

## Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Okehampton, West Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 5817 9510	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording at All Saints Church, Okehampton, Devon.		<b>Photo attached:</b> Y
<b>Faculty no:</b>	<b>Recipient museum:</b> n/a	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> oakforda1-428562	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> OA1720	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 04-05/08/2021	
<p><b>Description of works:</b> An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in August 2021 at the Church of All Saints, Okehampton, Devon (SX 5817 9510). The church is a grade II* listed building and was extensively rebuilt in 1842-4 in the Perpendicular style by the local architect John Hayward of Exeter. The west tower, with its thin set back buttresses and moulded base, embattled parapet and pinnacles with crockets, and west doorway with its massive square drip mould and carved spandrels, dates to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It was therefore considered possible that significant remains or deposits might survive within the footprint of the proposed groundworks.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of new service trench (Fig. 1, Pls. 1-4). The work involved the excavation of a trench extending over a distance of 48m, 0.4m wide and 0.4m deep.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> Inspection of the works exposed a 0.1m thick layer of decayed tarmac (100) overlying natural subsoil consisting of a mid yellow clay and shillet (101). In line with the north elevation of the west tower the natural subsoil was truncated by mid yellowish brown silty clay (102). This contained disarticulated human bone and has been interpreted as a charnel soil.</p> <p><b>Project archive and OASIS entry</b> 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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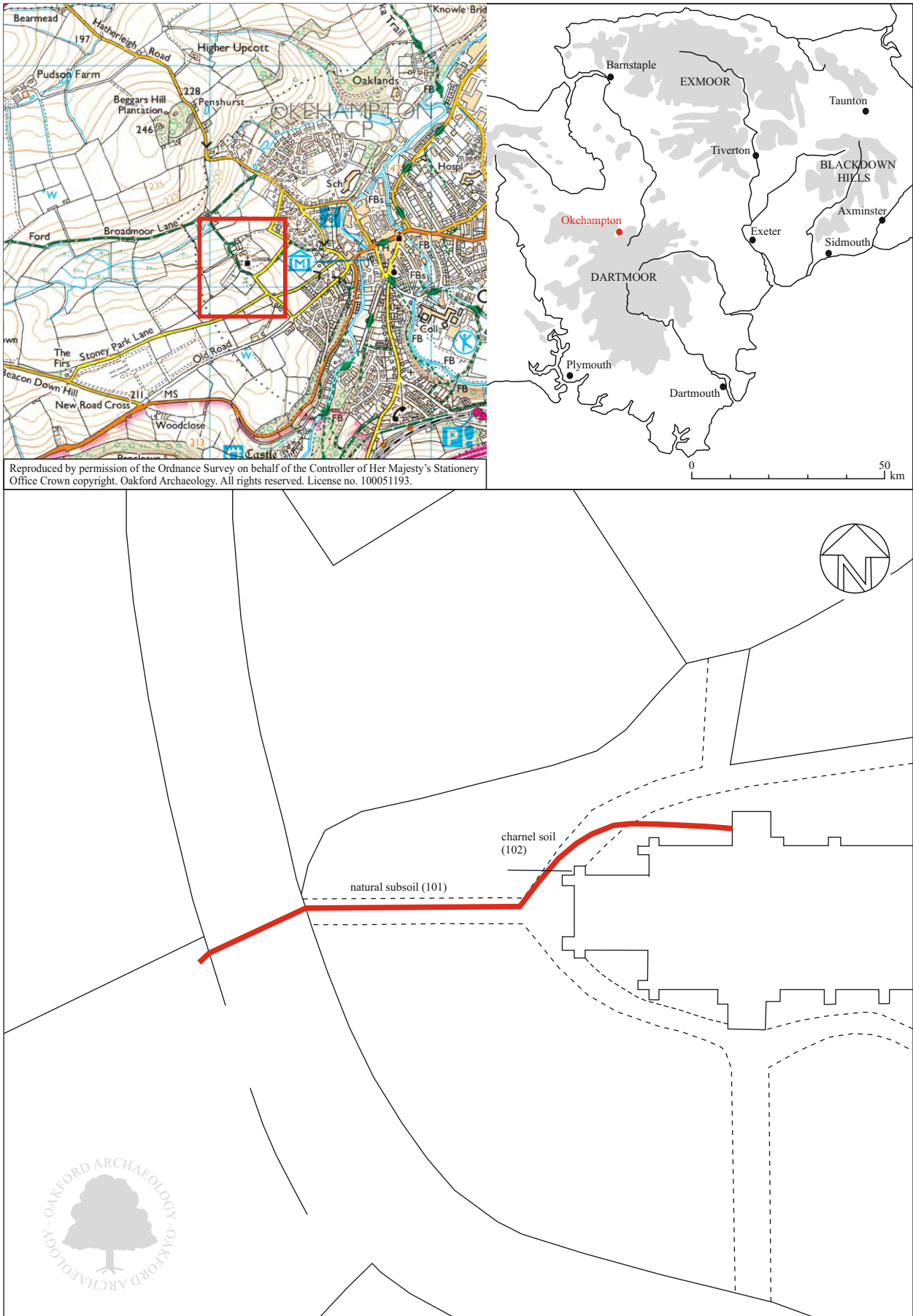


Fig. 1 Location of site.



Pl. 1 General view of trench. 2m scale. Looking east.



Pl. 2 General view of trench. 2m scale. Looking northeast.



Pl. 3 General view of trench. 2m scale. Looking southwest.



Pl. 4 General view of trench. 2m scale. Looking east.