

LAND AT BRIXTON HOUSE, BRIXTON, DEVON

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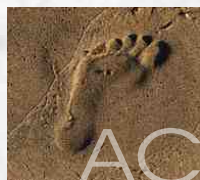
Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

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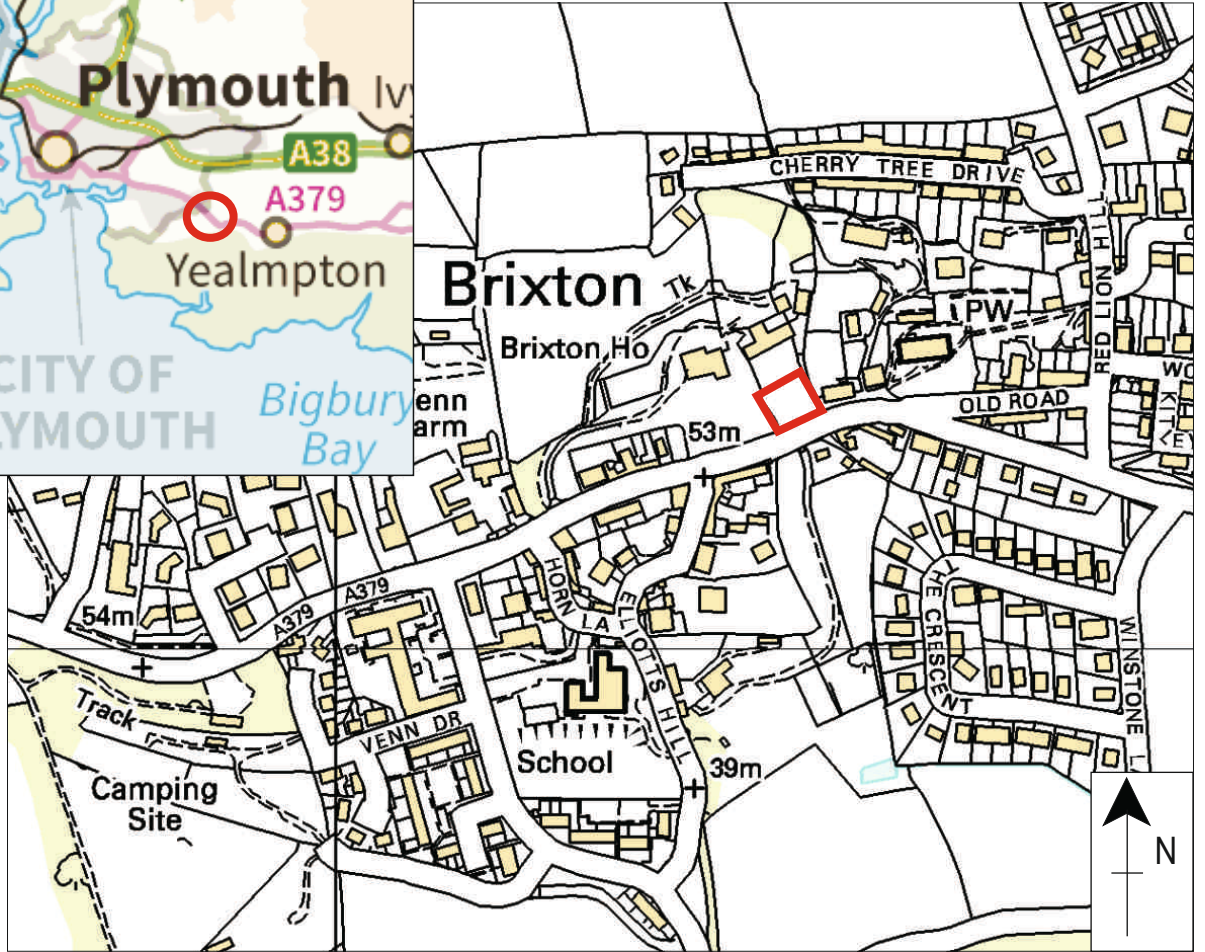
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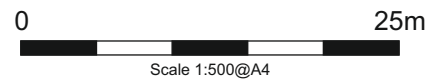
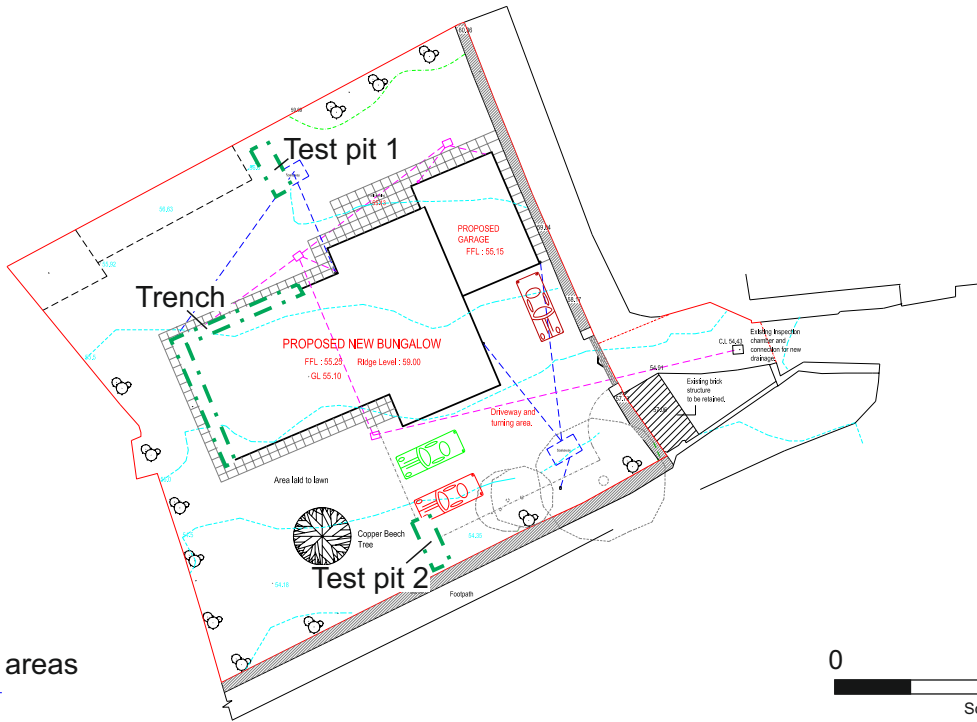
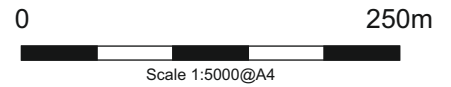
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| Civil Parish & District: Brixton, South Hams | National Grid Reference SX 5529 5216 | Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in) |
| Subject: Land at Brixton House, Brixton, Devon | | Photo attached? Y |
| Planning Application no: 1962/18/FUL | Recipient museum: N/A | |
| OASIS ID: 357233 | Museum Accession no: N/A | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: ACD2084/1/0 | Dates fieldwork undertaken: 31st July 2019 | |
| <p>Description of works</p> <p>Introduction (Fig. 1) Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken during groundworks associated with the construction of a single-storey dwelling with associated garage within a former walled garden of Brixton House, A379 Chittleburn Hill to Red Lion Hill, Brixton, Devon (SX 55299 52164). Brixton House is located in the centre of Brixton on the north side of the A379. The site lies at a height of 62m above Ordnance Datum), with the underlying solid geology consisting of Middle Devonian Slates.</p> <p>Archaeological background Brixton is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Bristona'. The estate later became divided, with records surviving until 1428. The place name is thought to mean the 'farmstead of a man called Brioc', being derived from the common OE word tun meaning settlement, with the first element likely to be a Celtic personal name. The site is situated within the historic core of Brixton, approximately 60m to the west of the Grade-I Listed parish Church of St Mary (National Heritage List for England reference 1325213), which has a 13th-century tower with late 15th-century nave. Brixton House, which is Grade-II listed (National Heritage List for England reference 1107858), is a large detached late 18th or early 19th dwelling. The 1839 Brixton parish tithe map depicts the site within the grounds of Brixton House in what appears to be formal gardens.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-4) Two test pits measuring 1.3m wide and totalling 7m in length and an L-shaped trench measuring 0.8m wide and totalling 16m in length were excavated under archaeological supervision. The same deposit sequence was exposed in all interventions: 0.38-0.42m thick topsoil consisting of medium brown, friable sandy loam with rare sub-angular stone inclusions measuring up to 30mm long overlying a natural deposit of a medium brown-yellow sandy clay with common sub-angular slate inclusions. No archaeological features or deposits were exposed, and no finds recovered.</p> <p>Comments No archaeological features or deposits were exposed. The deposit sequence is consistent with the historic use of the area as a garden. The lack of any agricultural soils indicates that the plot was relandscaped when the house and associated gardens were constructed.</p> <p>This report and the associated OASIS entry represent the archive for the project.</p> | | |
| <p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p> | | |
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Fig. 1: Site location and location of monitored areas





Plate 1: View of site, looking southeast



Plate 2: View of trench, looking southeast (1m scale)



Plate 3: View of test pit 1, looking west (1m scale)



Plate 4: View of test pit 2, looking east (1m scale)

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