

LAND AT THE OLD WELL GARDEN CENTRE, UFFCULME, CULLOMPTON, DEVON

(NGR ST 0560 1392)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

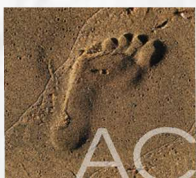
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<p>Introduction: (<i>Fig. 1a</i>) Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during improvement works to The Old Well Garden Centre, Uffculme, Cullompton, Devon (ST 0560 1392). The site lies approximately 1.5km to the northwest of Uffculme and occupies a parcel of land to the south of Waterloo Cross at the junction between the B3181 and the A38 roads. It comprises a main garden centre building complex with associated forecourt, nurseries, car parking and hardstanding.</p> <p>The site lies within historically agricultural land, with a series of former field boundaries interpreted from cropmarks and geophysical survey results within the plots surrounding the site. These boundaries likely represent parts of medieval and post-medieval field patterns that have subsequently been opened up.</p> <p>Results: (<i>Plan Fig.1a and sections Figs 1b-1c; Plates 1-2</i>) The work entailed the monitoring of groundworks comprising the ground reduction in an area of former carpark measuring approximately 23m by 13m. Within this area six foundation pads measuring 2m square were excavated.</p> <p>Natural subsoil (context 102) was exposed within the foundation pads and partially within the stripped area. This was exposed at a depth of 0.42m below existing levels and comprised of a mid-reddish brown sandy gravel. It was overlain by a 0.3m thick mid-reddish brown silty sand subsoil (101), which was in turn beneath a gravel surface of the former car park area (100).</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed, and no finds were recovered.</p> <p>Comments: The results from the monitoring and recording were negative, with no evidence for previous occupation exposed.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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Plate 1: General view of site, looking east



Plate 2: Representative section of stripped area. View to northwest (scale 1m)

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