

## Dartmoor National Park Authority Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Drewsteignton, Teignbridge	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 7353 9107	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording at Netherton House, Drewsteignton, Devon.		<b>Photo attached:</b> Y
<b>Planning permission:</b> 0392/21	<b>Recipient museum:</b> n/a	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> oakforda1-503664	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> OA1889	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 26/04/2022	
<p><b>Description of works:</b></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in April 2022 at Netherton House, Drewsteignton, Devon (SX 7353 9107). The site (Fig. 1) lies in an area of high archaeological potential immediately to the south of the Grade II Listed building (1306324). Netherton House is a mid-16<sup>th</sup> century three-room and cross-passage building and was extensively remodelled in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The work was therefore required by the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA).</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during groundworks for the installation of a patio and associated retaining wall (Fig. 2, Pls. 1-2). The work involved the excavation of an area approximately 10m long, 4m wide and up to a depth of 0.9m.</p> <p><b>Results:</b></p> <p>The works (Pl. 3) exposed shillet natural subsoil (103) at a depth of 0.9m. This was in turn overlain by a 0.23m thick layer of mid brown loam (102). Interpreted as a buried topsoil this was in turn overlain by a 0.07m thick layer of dark blackish brown loam (101) visible in the southeastern part of the site. This deposit contained two fragments of 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century clay tobacco pipe and has been interpreted as an area of bonfiring, perhaps associated with the extensive remodelling of the house in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. This was in turn sealed underneath a 0.6m thick layer of mid brown loam (100). This is an imported topsoil and may also be associated with works to the house in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p><b>The Finds:</b> by John Allan</p> <p>A small collection of archaeological material was recovered from the works. This consisted of 1 sherd North Devon redware sgraffito rim sherd with elaborate decoration including spirals along rim surface, dotting, double lines and curled lines forming a complex patten (1660-1700); 1 sherd South Somerset redware sgraffito with horizontal lines (17<sup>th</sup> century); 5 sherds North Devon gravel tempered coarseware, 4 glazed, 1 plain rim sherd (17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> century); 7 sherds South Somerset redwares, various vessels including: 4 sherds brown glaze, 3 plain (17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> century); 1 sherd Chinese porcelain, Imari ware in style (1740-1770); 1 sherd South Somerset combed sgraffito plate with rim (1700-1750); 3 sherds various English stonewares and coarsewares (post-1750); 3 sherds Delftware, including plate sherd (early 18<sup>th</sup> century); 1 sherd redware base sherd with pale yellow glaze with brown trailing (18<sup>th</sup> century); 1 sherd Westerwald (17<sup>th</sup> century); 2 clay pipe stems (18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> century); 53 sherds various industrial wares including: whiteware, creamware, mocha, transfer prints (late 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> century) and a single sherd of Parian ware porcelain with dog imagery, most likely forming a hunting scene (19<sup>th</sup> century).</p> <p><b>Project archive and OASIS entry</b></p> <p>Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		

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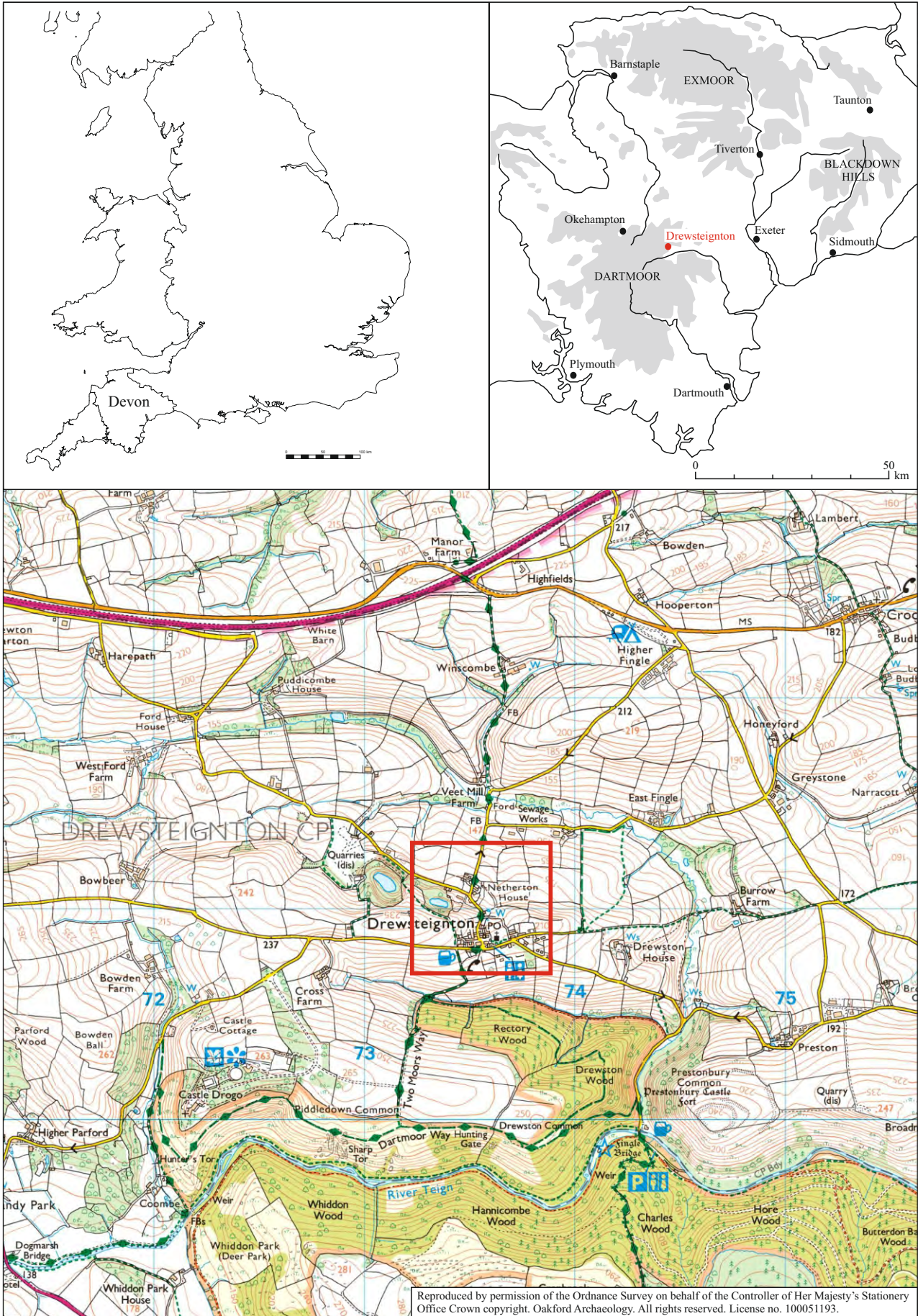


Fig. 1 Location of site.

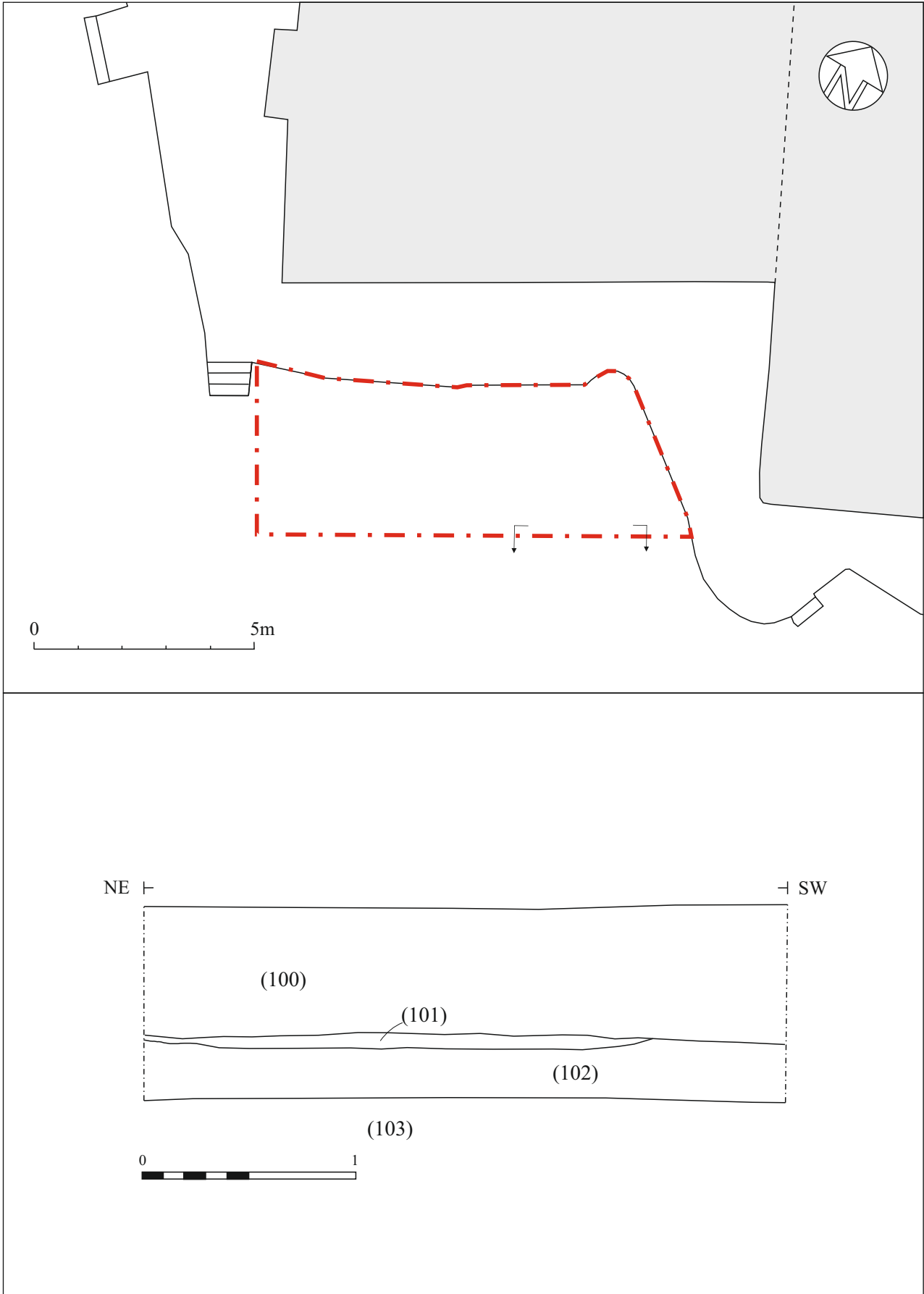


Fig. 2 Plan and section showing location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of reduced area showing shillet (103) at the base of the excavations. 1m scales. Looking northwest.



Pl. 2 General view of reduced area showing shillet (103) at the base of the excavations. 1m scales. Looking northeast.



Pl. 3 General view of section showing deposit sequence. 1m scale.  
Looking southeast.

