

LAND OFF HACKPEN HILL, BLACKBOROUGH, DEVON

(NGR ST 1083 1216)

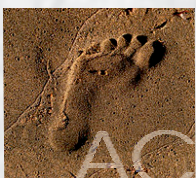
Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

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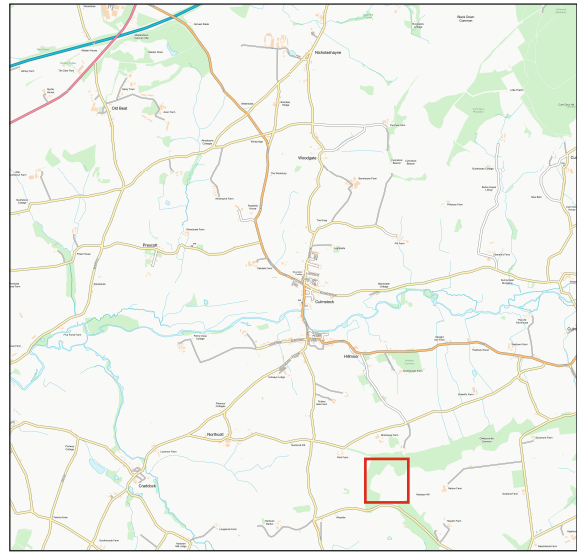
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1) Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new stable block on land off Hackpen Hill, Blackborough, Devon (ST 1083 1216). The site lies on land to the north of Hackpen Hill, some 3.3km to the northeast of Blackborough. It comprises part of a wider pasture field bounded to the south by a wooded area that is bisected by a track linking from Hackpen Hill. The site is situated at around 247m aOD (above Ordnance Datum) on land that slopes down to the southwest from the nearby top of Hackpen Hill.</p> <p>The site lies in an area associated with the extraction of ironstone, marl, and gravels between the medieval period and the 19th century. These have been recorded from historic mapping, earthwork, and Lidar data as a series of pits or linear workings. Two such pits have been recorded in the wider plot to the northeast of the development. These comprise oval shaped hollows measuring 36m and 28m in length. This evidence for extraction now lies within a field pattern that was set out following an award of enclosure during the 19th century.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plate 2) Monitored groundworks comprised the machine excavation of a rectangular area measuring approximately 20m by 10m for the new stable block. Natural subsoil, which consisted of a light brownish yellow silty clay with abundant gravels, was exposed at a depth of around 0.5m below existing levels. It was overlain by a mid-brownish grey silty clay loam, which was in turn sealed by a dark grey sandy silt loam topsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed, and no finds were recovered.</p> <p>Comments Despite the site being in an area of historic extraction, there was no evidence exposed for this nearby industrial activity. No finds were recovered from the overlying soils that could be associated with occupation in the general area.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored area

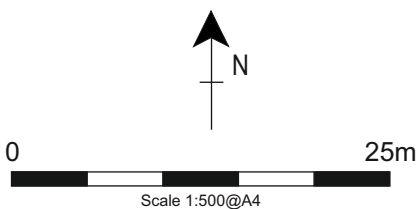




Plate 1: General view of site looking southwest



Plate 2: Showing stripped area, view to west (scale 1m)

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