

LAND AT GROVES FISHLEIGH, SANCTUARY LANE, HATHERLEIGH, DEVON

(NGR SS 55470 05777)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

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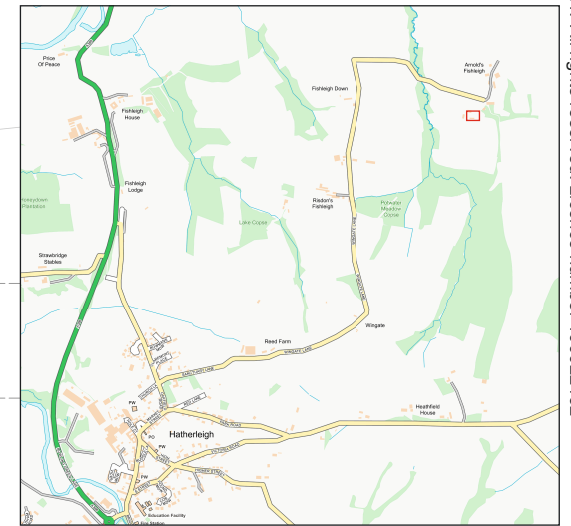
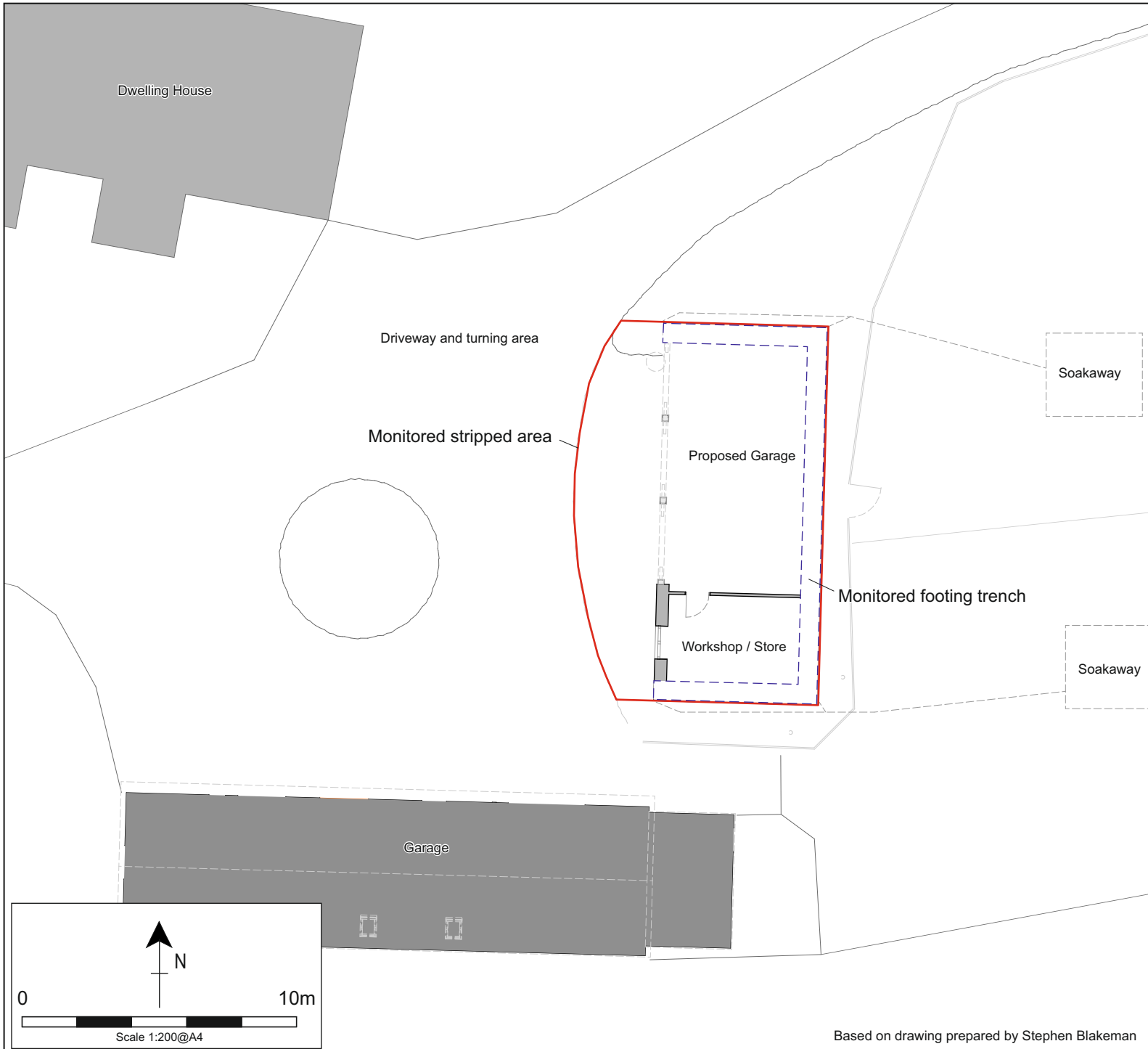
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1)</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by AC archaeology ahead during the construction of a new combined garage, workshop, and office on land at Groves Fishleigh, Sanctuary Lane, Hatherleigh, Devon (SS 55470 05777). Groves Fishleigh lies within agricultural land approximately 1.8km northeast of Hatherleigh. It comprises a farmhouse and two outbuildings arranged around a courtyard with associated gardens and grounds. The position of the new combined new garage, workshop, and office building is located on the east side of the courtyard.</p> <p>Groves Fishleigh Farmhouse is Grade-II listed and dates from the 17th century. It comprises a two-storey stone rubble and cob constructed house with thatched roof. One of the outbuildings associated with the farmhouse is also Grade-II listed. This lies to the southwest and comprises a cob and rubble walled threshing barn of 18th century date. The 1839 Hatherleigh parish tithe map depicts the site, then named 'East Fishleigh', in detail. The farmhouse is shown with a now absent range extending to the south. Its associated buildings are also depicted in the position of the listed barn and second current outbuilding, while a further structure is shown on the site of the new development. This building, which is no longer present, appears on Ordnance Survey mapping until the mid-1950s.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 2-3)</p> <p>Monitored groundworks comprised the bulk reduction of the site followed by the excavation of a footings trench. Natural subsoil, which consisted of a light greyish yellow silty clay with mudstone inclusions to mid grey weathered slate in a silty clay matrix, was exposed within the footings trench and intermittently within the bulk reduced area. The natural subsoil was overlain by an intermittent dark grey silty loam soil deposit (102) that had common charcoal and ash inclusions. This was a maximum of 0.07m thick. In the southeast corner of the site the natural subsoil was overlain by a 0.25m thick mid-grey clayey loam subsoil (104) that had clinker inclusions and moderately common ceramic roof tile fragments (sample retained see below). This and deposit 102 were overlain by a mid-grey silty clay redeposited natural subsoil levelling layer (101) and topsoil (100). Two sherds of post-medieval pottery were recovered from levelling layer 101.</p> <p>Note on finds by Naomi Payne</p> <p>The only finds recovered during the monitoring and recording were two fragments of ceramic roof tile from subsoil 104, and two sherds of pottery (a body sherd of redware and a rim sherd from a Willow pattern plate or bowl) from levelling deposit 101. All of the finds date from the 19th century.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>The results from the monitoring and recording were largely negative. No <i>in situ</i> structural remains associated with the building shown on historic mapping were exposed. The area had been landscaped in recent times with the importation of levelling layer 101 and the existing topsoil. Nevertheless, possible roofing tile fragments present in the exposed subsoil (104) may relate to its demolition during the 20th century and remnant soil 102 had the potential to represent a deposit associated with its use.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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**Fig. 1: Location of site and
 monitored groundworks**



Based on drawing prepared by Stephen Blakeman



Plate 1: General view of ongoing works. Looking northwest towards Groves Fishleigh



Plate 2: Working view of footings excavation. Looking south



Plate 3: Representative section of soils over natural subsoil in southwest corner of site. View to east (scale 0.4m)

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