

# LAND AT REDLANDS, PENSTONE, COLEBROOKE, DEVON

(NGR SS 77532 00319)

Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

Mid Devon District Council Planning Ref. 17/01967/HOUSE  
(condition 6)

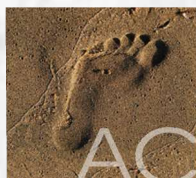
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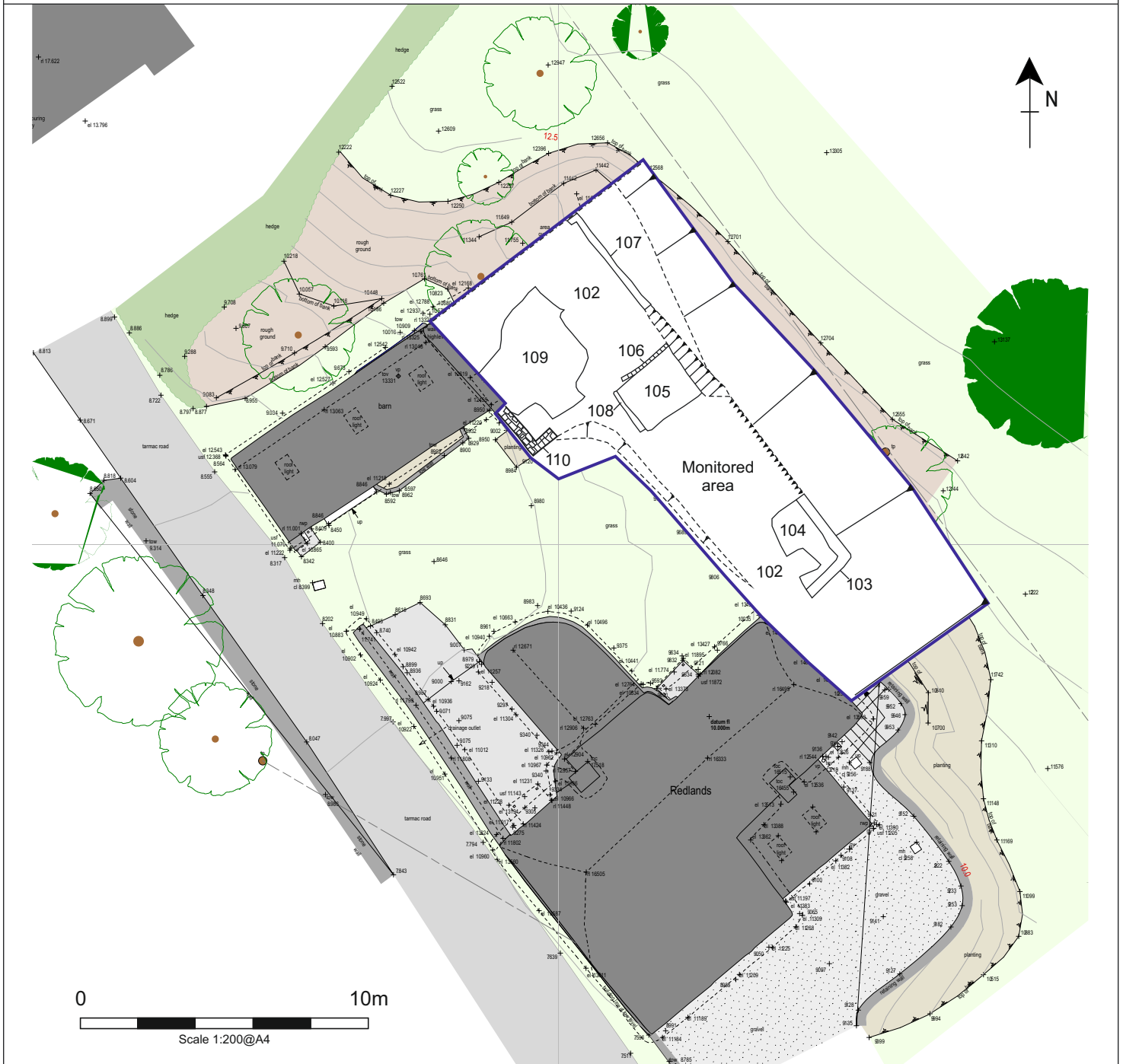
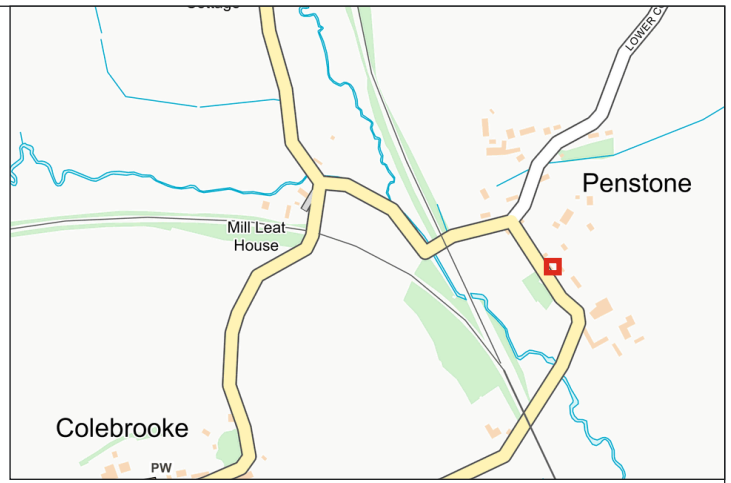


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# Devon Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Colebrooke, Mid Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SS 77532 00319	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Land at Redlands, Penstone, Colebrooke, Crediton, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached?</b> Plates 1-3
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 17/01967/HOUSE (condition 6)	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 420133	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1908	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 6 April 2021	
<b>Description of works.</b> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording (controlled watching brief) during groundworks associated with the construction of an extension was undertaken by AC archaeology on land at Redlands, Penstone, Colebrooke, Crediton (Fig. 1). The archaeological work was required as a condition of planning permission granted by Mid Devon District Council following consultation with the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team. The work was commissioned by Hilton Barnfield Architects on behalf of clients.</p> <p>Redlands is located in the hamlet of Penstone, which lies to the northeast of Colebrooke, some 5km to the west of Crediton. It comprises a house with outbuildings arranged either side of a yard accessed from the road to the southwest. The position of the proposed new extension lies on the northeast side of the yard on the site of a ruined outbuilding range that had previously lined this side of the yard. It lies on flat ground at 79m above Ordnance Datum, with the underlying solid geology comprising breccia of the Crediton Breccia Formation (British Geological Survey online viewer 2021).</p> <p>Redlands is a Grade-II listed building (National Heritage List for England reference 1242534). It represents a 17th century plastered cob building on rubble footings and with thatched roof. The property is shown on the 1846 Colebrooke parish tithe map as largely unchanged, the main house with buildings shown lining the northwest and northeast sides of the yard. This arrangement remains the case on subsequent 19th and 20th century Ordnance Survey mapping, while a former outbuilding located in the position of the proposed extension, has since become ruinous.</p> <b>Results.</b> <p>The site archaeologist was present following the demolition and removal of outbuildings and during the groundworks for levelling the site for the new extension (Plate 1). The natural subsoil (102) was exposed across the majority of the site and was composed of light brownish red sandy gravel. The features exposed are shown on Figure 1 and comprise: stone wall foundation 103, concrete floor 104, cobble surface 105 (Plate 2), brick wall foundation 106, stone wall foundation 107, concrete drain 108 for cobbles 105, cobble surface 109 (Plate 3) and stone retaining wall 110. No pre-modern finds were observed.</p> <p>All of the features were related to the demolished outbuildings with no evidence of earlier features. Deposits of coal sitting on concrete floor 104 and cobble surface 105 indicate the use of the related buildings as coal stores at the final stages in their use. No evidence for the dating of the outbuildings was forthcoming.</p> <p>This report forms the archive for the project.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored area







Plate 1: General view of the site, looking south



Plate 2: Cobble surface 105 and brick wall 106, looking northwest (1m scale)



Plate 3: Cobble surface 109, looking southwest (1m scale)

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