

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Honiton & East Devon	National Grid Reference ST 16160 00580	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: The Old Apple Yard, Kerslakes Court, Honiton, East Devon		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 13/1965/FUL	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery	
OASIS ID: contexto1-167458	Museum Accession no: RAMM: 14/03	
Contractor's reference number/code: C1/AMR/13/KCH	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 21 st August 2014	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Context One Archaeological Services (COAS) carried out a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording at The Old Apple Yard, Kerslakes Court, Honiton, East Devon (the 'Site'), over one day on 21 August 2014. The project was commissioned and funded by Pichler Planning Consultancy Ltd on behalf of Northcott Design & Management Ltd. The monitoring programme was requested by Mr Stephen Reed in mitigation of a development proposal to construct a single dwelling. The Site lies within an area of archaeological potential within the historic core of the medieval town. The investigation was advised by Stephen Reed (Archaeological Officer, Devon Historic Environment Team) as the proposed development lies in an area of archaeological potential within the historic core of the medieval town (HET REF. ARCH/DM/ED/20954).</p> <p>The first phase of archaeological work was a desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data recorded within an 800m radius of the Site. The data was assembled in a digitised pack and included map regression incorporating Tithe and Ordnance Survey maps.</p> <p>Standard strip foundation trenches (c. 0.90m wide and up to 0.80m deep) were excavated by machine to accept concrete footings for all load bearing walls including all external walls and selected internal partitions. A machine equipped with a 0.90m toothless bucket was used to excavate these trenches.</p> <p>No visible features or deposits of archaeological interest were encountered during the monitoring programme and no finds were observed. Development excavations were approximately 0.80m deep and demonstrated a similar deposit sequence across the Site (Plate 1). This comprised a layer of disturbed building debris overlying the subsoil and sandstone/gravel natural (Plate 2). A spread of sub-rounded limestone rubble was observed in the north-west corner of the site, visible in the east facing section (Plate 3). The stratigraphic sequence consisted of:</p> <p>0 – 0.40m Disturbed building debris 0.40 – 0.55m Patchy disturbed subsoil 0.55 – 0.80m Sandstone/gravel natural</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
Recorder: Orlando Prestidge Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.		Date sent to HER: 30/09/2014

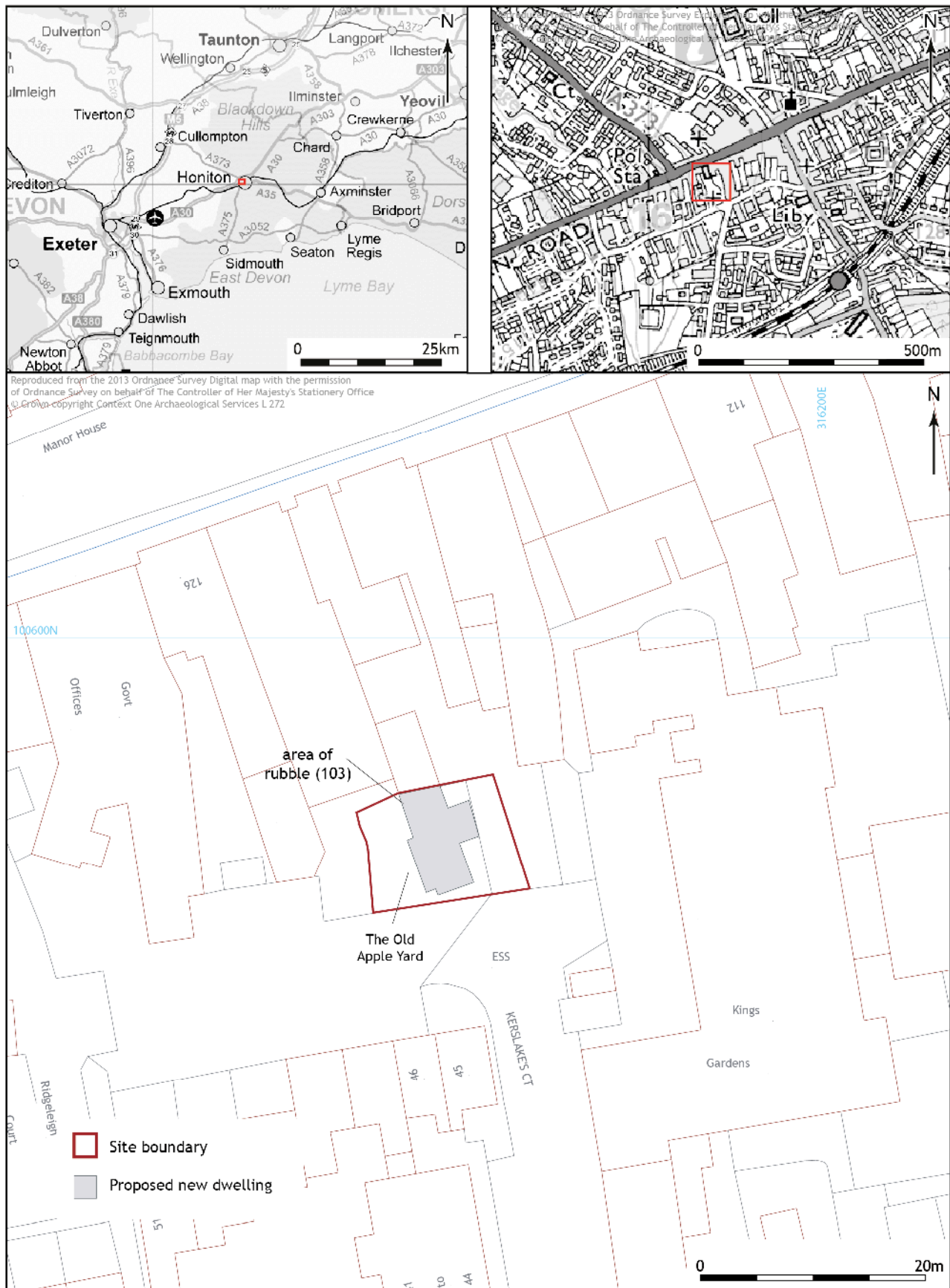


Figure 1: Site location and setting showing proposed development area.



Plate 1. Site location (from NW; 1m scales)



Plate 2. Profile 1 (from E; 1m scales)



Plate 3. Oblique view of rubble fill (from SE; 1m scales)

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