

# LAND AT EAST FARM COTTAGE, EAST CHARLETON, DEVON

(Centred on NGR SX 7620 4270)

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

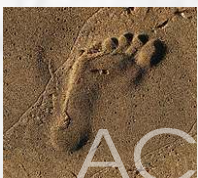
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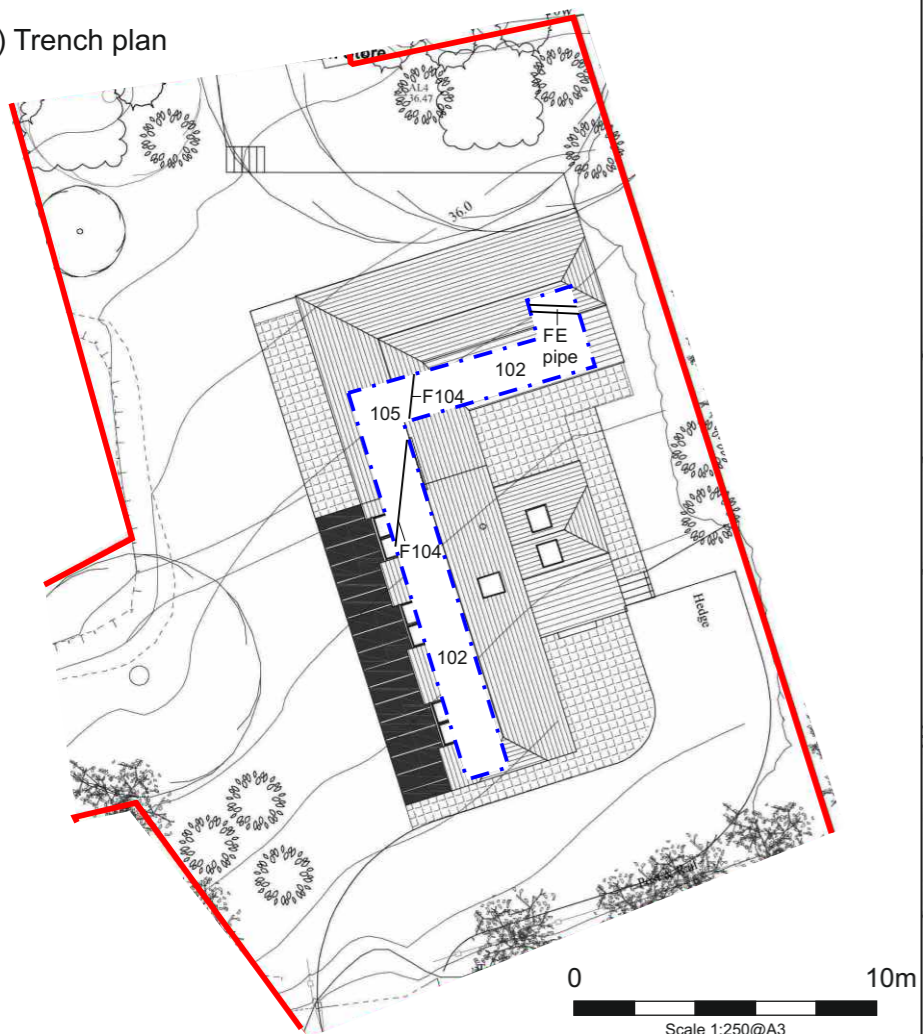
# Devon Historic Environment Record

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<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD2043		<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 12th June 2019																				
<p><b>Description of works</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology ahead of groundworks associated with the construction of a new 4-bed dwelling with private driveway and parking, on land at East Farm Cottage, East Charleton (<i>Fig. 1</i>). The works were required as a condition of planning consent. The site covers 0.06 hectares on currently grass-covered ground which is relatively flat but gently sloping down to the south to the access track to East Barn Cottage (<i>Plate 1</i>). The surrounding landscape, however, is steeply sloping between the access track and the A379. The site lies at around 38m above Ordnance Datum, with the underlying solid geology comprising slate, siltstone and sandstone of the Meadfoot Group (<a href="http://www.bgs.ac.uk">www.bgs.ac.uk</a>).</p> <p>The main archaeological interest for the site is that it is located to the east of a probable Bronze Age scheduled round barrow cemetery (DCC HER ref. MDV63930; National Heritage for England ref. 1019788). The Charleton tithe map of 1840 shows that the site was part of an orchard at that time.</p> <p>The archaeological work comprised one L-shaped machine-excavated trench measuring 1.4m wide and 13m long NW-SE and 8m NE-SW within the footprint of the proposed new building which was agreed with DCC HET to take place ahead of groundworks. Natural subsoil (102) was exposed at a depth of 0.84m below the ground level. The general deposit sequence observed was as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Context no.</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Depth b.g.s.</th> <th>Interpretation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100</td> <td>Mid greyish-brown silty clay</td> <td>0-0.16m</td> <td>Topsoil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>103</td> <td>Mid yellow to red silty clay with common to abundant shillet/shale fragments</td> <td>0.16-0.34m</td> <td>Redeposited natural</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101</td> <td>Mid yellowish-brown silty clay</td> <td>0.34-0.84m</td> <td>Subsoil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>102</td> <td>Mid reddish-brown silty clay with abundant shillet/shale fragments</td> <td>0.84m+</td> <td>Natural</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>A dump of redeposited natural subsoil (103) was exposed across the majority of site, which perhaps indicates a levelling layer (<i>Plate 2</i>). There were no finds from any of the overlying deposits. In the NW corner of the trench a feature (F104) cutting the natural was exposed (<i>Plate 3</i>). This was only partially exposed in the trench and had minimum dimensions of 5.2m long by 2.2m wide. This was not excavated but had a fill (105) composed of dark greyish-brown silty clay. The top of the fill contained pieces of modern china.</p> <p><i>Comment</i></p> <p>One feature was exposed which may have been a hollow or wide ditch and was probably of late post-medieval or modern date. This late feature and the re-deposited natural levelling layer across the site indicates that there has been some excavation and levelling of the site in modern times. This may have involved works within the orchard, which was still present in the late 20th century according to mapping and aerial imagery.</p>			Context no.	Description	Depth b.g.s.	Interpretation	100	Mid greyish-brown silty clay	0-0.16m	Topsoil	103	Mid yellow to red silty clay with common to abundant shillet/shale fragments	0.16-0.34m	Redeposited natural	101	Mid yellowish-brown silty clay	0.34-0.84m	Subsoil	102	Mid reddish-brown silty clay with abundant shillet/shale fragments	0.84m+	Natural
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a) Site plan

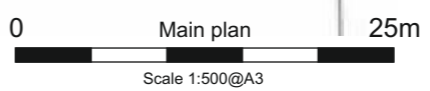


b) Trench plan



Legend

Site boundary



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Fig. 1: Location of site and trench plan

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Plate 1: General view of the site, looking east



Plate 2: Representative section, showing redeposited natural (103) beneath the topsoil (1m scale)



Plate 3: Location of feature F104, looking northwest (1m scale)

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