LAND SOUTH OF ROSEMOUNT, EAST STREET, IPPLEPEN, DEVON

(NGR SX 8395 6672)

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

Teignbridge District Council Planning References 17/01859/OUT (condition 9) and 19/02272/REM (condition 2)

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Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Ipplepen, Teignbridge	National Grid Reference SX 8395 6672		Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)		
Subject: Land south of Rosemount, East Street, Ipplepen, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording Plates 1-2					
Planning Application no: 17/01859/OUT and 19/02272/REM		Recipient museum: N/A			
OASIS ID: 398678		Museum Accession no: N/A			
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Introduction

Archaeological monitoring and recording during groundworks associated with the construction of a new dwelling and associated access was undertaken by AC archaeology on land south of Rosemount, East Street, Ipplepen (SX 8395 6672). The site lies close to the centre of Ipplepen and comprises what was the associated garden area of Rosemount house, which fronts East Street to the north (Fig. 1). It is situated on flat ground at around 66m aOD.

The site lies at the edge of the historic core of Ipplepen. Rosemount house to the north is Grade-II listed and comprises a large two storey house dating to around 1840 (Plate 1). Earlier activity dating from the Romano British period has been recently recorded in the area around the nearby Crosslands some 600m to the southeast. Here Exeter University have investigated settlement in an extensive area associated with a Roman road. Further evidence for Romano-British activity comprising pits containing pottery and a bronze brooch has been recorded 500m to the west ahead of development phases at the Ipplepen Health Centre. The 1842 Ipplepen parish tithe map depicts the (presumably) recently completed Rosemount house, with the site located to the south occupying part of a plot named as '*Back Orchard*' in the accompanying tithe apportionment.

Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-2)

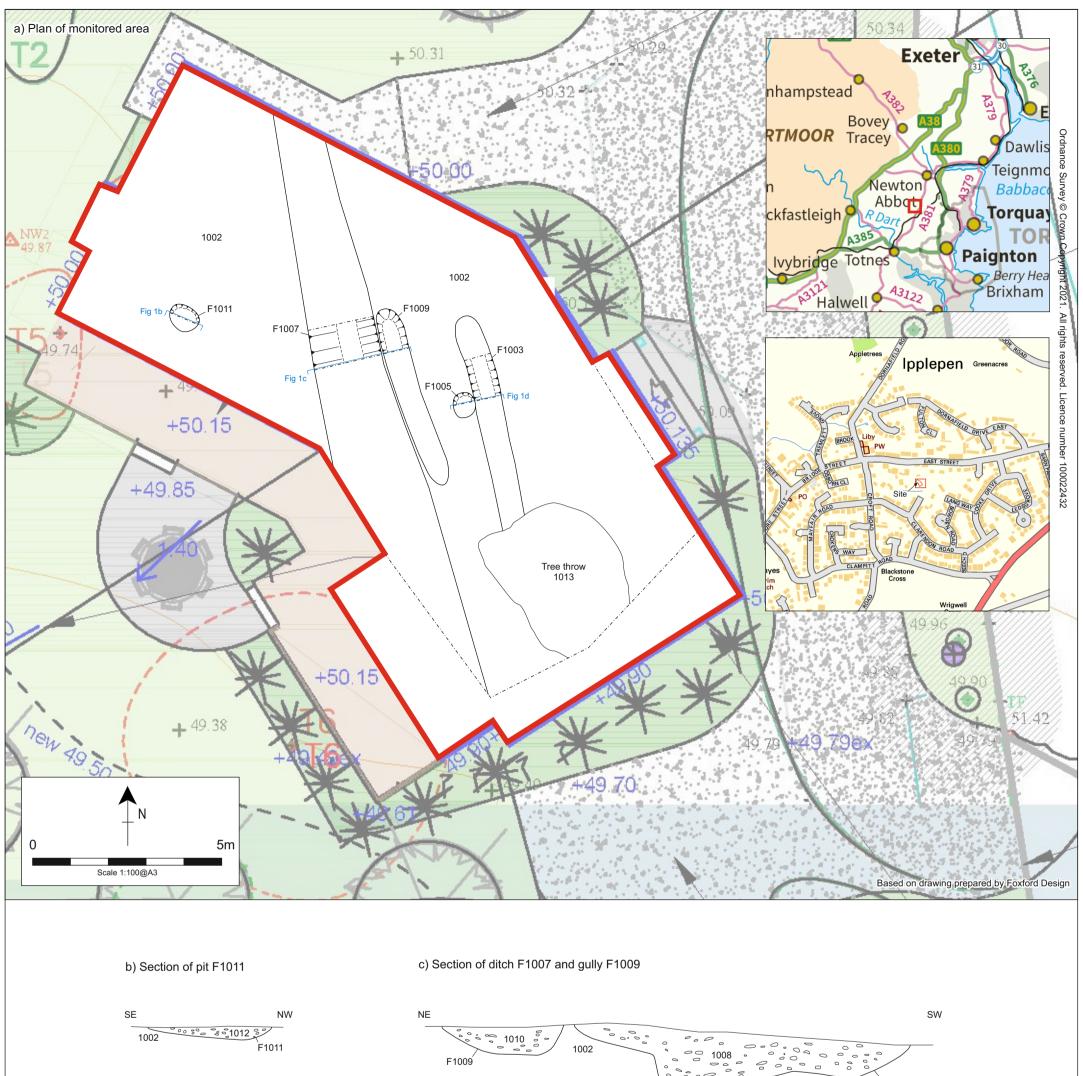
Monitored groundworks comprised the bulk reduction of the footprint of the new dwelling using a tracked machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket (Plate 1). Natural subsoil (context 1002), which consisted of a weathered slate in a light greyish yellow clay matrix, was exposed at a depth of 0.4m beneath subsoil and garden soil layers (1001 and 1000 respectively). A total of five archaeological features were exposed by the groundworks. These consisted of three approximately north to south aligned shallow ditches (F1003, F1007 and F1009) and two small pits or possible postholes (F1005 and F1011). Small pit or possible posthole F1003 was cut into the fill (1004) of ditch F1003. A tree throw pit (1013) was also exposed in the southeast extent of the site, with this cutting into ditch F1003. A sherd of pottery from a 17th/18th century South Somerset-type jug was recovered from ditch F1003 and a sherd of Roman pottery comprising a footring of a Standard Lezoux samian ware bowl, likely to date from *c*. AD 120-200, was recovered from tree throw 1013.

Comments

The recovery of the 17/18th century pottery sherd from ditch F1003 and its common alignment with the other ditches (F1007 and F1009) suggest that they are all likely to date from the post-medieval period and represent phases of a former boundary extending back from East Street to the north. Pit F1005 was also likely to be of post-medieval or later date based on its relationship as cutting into the edge of ditch F1003. Pit or possible posthole F1011 was also undated but perhaps of a similar date to the other activity present. The recovery of the Roman pottery from the modern tree throw feature represents a residual find. Nevertheless, it reflects and provides additional indication of Roman occupation in Ipplepen.

This report comprises the archive for the project.

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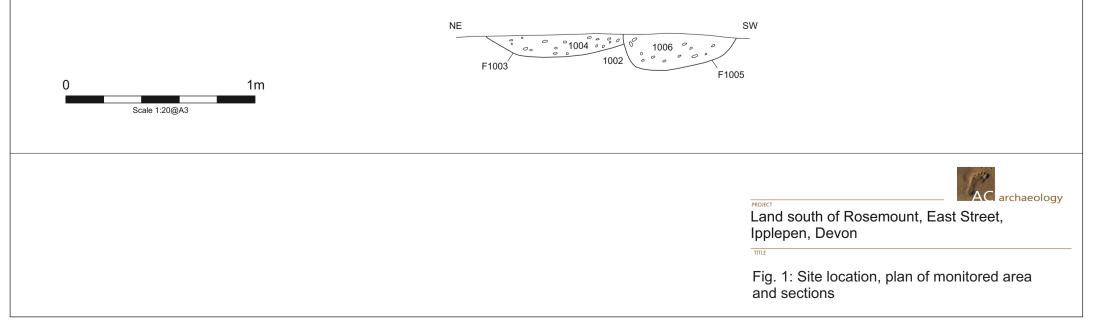




Plate 1: General view of the site, work in progress, looking northwest with Rosemount behind



Plate 2: Ditch F1007, looking north (1m scale)

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