LAND AT BROADHAYES FARM, STOCKLAND , HONITON, DEVON

(NGR ST 2316 0244)

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

East Devon District Council Planning Reference: 18/2400/FUL (Condition 3)

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Civil Parish & District: Stockland, East Devon	National Grid Reference ST 2316 0244		Number:	
Subject: Land at Broadhayes Farm, Stockland, Honiton, Devon				Photo attached Plates 1-3
Planning Application no: 18/2400/FUL		Recipient museum: N/A		
OASIS ID: 354148		Museum Accession no: N/A		
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD2063		Dates fieldwork undertaken: 2 October 2019		

Introduction (Fig. 1)

Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of an agricultural workers' dwelling on land at Broadhayes Farm, Stockland, Honiton, Devon (ST 2316 0244). The site lies some 2.4km to the southwest of Stockland and to the south of an unnamed road extending east from Stockland Hill. It occupies part of a plot immediately to the west of Broadhayes Farm complex. This area, which was partially terraced, had been used for spoil and material storage.

The site lies approximately 450m to the east of Stockland Great Castle scheduled monument. This comprises a large Iron Age hillfort bisected by the road extending between Broadhayes Farm and Stockland Hill to the west. The potential for prehistoric activity directly on the site had also been suggested by the record of a small number of worked chert pieces having been recovered. Broadhayes House comprises a Grade II* listed county house dating to the mid-18th century, with the site of associated grounds consisting of kitchen and fruit gardens, flower beds, tennis court and lawns having previously lain to the south of this. The current site, which lies to the west of the former associated grounds, lies in an area that is likely to have previously been used an orchard.

Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-3)

Monitored groundworks comprised the removal of topsoil from the area followed by the excavation of footings trenches These exposed the natural subsoil, which consisted of a compact silty clay containing very frequent angular flint nodules up to 500mm, at a depth of between 0.6m and 0.75m below existing levels. It was overlain by a 0.3m to 0.45m mid-reddish-brown silty clay subsoil, which was then sealed by a mid brown silty-loam topsoil.

No archaeological features or deposits were exposed and no finds were recovered.

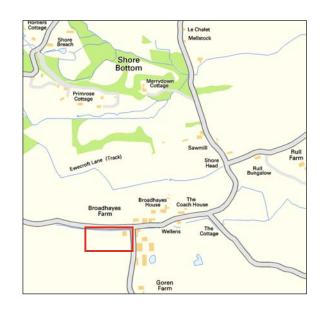
Comments

The results from the monitoring were negative with no archaeological features or deposits exposed. There was no evidence for activity associated with the nearby prehistoric activity or finds spots.

This report represents the archive for the project.

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Plate 1: General view of site, looking west



Plate 2: General working view of excavated footings trenches, looking southeast



Plate 3: Representative section of footings trench, view to north (scale 1m)



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