

Dartmoor National Park Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Gidleigh, West Devon	National Grid Reference: SX 6806 8777	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at Leigh House, Gidleigh, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning Application no: 0478/17	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-340094	Museum Reference no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1479	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 13/06-15/06, 18/06 and 19/06/2018	
<p>Background An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology for Mr Peter Wood in June 2018 on works associated with the erection of a single storey extension and associated works at Leigh House, Gidleigh Park, Devon (SX 6806 8777). The work is required by the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA).</p> <p>The site lies in an area of high archaeological potential immediately west of Leigh House. The site has been continuously occupied since at least the 17th century when the current building was constructed.</p> <p>Description of the works A watching brief (Fig. 2, Pl. 1) was maintained during the excavation of the new foundations for the garage and the main house. The works revealed a simple deposit sequence consisting of a 0.25m thick mid to dark brown clayey silt topsoil (100) overlying mid to dark brown sandy silt subsoil (102). This in turn overlay a growan natural subsoil (102).</p> <p>Finds: by John Allan</p> <p>A small collection of archaeological material was recovered from the external works. In total 28 sherds, weighing 238g, and post-medieval in character were recovered from the topsoil (100). They consist of 4 sherds of 18th-19th century redware coarsewares and 23 sherds of industrial whitewares including cream ware, Staffordshire transfer printed ware and shell edge ware and a single sherd of 19th century flowerpot.</p> <p>Conclusion: No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the development. This is the only report on the works.</p> <p>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.

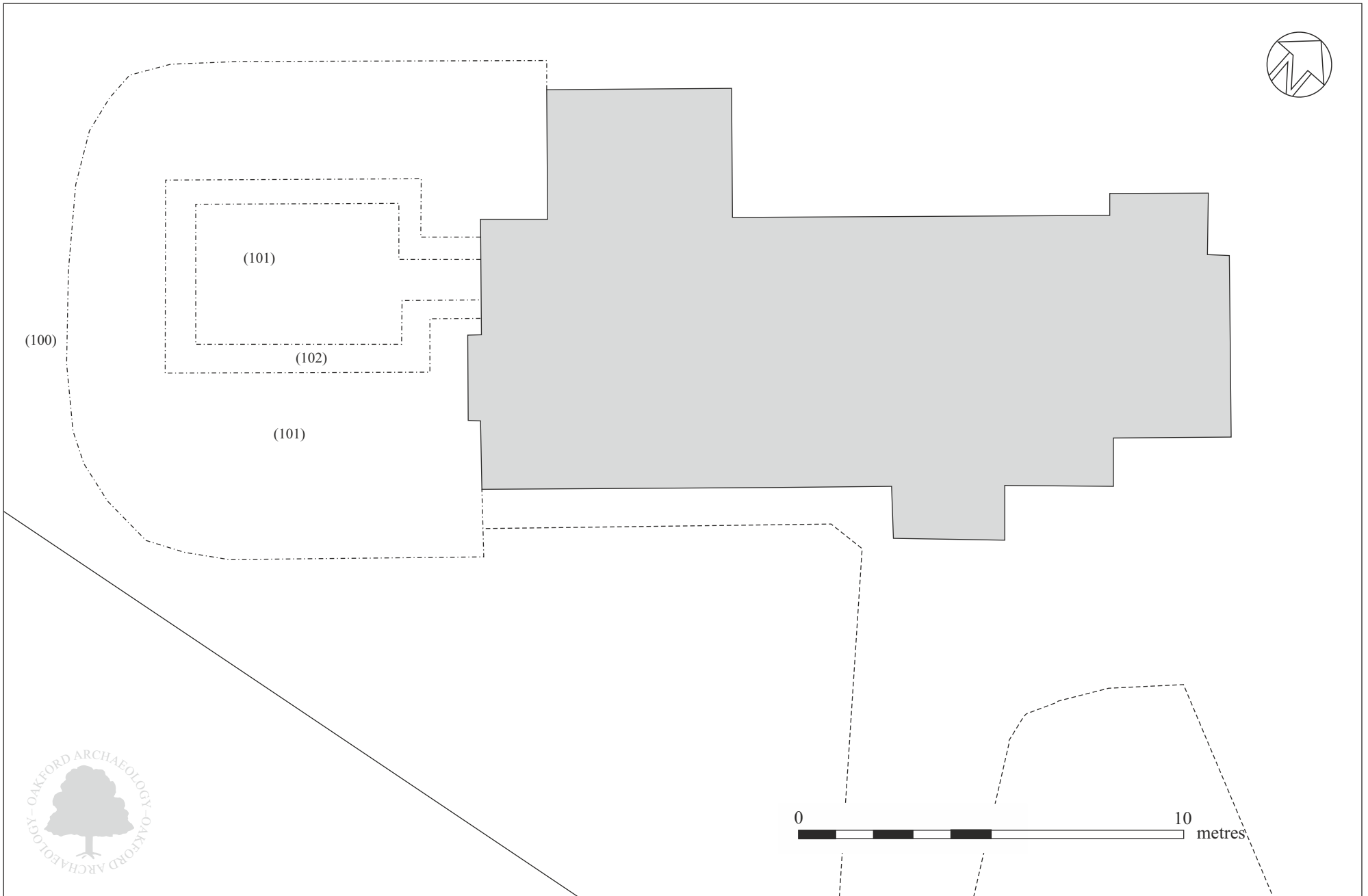


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of reduced area and foundation trench. Looking northeast.