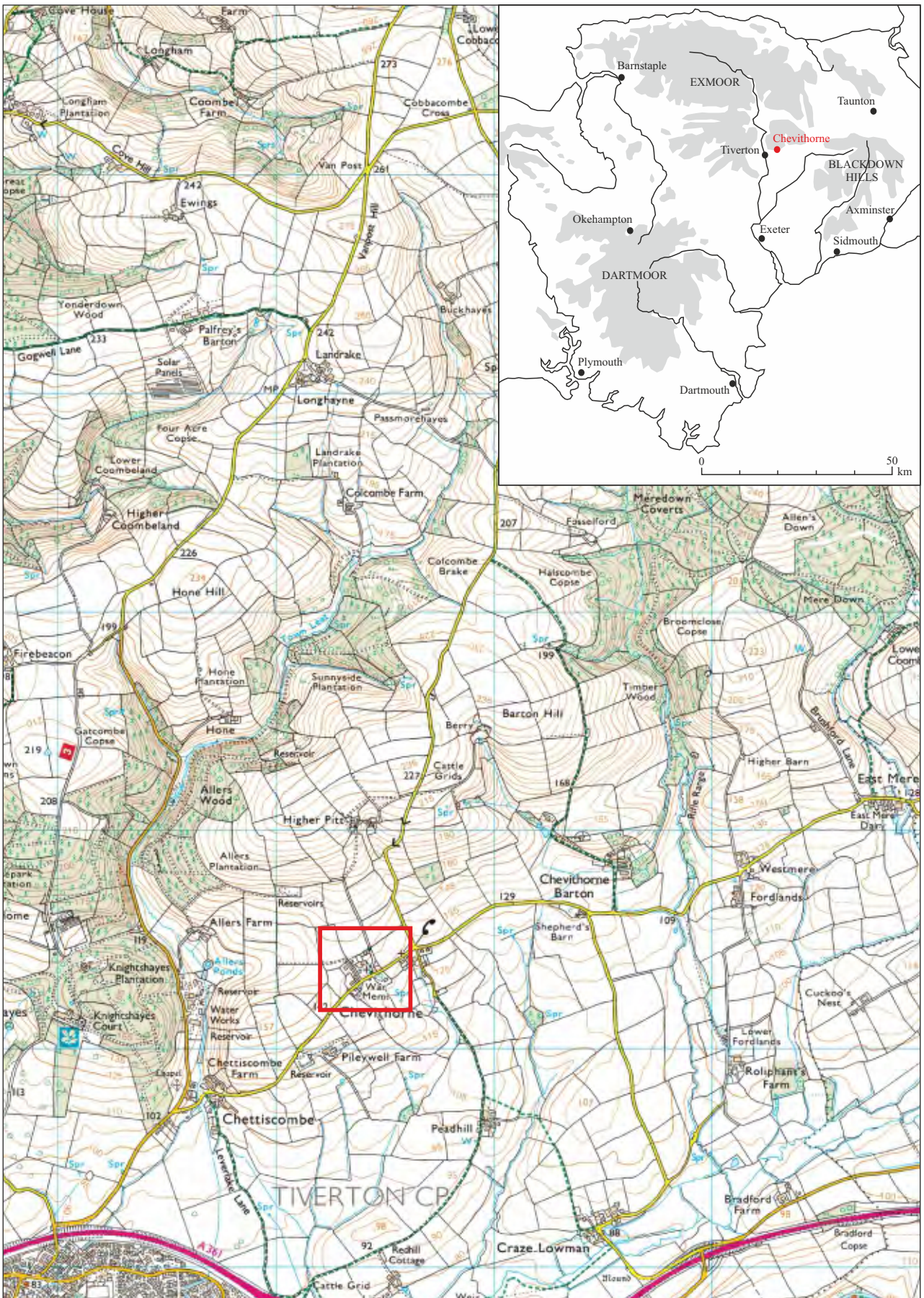


Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Chevithorne, Mid Devon	National Grid Reference: SS 9741 1535	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at St Thomas Church, Chevithorne, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: n/a	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-255401	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number: OA1329	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 26/05/2016	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in May 2016 at St Thomas Church, Chevithorne, Devon (SS 9741 1535). The site (Fig. 1) lies to the southwest of the church, on the edge of the graveyard. The work was commissioned by the Parochial Church Council as part of remedial works to the west boundary wall. The medieval <i>Chevetorna</i> or Chevithorne is first referred to in the Domesday Survey of 1086 and the manor of Chevithorne Barton appears to have been the focus of the early settlement. The current church is grade II listed and was built in 1843.</p> <p>A watching brief (Fig. 2) was maintained during works associated with the construction of a new retaining wall. The works entailed the complete removal of the collapsed section of graveyard wall and the excavation of a safe working area to allow work on the new foundations. This impacted on an area within the graveyard approximately 25m x 1m in an area where there was no evidence of surface-marked graves. The initial removal of the collapsed section of wall was monitored for any architectural fragments that might have been re-used in the construction of the wall, while all soil stripping was carried out using a toothless grading bucket under the direct supervision of the archaeologist.</p> <p>Results: Removal of the collapsed section of graveyard wall exposed a thin topsoil overlying a mid reddish brown silty clay charnel soil. Inspection of the area showed no features, deposits or dating evidence to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development.</p> <p>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).</p>		
Recorder: MFR Steinmetzer (Oakford Archaeology)		Date sent to HER:



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Fig. 1 Location of site.

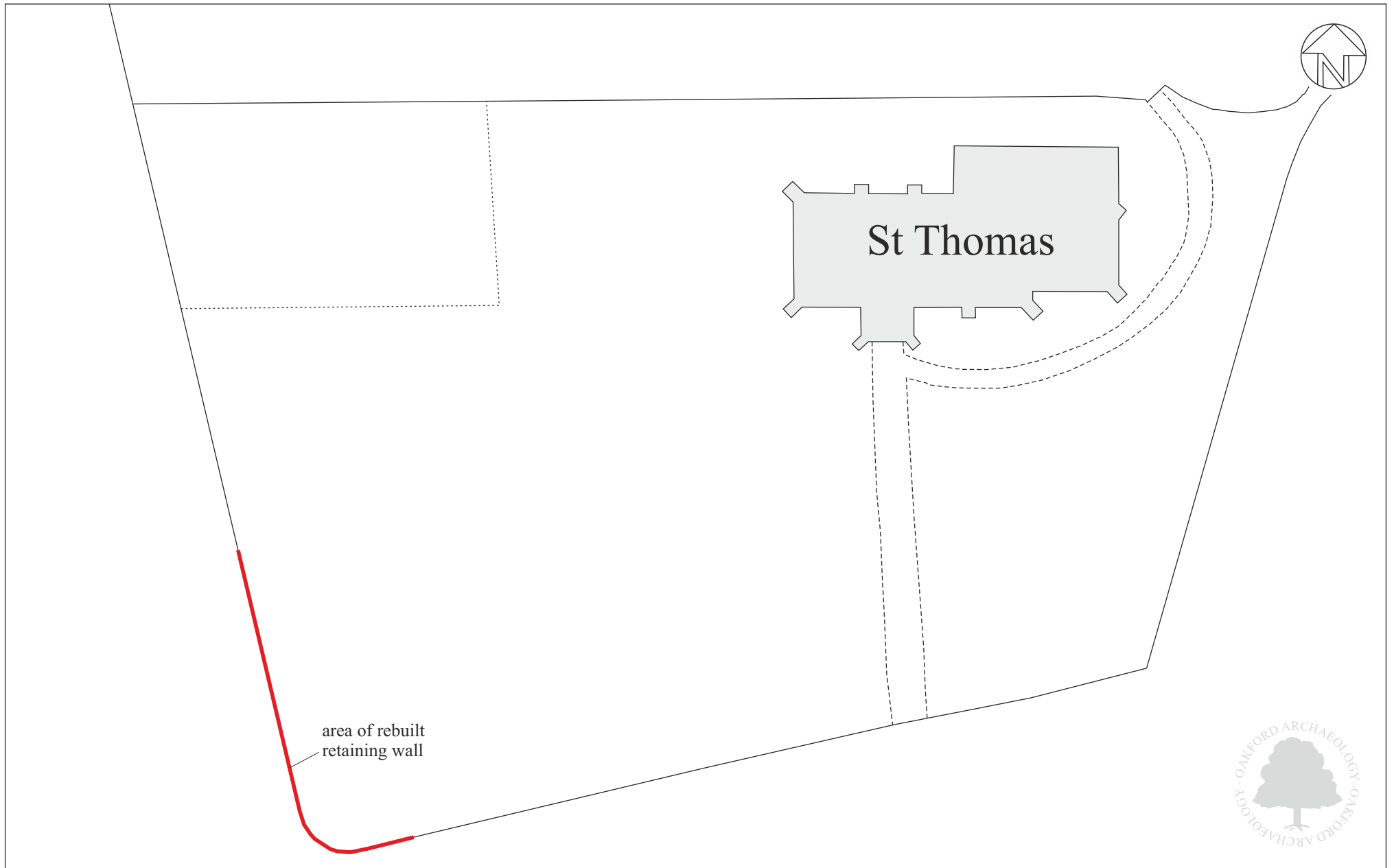


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.