

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Ipplepen, Devon	National Grid Reference: SX 8529 6662	Number:
Subject: Monitoring and recording on land at The Smithy, Dainton, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Planning permission no: 20/00352/FUL	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-422394	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1788	Date fieldwork undertaken: 07/06 and 24/06/2021	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in June 2021 on land at The Smithy, Dainton, Devon (SX 8529 6662). The site (Fig. 1) lies in an area of high archaeological potential to the northeast of an extensive prehistoric, Romano-British and early post-Roman settlement landscape. The work was therefore required by Teignbridge District Council (TDC), as advised by the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>Results: A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of two holiday pods (Fig. 1, Pls. 1-4) and associated service trenching. The work involved the excavation of a trench approximately 45m long, 0.3m wide and c.0.7m deep and an area of terracing approximately 18m long and 18m wide and excavated to a maximum depth of 0.15m. In addition, a 4.5m long, 3.5m wide and 1.4m deep soakaway was also monitored at the northeastern end of the development.</p> <p>The work exposed a simple deposit sequence of mid red clay (101) natural subsoil underneath a 0.4m thick mid reddish brown silty clay (100) topsoil.</p> <p>A very small collection of archaeological material was recovered from the topsoil, consisting of a single sherd of South Somerset coarseware (18th-19th century) and three sherds of 19th and early 20th centuries industrial whitewares.</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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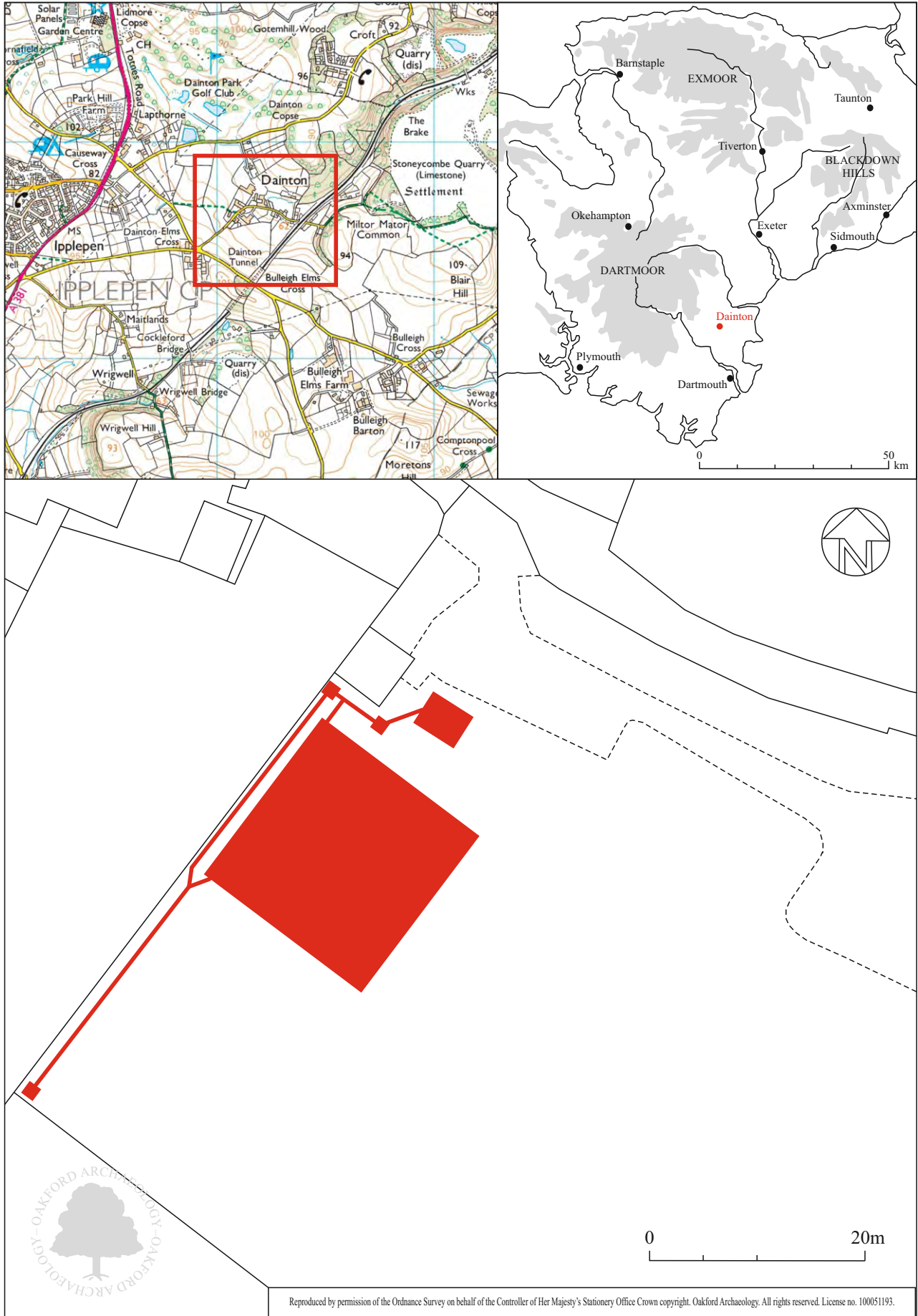


Fig. 1 Location of site

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Pl. 1 General view of service trench with area strip in background. 2m scale. Looking northeast.



Pl. 2 General view of area strip. Looking northwest.



Pl. 3 Section through service trench showing depth of topsoil (100) above natural subsoil (101). 1m scale. Looking southeast.



Pl. 4 General view of soakaway showing depth of topsoil (100) above natural subsoil (101). 2m scale. Looking northeast.