump of material, furnaces or smithing areas. Trial trenching recovered vitrified and burnt iron working waste and tap slag, together with sherds of Roman pottery suggesting that the site was worked during the first century AD. Immediately to the west are earthwork banks associated with a possible enclosure or field boundaries (MDV116772).</p>		
Results <p>The groundworks for the new building comprised the stripping of a dark brown sandy silt topsoil, prior to the whole area being overlain with aggregate. The area was stripped to a depth no greater than 0.3m to reveal the surface of a mid-brown sand silt agricultural subsoil. A small area of made ground was also graded into a slope along the northern edge of the excavation area.</p>		
Comments <p>The results from the archaeological monitoring were negative. No archaeological features, deposits or finds were exposed, either due to their absence or the shallow depth that was required by the groundworks.</p> <p>This report and the associated OASIS entry represent the archive for the project.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and area monitored





Plate 1: General view of the monitored area following stripping, view to the east



Plate 2: General view of the monitored area following stripping, view to the west

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