

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

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| Civil Parish & District: Stockland, East Devon | National Grid Reference: ST 2371 0366 | Number: |
| Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording on land at Lower Seavington Farm, Stockland, Devon. | | Photo attached: Y |
| Planning Application no: 19/1660/FUL | Recipient museum: n/a | |
| OASIS ID: oakforda1-400695 | Museum Reference no: n/a | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: OA1644 | Dates fieldwork undertaken: 13/08/2020 | |
| <p>Background</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology for the client in August 2020 on works associated with the construction of a new agricultural building on land at Lower Seavington Farm, Stockland, Devon (ST 2371 0366). The work was required by East Devon District Council (EDDC), as advised by the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site (Fig. 1) lies in an area of archaeological potential to the south of the Grade II* Listed Higher Seavington House, a 16th or early 17th century farmhouse. In addition, the site is located in an area where a large number of prehistoric findspots of flint tools have been recovered.</p> <p>Description of the works</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during the excavation of the foundations for the outbuilding (Fig. 2, pls. 1-2). The works entailed the excavation of foundation trenches totalling c.39.3m in length, 0.8m wide and 0.45m deep. In addition, seven pits, each 1.3m long, 0.8m wide and 1.2m deep, were excavated at regular intervals along the long edge of the building. The work revealed a simple deposit sequence extending across the whole site. Natural subsoil (100), consisting of a compact orange blue gleyed clay with frequent chert inclusions, was exposed at a depth of 0.3m below current ground level. This was sealed underneath a 0.3m thick dark mid brown silty loam topsoil (101) with frequent chert inclusions.</p> <p>A small collection of archaeological material was recovered from the works consisting of three sherds of 19th-20th century industrial whitewares and a single sherd of 18th-19th century South Somerset coarseware. Despite examination of the spoil heaps no flints or other artefacts were found.</p> <p>OASIS entry</p> <p>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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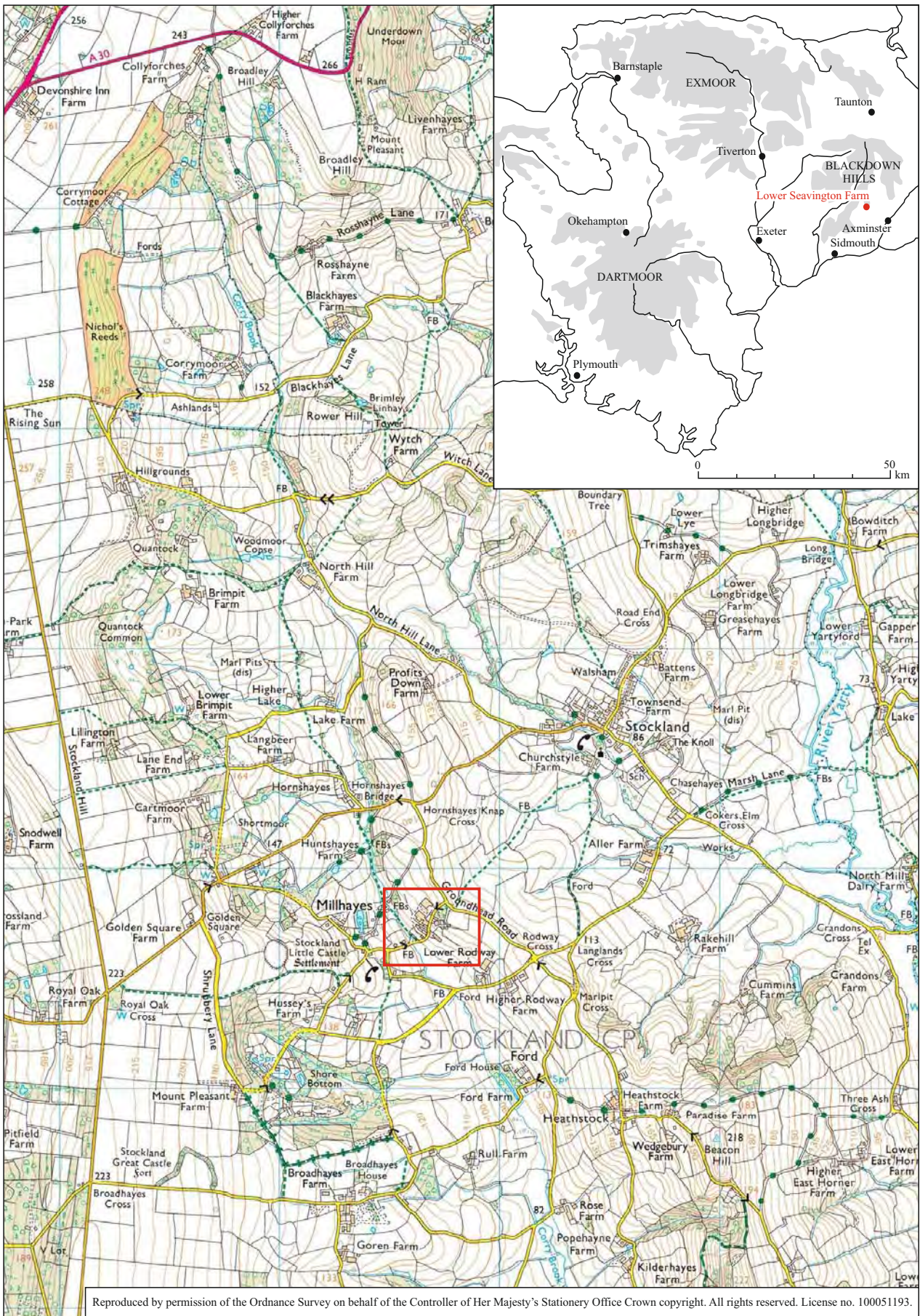
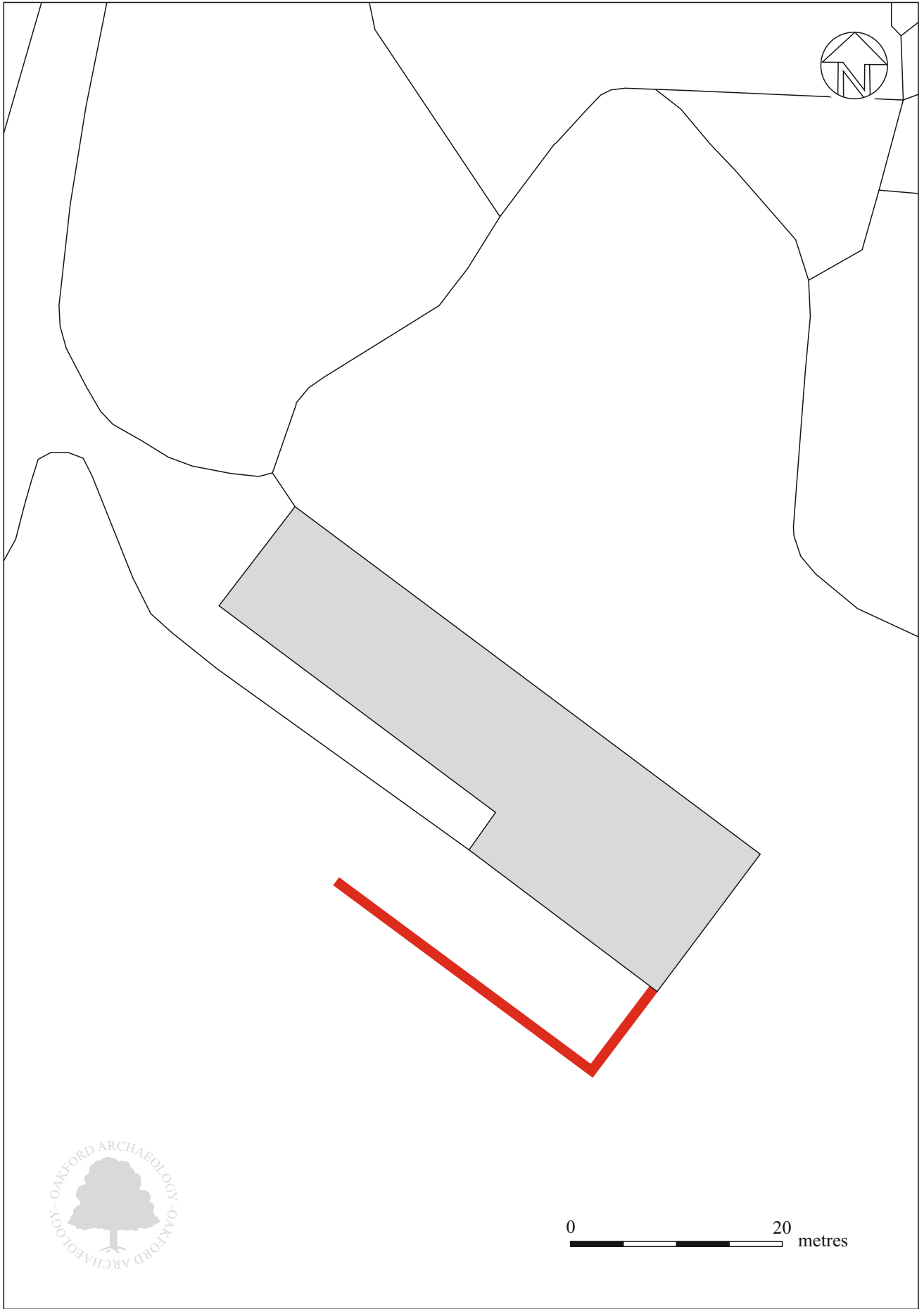


Fig. 1 Location of site.





Pl. 1 General view of the foundation trench. Looking northwest.



Pl. 2 Sample section within foundation pits showing deposit sequence. 1m scale. Looking southwest.