9 NEW INN COURT, CULLOMPTON, DEVON

(NGR ST 01999 07171)

Results of an archaeological trench evaluation

Mid Devon District Council planning reference 20/01736/FULL

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Civil Parish & District: Cullompton, Mid Devon District Council	National Grid Reference ST 01999 07171		Number:	
Subject: Land at 9 New Inn Court, Cullompton, Devon: Results of an archaeological trench evaluation				Photo attached: Plates 1-3
Planning Application no: 20/01736/FULL		Recipient museum: N/A		
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Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1)

An archaeological trench evaluation was carried out by AC archaeology on land at 9 New Inn Court, Cullompton, Devon (ST 01999 07171). The site is located in the centre of Cullompton and occupies a plot to the rear of properties fronting the west side of Fore Street. It is accessed from New Inn Court and comprises an area previously occupied by an industrial unit adjacent to No. 9. The site is situated at a height of approximately 60m above Ordnance Datum, with the underlying solid geology comprising permian sandstone of the Cadbury Breccia Formation overlain by Quaternary colluvium.

The site is located at the rear of burgage plots of medieval origin that extending back from Fore Street, which historic maps depict as being undeveloped until the present properties were constructed in the later 20th century.

Results (Fig. 1; Plates 2-3)

The archaeological work comprised the excavation of a single trench, which measured 14m long and 0.75m wide. Natural subsoil (context 104), which consisted of a light-yellow sandy clay, was present at a depth of around 0.7m below existing levels. It was overlain by two made ground layers (102 and 103), which were then sealed by a concrete surface (101). The trench contained a total of 17 pre-existing utilities, their accompanying service trenches and a concrete footing. No pre-modern archaeological features or deposits were exposed. Four sherds of post medieval pottery were recovered from the made ground layers.

Note on finds by Naomi Payne

The only finds from the evaluation were four small sherds (8g) of 18th to 19th century pottery. The sherds included three pieces of Staffordshire-type white ware (a cup rim and two body sherds) and a very small body sherd of tinglazed earthenware.

Comments

The groundworks exposed an extensive sequence of modern interventions and 18th to 19th century made ground layers over the natural subsoil. No evidence for earlier activity was exposed.

This report represents the archive for the project.

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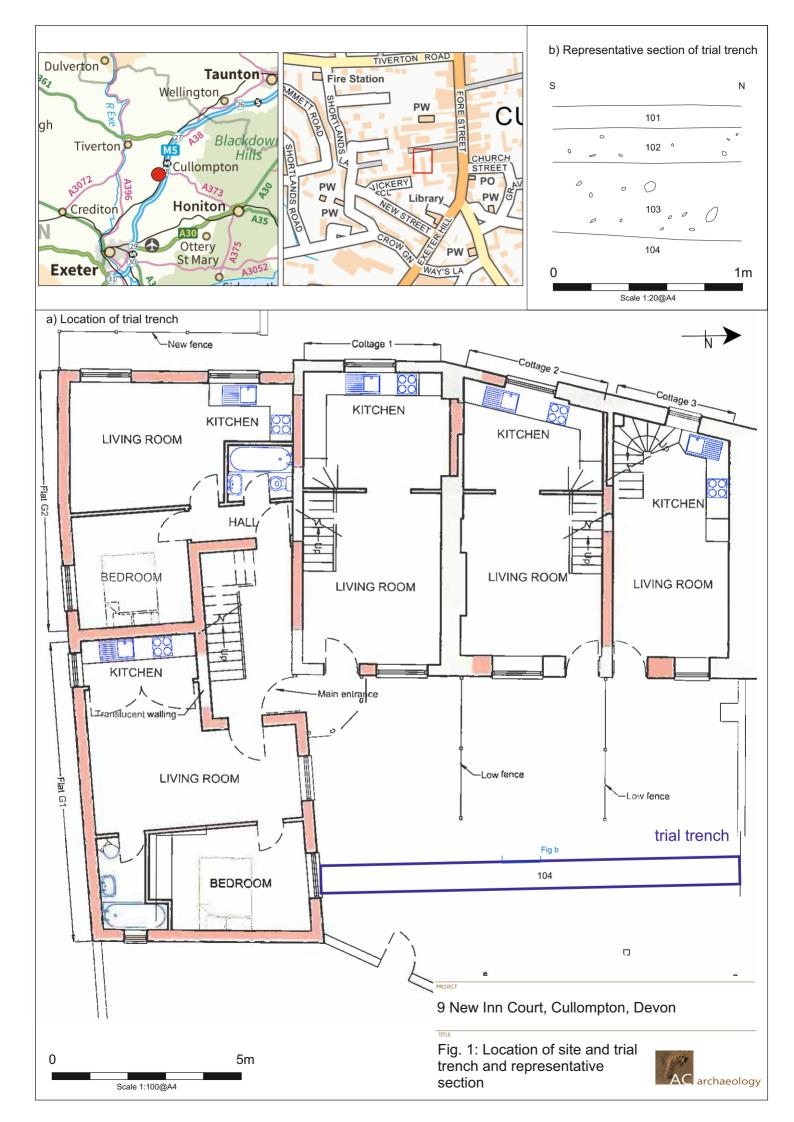




Plate 1: General view of the site looking northwest, 9 New Inn Court to the left



Plate 2: General view of trial trench, looking south



Plate 3: Representative section of trial trench, view to west (1m and 0.4m scales)



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