

Devon County Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Drewsteignton, West Devon	National Grid Reference: SX 6837 9281	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at Martin Farm, Whiddon Down.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 01893/2011	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
OASIS ID: oakforda-118910	Museum Accession no: 11/80	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1030	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 18/01/2012	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in January 2012 during works associated with the erection of an agricultural building to the west of Martin Farm, Whiddon Down. The site (Fig. 1) lies within an area of high prehistoric archaeological activity. Large quantities of prehistoric worked flints have been found to the west of the Farm and a prehistoric settlement site is located in a field immediately to the north of the adjacent farm. In addition Martin Farm is late medieval in origin. It was considered possible that archaeological features and/or artefacts might be exposed during the works.</p> <p>The site area measured approximately 15m by 10m (see attached plan). An archaeologist was present during the excavation of 10 pits measuring 1m x 0.8m and excavated to a maximum depth of 0.7m.</p> <p>Results: The layer sequence revealed by topsoil removal typically consisted of the following: 0-400mm – Imported gravel (modern made ground) 4-700mm – Modern building rubble (modern made ground) 700mm + - mid red brown silty clay gravel (1%) (subsoil)</p> <p>Conclusion No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were found.</p> <p>Project archive The site records have been compiled into a fully integrated site archive which is currently held at the offices of Oakford Archaeology under project number 1030, pending deposition at the RAMM.</p>		
Recorder: MFR Steinmetzer (Oakford Archaeology)		Date sent to HER:

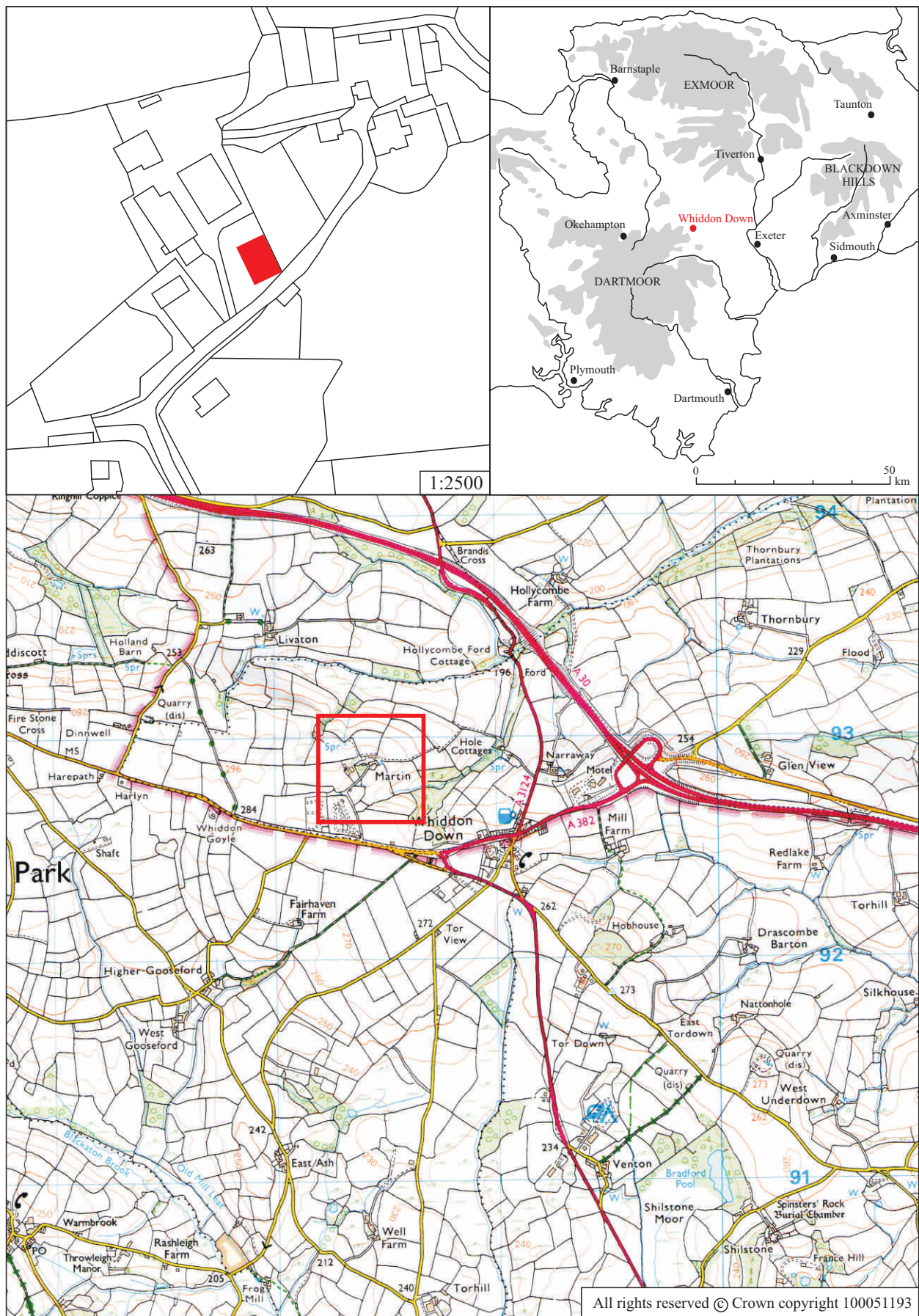


Fig. 1 Location of site



Fig. 2 Location of observations



Pl. 1 General view of site showing foundation pits. Looking north.



Pl. 2 Close-up view of foundation trench showing top of soil horizon below base of foundation. 1m scale. Looking north.