

Dartmoor National Park Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Ilsington, Dartmoor	National Grid Reference: SX 7716 7709	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at Vale Cottage, Haytor Vale, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 0435/16	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-284631	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1371	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 19-20/04, 24/05, 27/05/ and 28/05/2017	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in April 2017 during building work at Vale Cottage, Haytor Vale, Devon (SX 7716 7709). The site (Fig. 1) is located on the edge of the Haytor Iron Mine which operated in the 19th and 20th centuries. It is possible that extraction occurred at an earlier date by opencast method. The groundworks therefore had the potential to expose archaeological remains relating to the mine and/or mining process, either by extraction activity or other part of the iron production process. The work was therefore required by the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA).</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of an extension to the south of the existing building. A series of foundation trenches for the extension, 55m long, 0.7m wide and 0.95m deep, were monitored.</p> <p>Results: The groundworks (Fig. 2, Pl. 1-2) exposed a mid-yellowish orange sandy clay natural subsoil (102). This was in turn overlain by a 0.3m thick mid reddish brown sandy clay subsoil (101) underneath a 0.2m thick mid-to-dark brown topsoil (100).</p> <p>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.</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>		
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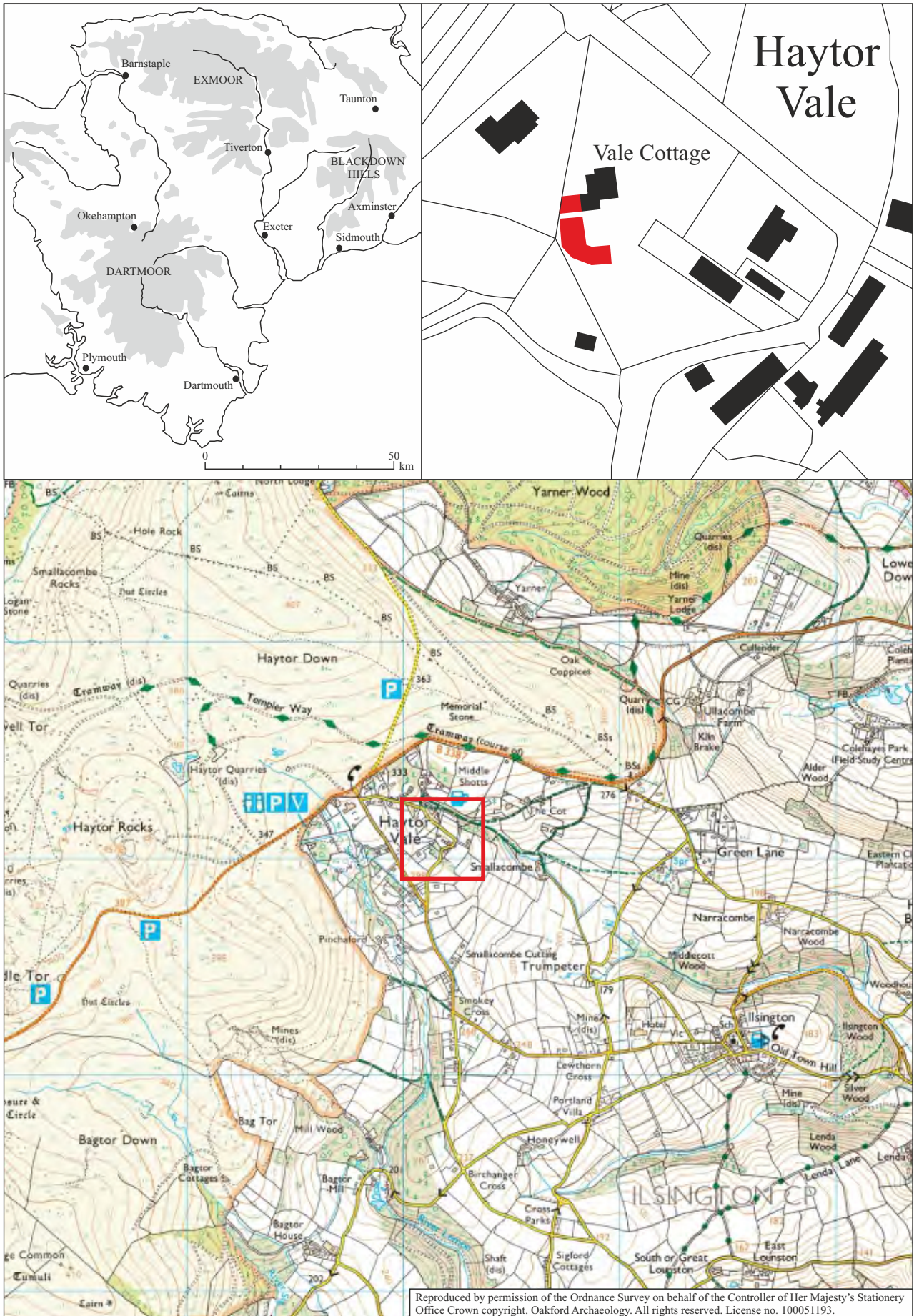


Fig. 1 Location of site.

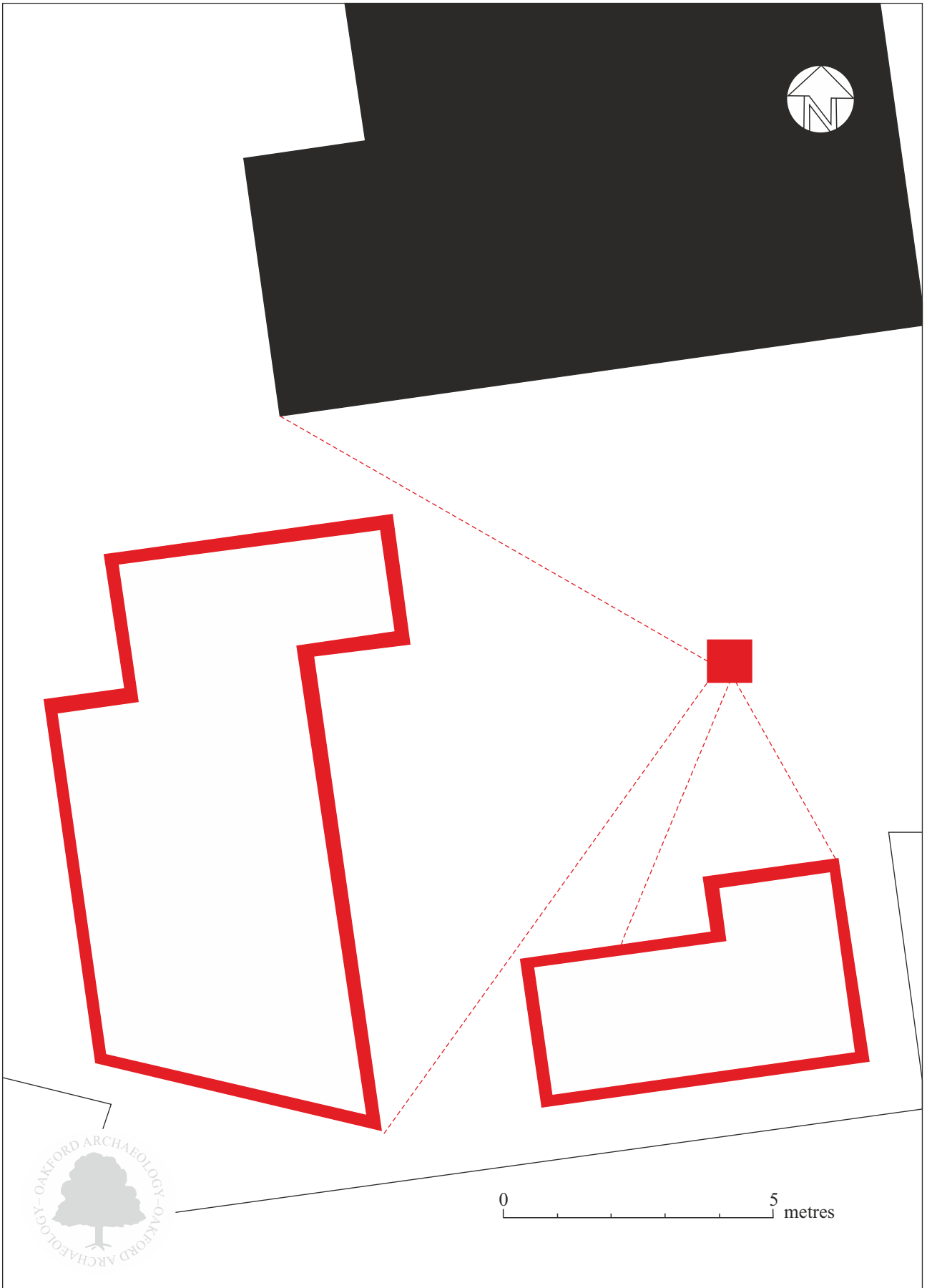


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of eastern building showing typical deposit sequence. 1m scale. Looking west.



Pl. 2 Section through typical deposit sequence, western building. 1m scale. Looking north.