

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Upton Pyne, East Devon	National Grid Reference: SX 9101 9771	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at the Church of Our Lady, Upton Pyne, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Faculty no:	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-298267	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1362	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 03/03, 20/03 and 24/07/2017	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology between March and July 2017 at the Church of Our Lady, Upton Pyne, Devon (SX 9101 9771). The site (Fig. 1) lies immediately to the south and west of the church, extending south and east from the tower. The church is grade I listed and the current building largely dates to the 14th and 15th century. The tower and north aisle date to the 15th century, while the chancel includes some late 15th – early 16th century detail. The Church of Our Lady, in common with a high percentage of churches in Devon, was subjected to extensive internal re-ordering in the 19th century; in 1833 by Ware and 1874-5 by William White.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of a French drain along the west and south walls of the south aisle. (Fig. 2). The work involved the excavation of a trench 0.25m wide and c. 0.85m deep.</p> <p>Results: Inspection of the trench exposed the base of the wall foundation at a depth of 0.85m below current ground level, projecting approximately 0.1m beyond the edge of the wall. The foundation sat directly on top of natural subsoil. The trenching further exposed a 0.1m thick dark brown topsoil (100) overlying a heavily reworked mid to dark brown silty clay deposit (101) extending in places below the depth of the foundation. This contained frequent fragments of disarticulated human bone and has been interpreted as a charnel soil.</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.

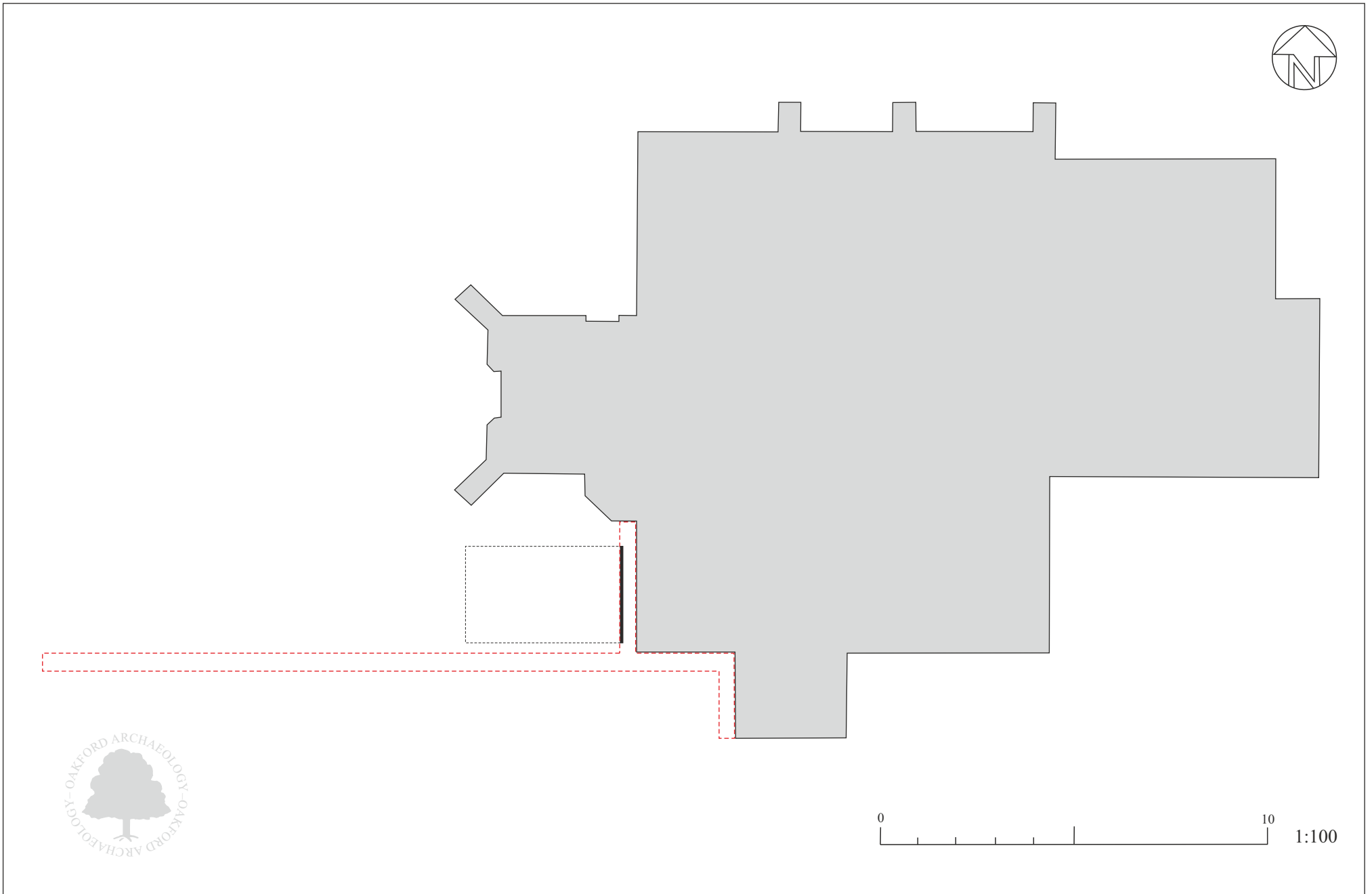


Fig. 2 Location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of trenching. 1m scale. Looking west.