# Dartmoor National Park Authority Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District:  Moretonhampstead, Teignbridge	National Grid Reference: SX 7324 8857	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording House, Moretonhampstead, Devon.	on land at Uppacott	Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 0485/21  OASIS ID:	Recipient muse n/a Museum Access	
oakforda1-504366  Contractor's reference number/code: OA1898	n/a  Dates fieldwork 08/03/2022	x undertaken:

#### **Background:**

An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in March 2022 on land at Uppacott House, Moretonhampstead, Devon (SX 7324 8857). The site (Fig. 1) lies to the west of Uppacott House, in an area where two former buildings are shown on the 1839 Moretonhampstead Parish Tithe Map.. The work was therefore required by the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA).

#### **Description of the works:**

A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of a detached garage (Fig. 2). The work involved an area of ground reduction approximately 8.6m long, 6m wide and excavated to a maximum depth of 0.15m, and the subsequent excavation of the foundations for the new buildings, totalling approximately 14m in length, 0.6m wide and up to 0.75m deep.

The work exposed a mid yellow clayey sand (100), interpreted as a natural subsoil, at a depth of 0.4m below ground level. This was overlain by a mid yellowish brown sandy clay (100) topsoil.

### **Conclusion:**

No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and other artefacts from the site, despite examination of spoil heaps, further indicates that the site is archaeologically sterile. This is the only report on these works.

## Project archive and OASIS entry

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).

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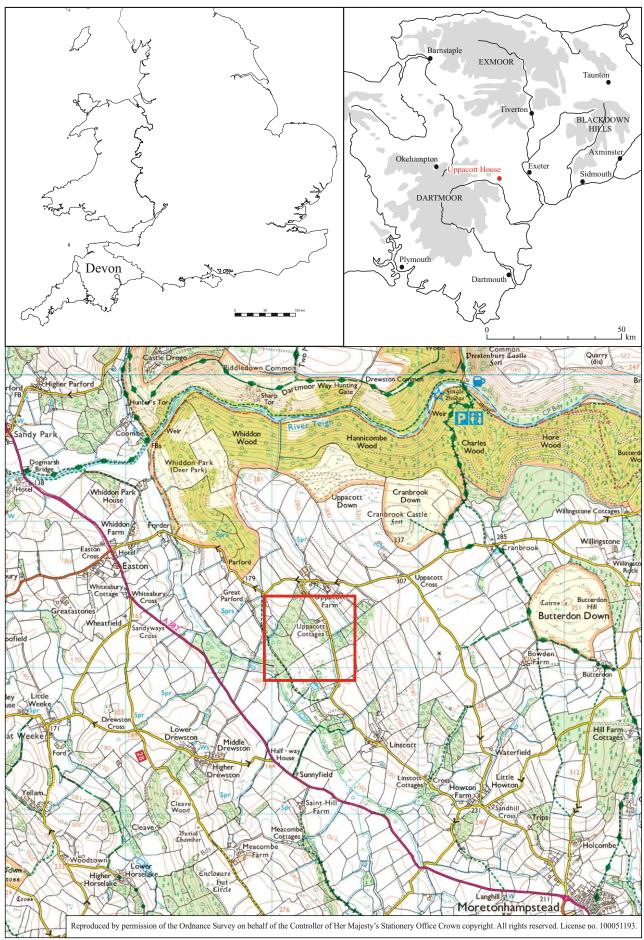


Fig. 1 Location of site.

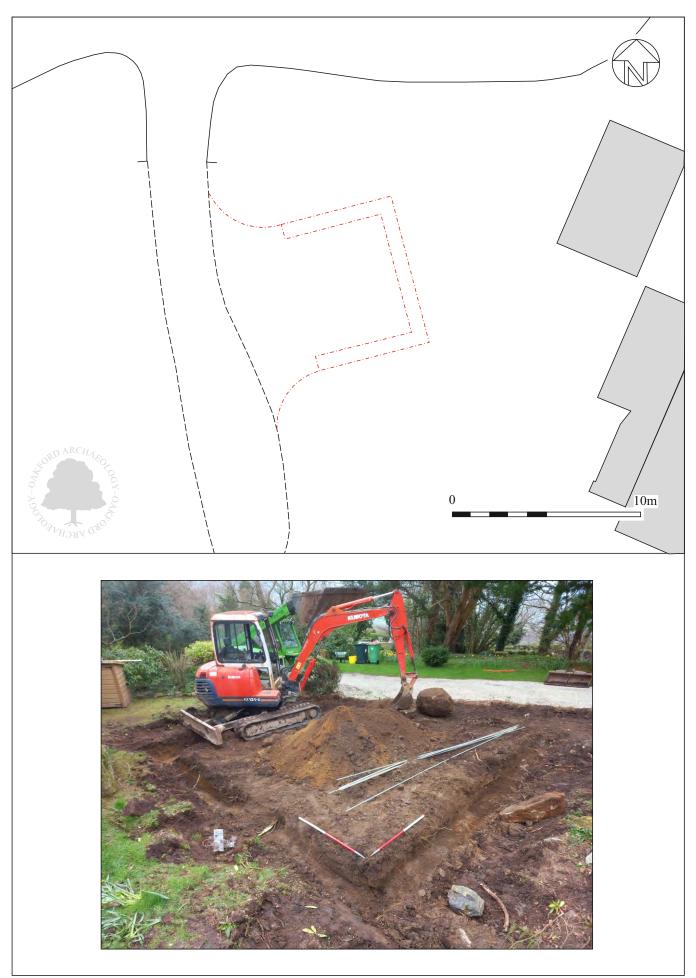


Fig. 2 Plan and photograph showing location of observations.