

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record


Civil Parish: West Charleton	National Grid Reference: SX 75011 42622	Number: (Leave blank)
Subject: St Mary's Church, Church Lane, West Charleton, Devon		Plan/Photo attached? Y
Planning Application no: 0586/19/FUL	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: contexto1-355137	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference code: C1/AMR/19/MWD	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 28/06/2019	
<p>Introduction:</p> <p>Context One Heritage and Archaeology (C1) carried out archaeological monitoring and recording as a condition of granting planning permission for the installation of a shed containing a composting toilet and associated electrical supply and pedestrian access at St Mary's Church, Church Lane, West Charleton. The monitoring was requested by the Local Planning Authority, South Hams District Council on the advice of the Exeter Diocese Advisory Committee. C1 prepared a Written Scheme of Investigation (McConnell and Fairclough 2019) which set out the project strategy and this was approved by Ms Marrina Neophytou, Historic Environment Officer, Devon Historic Environment Team on 20 June 2019.</p> <p>St Mary's Church is designated as a Grade II Listed Building. The Historic England (HE) List Entry (HE ref. 1108510) describes the church as being 15th century with heavy restoration in 1849-1850. The county Historic Environment Record (HER) shows that a number of heritage assets have been recorded within the environs of the Site, including Bronze Age funerary monuments, a prehistoric enclosure, and post-medieval quarrying.</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>A sub-rectangular area for the proposed shed measuring 3.05m x 1.85m and 0.10m deep and a trench for a new electrical supply measuring 1m x 0.40m and 0.40m deep was excavated using a mini digger equipped with a 0.75m toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision (Figure 1, Plate 1).</p> <p>Groundwork excavations did not extend beyond the topsoil. This comprised a soft, dark grey (10YR 4/1) loamy sand with frequent slate fragments (<0.10m).</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring did not encounter any archaeological features or deposits and no finds were observed or collected. This is almost certainly due to the relatively shallow and limited nature of the development groundworks.</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>		
<p>Recorder:</p> <p>Dr Clare Randall MCIfA, FSA</p>  Context One Heritage and Archaeology		<p>Date sent to HER</p> <p>09/07/19</p>



Figure 1. Site setting showing location of shed/path



Plate 1. Shed base (facing N; 1m scale)

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