

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Widworthy & East Devon	National Grid Reference ST 20270 00170	Number: (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
Subject: Greystone House, Wilmington, Devon		Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 13/2312/FUL	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery	
OASIS ID: contexto1-205913	Museum Accession no: RAMM: 15/11	
Contractor's reference number/code: C1/AMR/15/GHW	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 13-14 May 2015	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Context One Archaeological Services (COAS) Ltd carried out a programme of archaeological monitoring and recording at Greystone House, Wilmington, Devon (the 'Site'), over 13 and 14 May 2015. The project was commissioned and funded by Mr. David Olive. The monitoring programme was advised by Mr Stephen Reed (Archaeologist, Devon Historic Environment Team) in mitigation of a development proposal relating to the construction of a workshop. The investigation was advised by Mr Reed as the proposed development was situated in an area of archaeological potential with known prehistoric activity in the vicinity.</p> <p>The first phase of archaeological work was a desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data recorded within a 500m 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. 0.60m wide and up to 1.00m deep) were excavated by machine to accept concrete footings for all load bearing walls. A machine equipped with a 0.60m 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 1.00m deep and demonstrated a similar deposit sequence across the Site and recorded in Profile 1 (Plate 1) and Profile 2. This comprised a layer of garden soil (100) overlying thick clay rich subsoil (101) in turn overlying a heavy natural clay (102) with frequent large flint nodules (Plate 2). A tree throw (103) was also observed in the north west of the site, visible in the south facing section (Plate 3). The overall stratigraphic sequence consisted of:</p> <p>0 – 0.30m Garden soil 0.30 – 0.70m Heavy clay rich subsoil 0.70 – 1.00m Natural Clay</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: Lucia Lachlan- Cope Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.		Date sent to HER: 10 May 2015

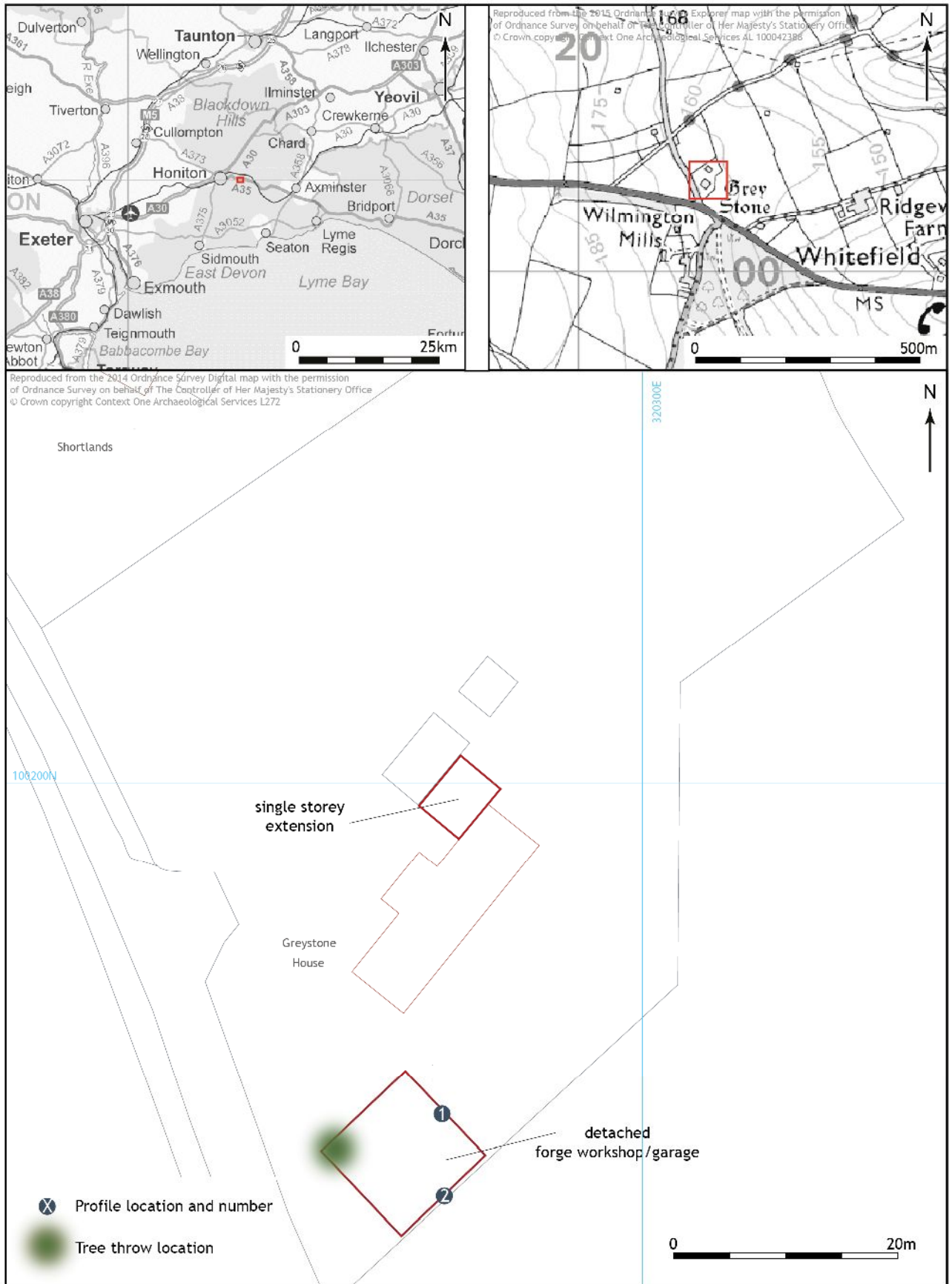


Figure 1: Site location and setting showing proposed development area.



Plate 1. South-west facing section profile 1 (1m scales)



Plate 2. South facing section in plan (1m scale)



Plate 3. Tree throw in NW corner of excavations (1m scales)

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