

Land to the rear of Clouds, Barnfield, Crediton, Devon

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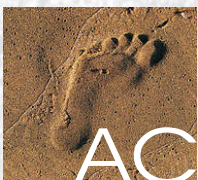
Results of an archaeological watching brief

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Report No: ACD172/2/0

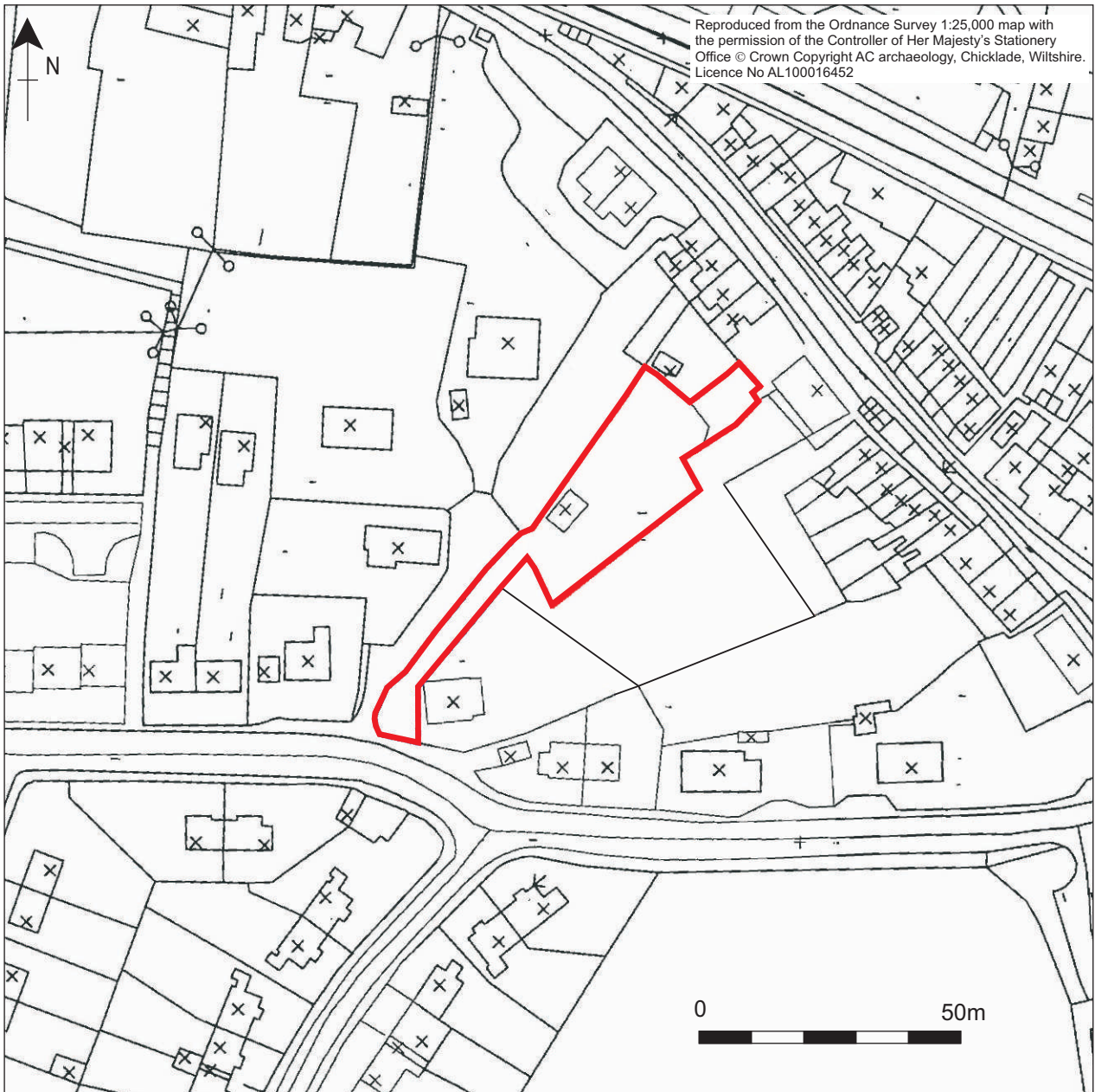
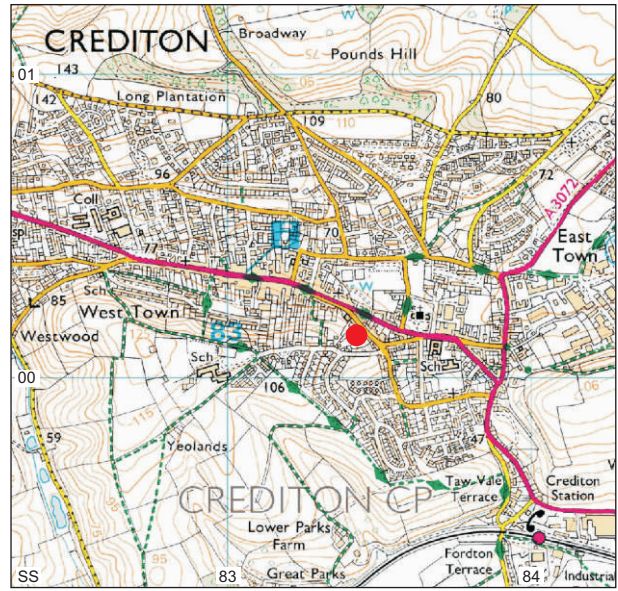
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Civil Parish & District: Crediton	National Grid Reference SX 83409 00132	Number:
Subject: Land to the rear of Clouds, Barnfield, Crediton, Devon: Results of an archaeological watching brief		Photo attached: Plates 1 and 2
Planning Application no: 10/01200/FULL	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
OASIS ID: 96905	Museum Accession no: 127/2010	
Contractor's reference number/code: ACD172	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 29th January and 4th February 2011	
<p>Description of works</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by AC archaeology on land to the rear of Clouds, Barnfield, Crediton, during groundworks associated with the construction of a single dwelling. The work was commissioned by the site owners Steve Roberts and Mandy Clark.</p> <p>The site is located between Barnfield and Park Street (Fig. 1), with the current land use comprising an overgrown garden and orchard (Plate 1). It is situated at around 85m OD on ground sloping steeply down to the northeast, with the underlying solid geology comprising Permian Breccia.</p> <p>The site is located on the edge of the historic core of Crediton. To the southeast of the site are Spurway's Almshouses, with these constructed in 1557. During groundworks associated with house construction immediately to the north of the site, a small quantity of post-medieval and modern pottery was recovered. The Crediton parish tithe map of 1841 shows the site as within a series of plots to the rear of properties alongside Park Street.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Groundworks comprised the bulk reduction of areas associated with the building plot footprint and the route of the access road.</p> <p>The building plot footprint was machine-excavated to a depth of between 1.1m and 2.5m into natural subsoil (104), which comprised a light red clay with abundant weathered breccia inclusions, which was present at a depth of 0.41m below former ground level (Fig.2a and 2b; Plate 2). The natural subsoil was overlain by a mid red silty-clay subsoil (103) which in turn was below topsoil (102). The topsoil layer was overlain in the southwest part of the site by imported material forming a terrace. This comprised a deposit of mixed brownish-red redeposited natural subsoil (101) under a layer of dark brown silty-loam garden soil (100). Small quantities of machine-made brick fragments and sherds of 19th-20th century blue and white transfer print and industrial whiteware pottery were present in layer 101 (not retained).</p> <p>The route of the driveway was excavated onto natural subsoil 104, which was present at a depth of 0.36m below subsoil and topsoil layers.</p> <p>No pre-modern archaeological features or deposits were present and no finds were recovered. The terrace comprising layers 100 and 101 was a modern garden feature that created a broadly level surface against the steep natural slope.</p>		
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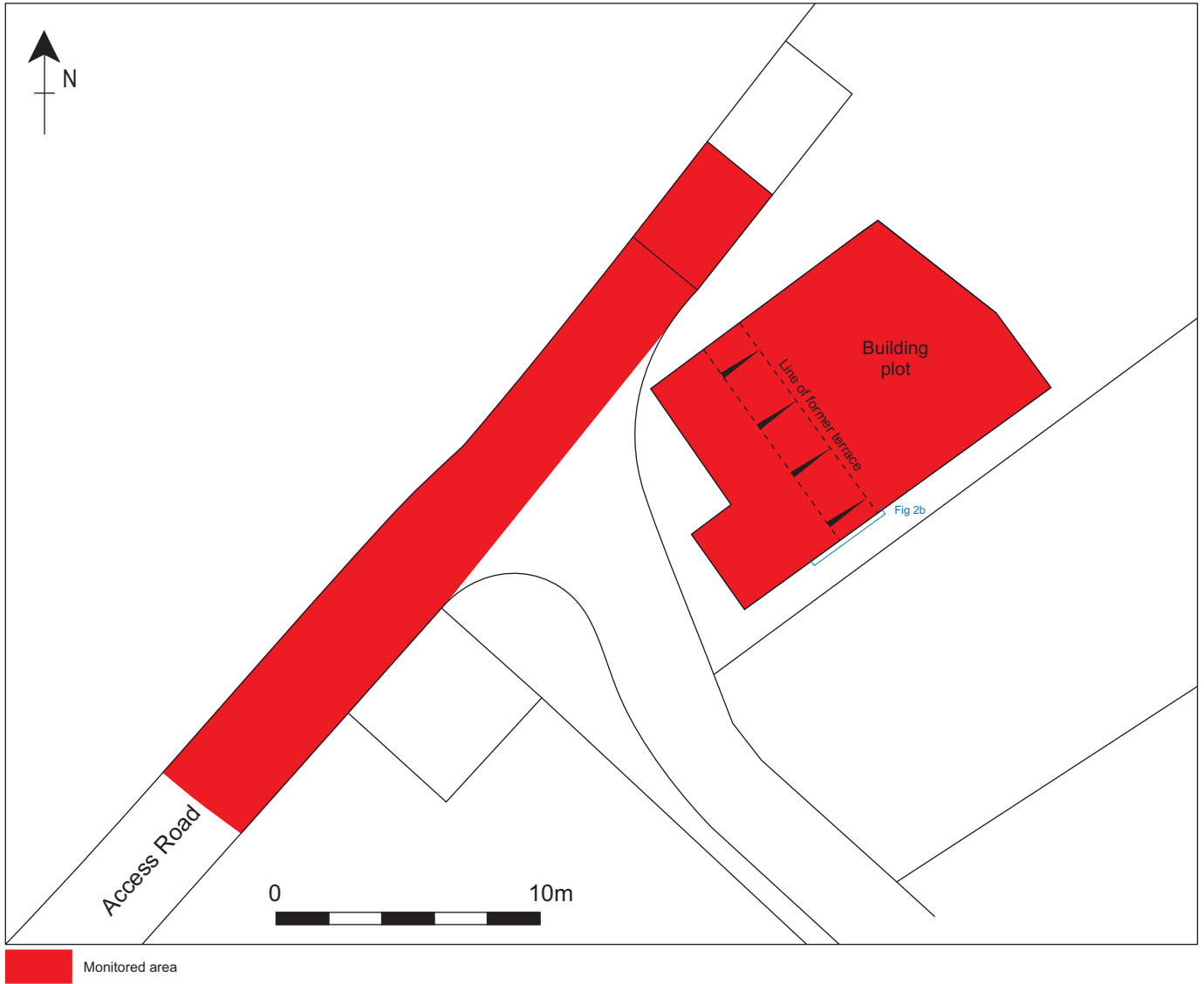
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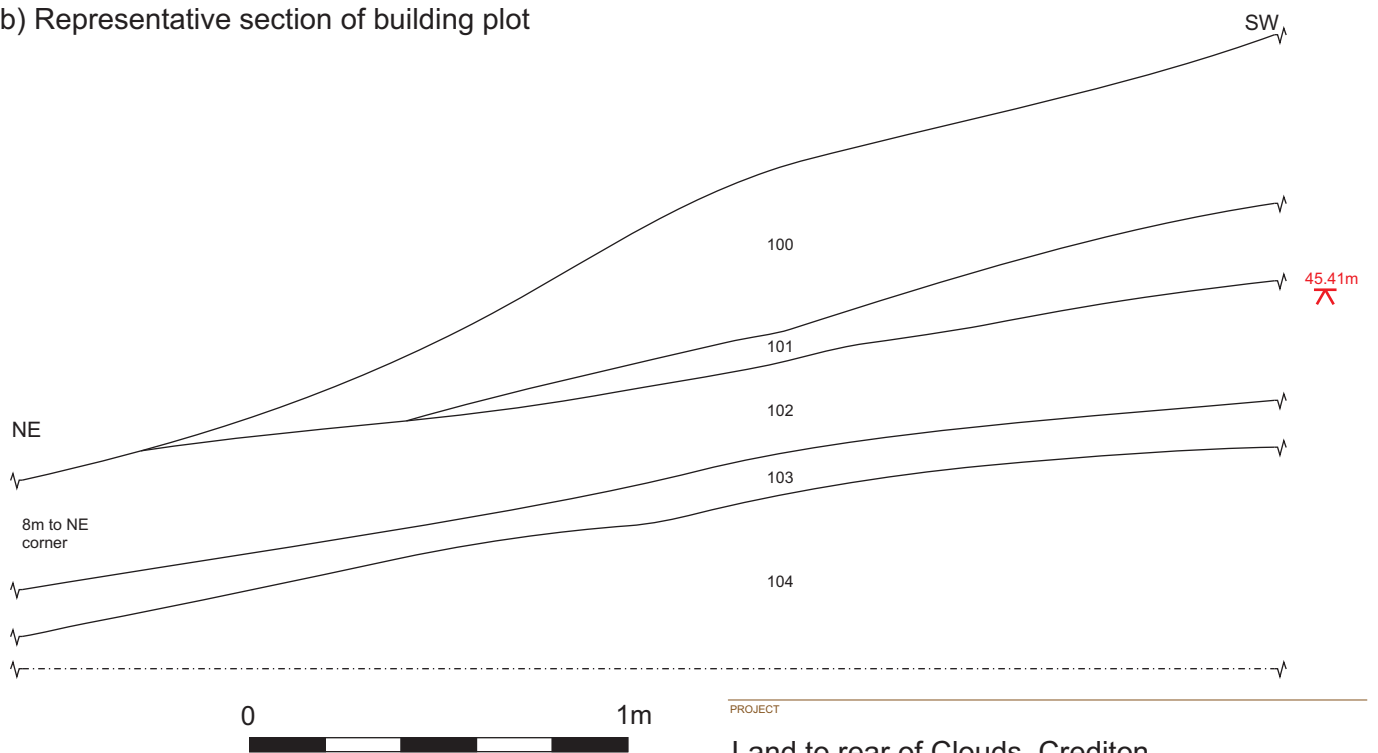
Fig. 1: Location of site



a) Plan of areas monitored



b) Representative section of building plot



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Fig. 2: Areas monitored and representative section



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