

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Woodbury, East Devon	National Grid Reference SY 0091 8708	Number:
Subject: Watching brief on land adjacent to Sunny Bank, Woodbury		Photo attached? No
Planning Application no: 07/1348/FUL	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
OASIS ID: 52671	Museum Accession no: 282.2008	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD12	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 18 September 2008	
<p>Description of works</p> <p>A watching brief was carried out during topsoil stripping and the excavation of foundation trenches associated with the construction of a single dwelling on land adjacent to Sunny Bank, Woodbury. The site is located within the historic core of Woodbury, which has Saxon origins, and lies approximately 60m south of the graveyard and church of St. Swithun.</p> <p>The new dwelling measured approximately 11m x 7m in plan and was situated in a former garden at the northern end of a north-south aligned plot (Fig. 1). The foundation trenches were 0.6m wide and varied between 0.8-1.5m deep, all of which were monitored during the watching brief, other than a small section along the northern edge which had already been excavated prior to arrival. A small pit measuring 3m long x 2m wide x 2.5m deep, located within the northeast corner of the plot, was also recorded.</p> <p>The recorded layer sequence was generally consistent throughout the site and comprised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Context 100) 0.25-0.35m of dark brown sandy silt clay topsoil, over • (101) 0.3-0.4m of mid brown sandy silt clay subsoil, over • (105) 0.1-0.2m of light-dark grey sandy clay, over • (102) 0.1-0.2m of light yellow brown sand, over • (103) 0.05-0.35m of light yellow brown sand with gravels, over • (104) pinky red clay natural present at a depth varying between 0.8m and 1.4m below ground level <p>The sequence observed comprised a mix of undulating bands and pockets of sand, gravel and clay, (105), (102) and (103), all of which varied considerably across the relatively small extent of the site, and probably relate to complex fluvial processes associated with the stream immediately to the west of the new dwelling. No archaeological deposits or features were present and no finds were recovered.</p>		
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