

Higher Lake Barn, Woodland, Devon

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Results of an archaeological watching brief

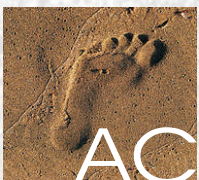
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Subject: Higher Lake Barn, Woodland: Results of an archaeological watching brief		Photo attached: Plates 1 and 2
Planning Application no: 08/03417/FULL	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
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Contractor's reference number/code: ACD286	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 25th March 2011	
<p>Description of works</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by AC archaeology on land at Higher Lake Barn, Woodland, Devon, during groundworks associated with the construction of a new workshop. The watching brief was commissioned by the site owners Mr and Mrs June.</p> <p>The site is located approximately 1.5km to the west of Woodland, with the new workshop located on the position of a recently demolished barn to the rear of the Higher Lake Barn property (Fig. 1; Plate 1). It is situated on level ground at around 79m OD that is terraced into a moderately steep slope that falls to the northeast. The underlying geology comprises the Gurrington Formation of slate, lava and tuff.</p> <p>The site is located immediately to the east of a possible prehistoric enclosure identified from aerial photography. This is present in the fields to the west with a projected continuation of the cropmark extending into the Higher Lake Barn property (Fig. 2).</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Monitored groundworks comprised the machine-excavation of trenches, including the line of a retaining wall along the west side of the proposed new workshop as well as the north and south perimeter footings (Fig. 2).</p> <p>The trench along the west side of the development area was excavated to a depth of 0.76m into natural subsoil (102), which comprised weathered slate in a light yellow silty clay matrix, present at a depth of 0.55m. This was below a 0.4m thick demolition deposit of loose mid greyish-brown silty sand with abundant slate fragments, stone rubble and mortar piece inclusions (100). Layer 100 was overlain by a dark brown clayey silt mixed topsoil and slate deposit (103). One sherd of early 20th century glazed-stoneware was present in layer 100 (not retained).</p> <p>The north (Plate 2) and south trenches were excavated to a maximum depth of 0.68m into natural subsoil (102), present at a depth of between 0.16m and 0.23m below topsoil (103).</p> <p>No pre-modern archaeological features or deposits were recorded and no finds recovered. Layer 100 is likely to be remains of demolition material relating to the recently demolished barn.</p> <p>The new workshop is situated with ground previously excavated into the slope to create a level terrace. This terrace will have certainly removed any evidence for the continuation of the cropmark.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site




 Area of observation


 Extent of cropmark

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Fig.2: Area of observation



Plate 1. General view of site, looking north



Plate 2. View of north trench, looking west (scale 0.3m)

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