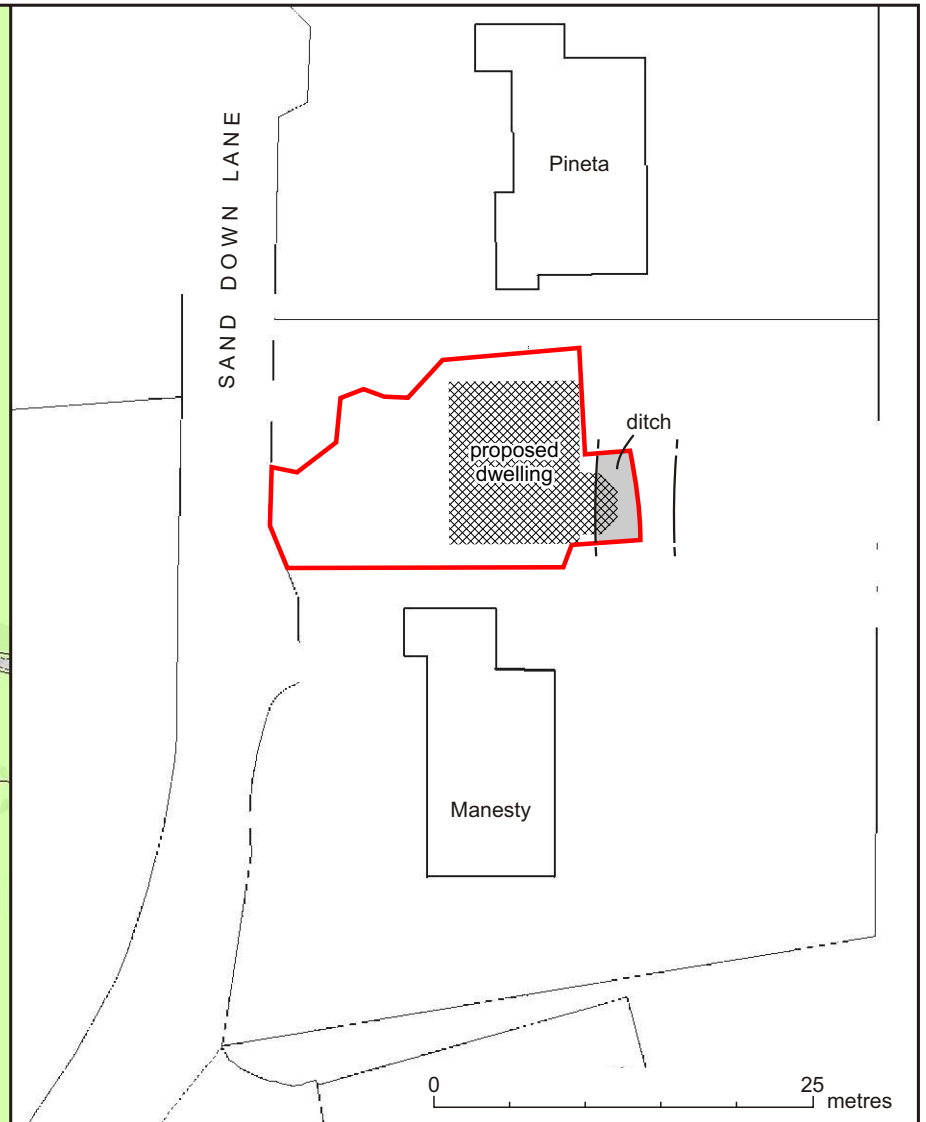
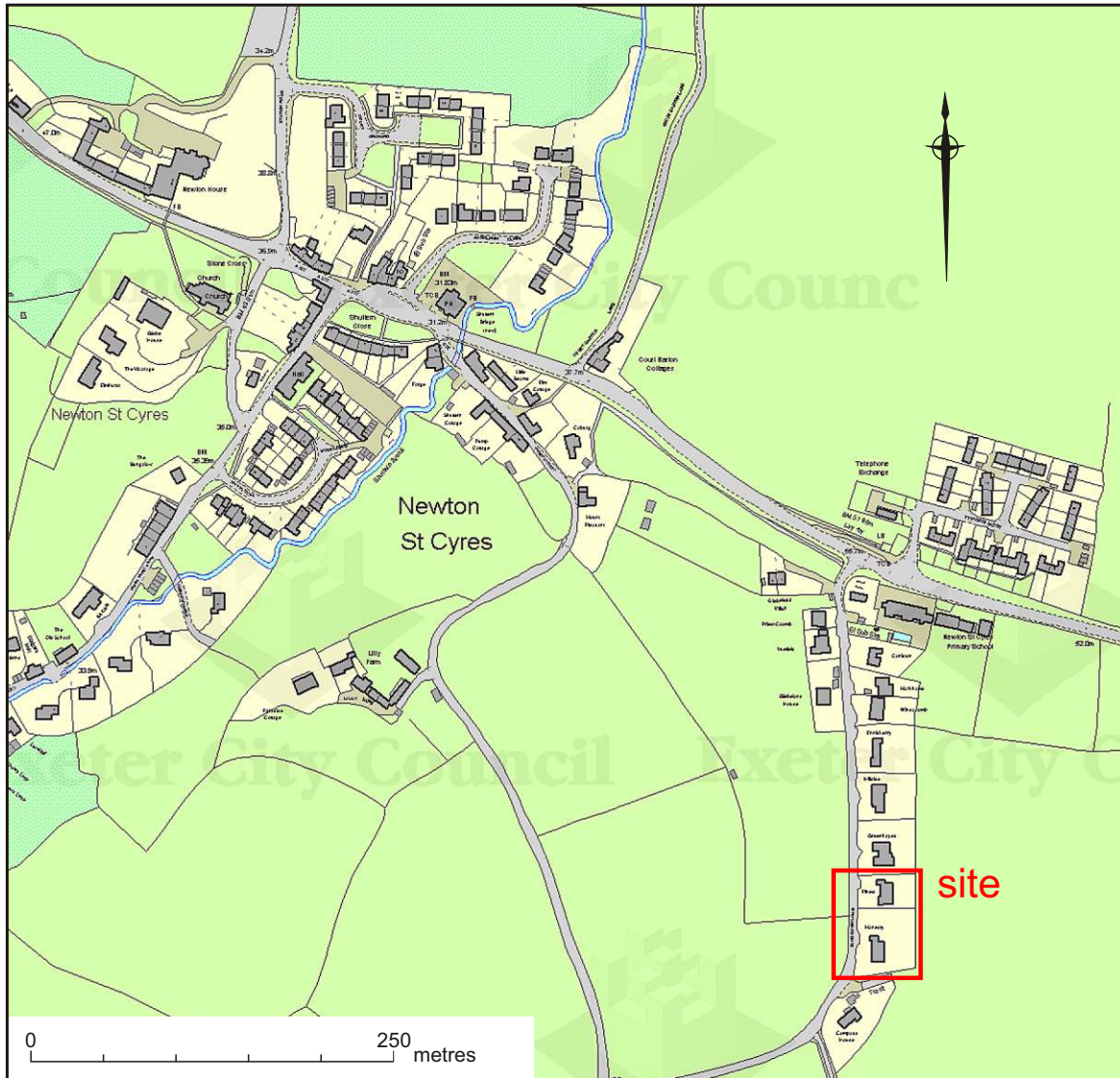


Devon County Historic Environment Record

<p>Parish: Newton St Cyres</p>	<p>NGR: SX 8839 9756</p>	<p>Number:</p>
<p>Subject: Archaeological watching brief at land adjacent to Manesty, Sand Down Lane, Newton St. Cyres</p>		
<p>Description:</p> <p>Monitoring was undertaken during groundworks for a new dwelling on land to the north of Manesty (planning application No 04/00836/OUT, MDDC).</p> <p>The development lies within a multi-ditched prehistoric enclosure identified by aerial photography within a field to the east of the site.</p> <p>The western side of a large (approx 5m wide), north-south aligned ditch (107) was exposed along the eastern limit of the excavated area (see fig.1). A 1m wide slot was hand-excavated through the fills of the ditch (102-105) to construction formation level. Augering from this level revealed the ditch to be 2.8m deep (fig. 2). All of the fills were loose silty clay loams, containing varying amounts of gravel and pea grit. The ditch had a symmetrical open V profile (steep sides and a 0.4m wide, flat base), with the sides flaring outwards into a more gentle slope higher up. Although the clean nature of the fills suggested re-deposition of the original excavated material, no tip lines were evident. The ditch was exposed in plan over a distance of 6m. It did not display any indication of a return and thus represents the western side of the enclosure identified to the east by aerial photography.</p> <p>A small number of finds were recovered, comprising a sherd of late prehistoric pottery from ditch fill 103 and two lithic flakes, one with retouch, residual within the topsoil. A rim sherd from a second-century, gritty grey ware Roman flagon was recovered from exposed ploughsoil within the adjacent field, within the footprint of the enclosure.</p> <p>No other archaeological features or deposits were exposed within the footprint of the building or the area stripped for the driveway and carport.</p>	<p>Ref: EA project 6195</p>	<p>Date: 14/08/07 - 17/08/07</p>
<p>Client: Richard Nicholls</p>	<p>Recorder: Marie Leverett</p>	



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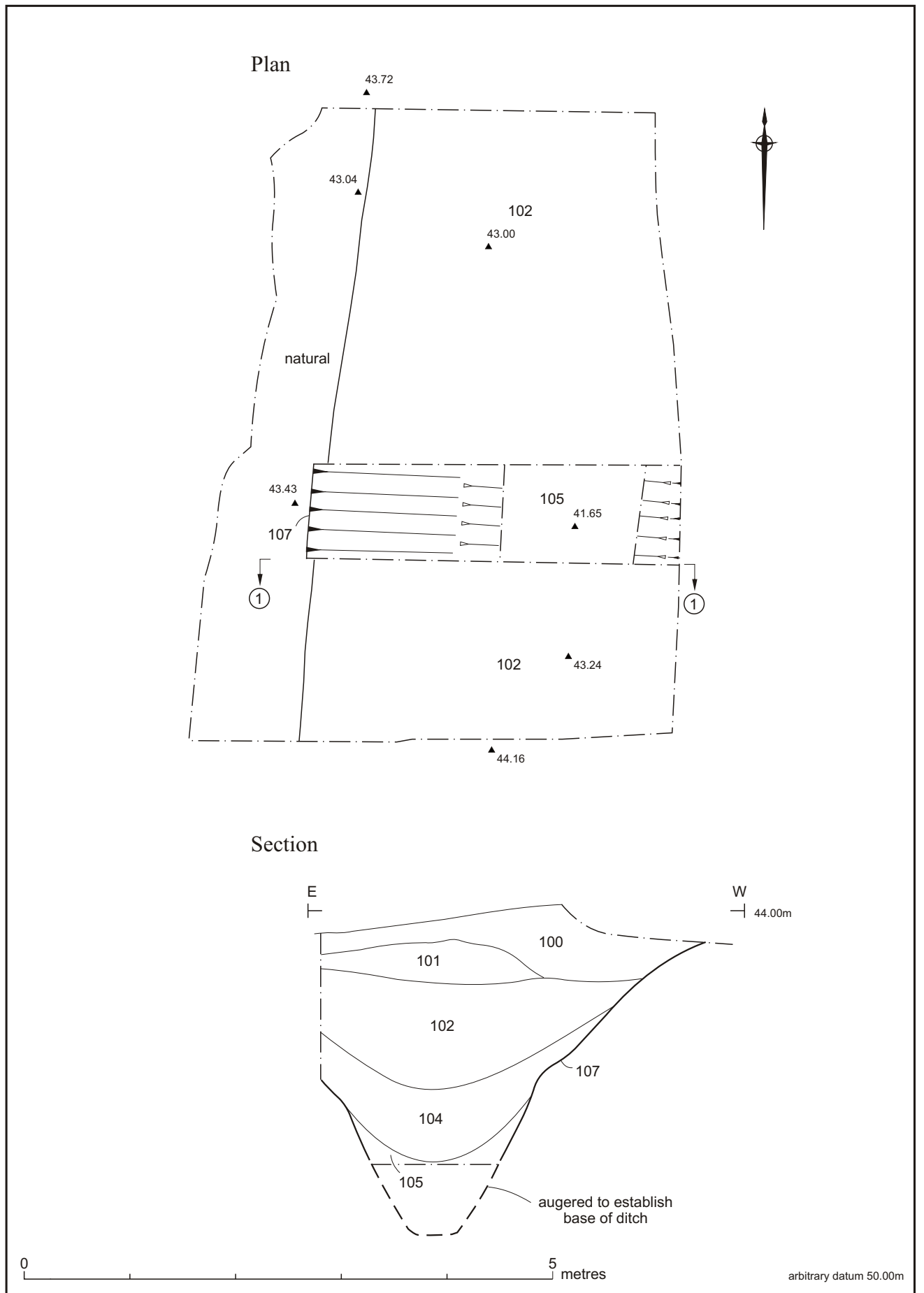


Fig. 2 Plan and section.



Plate 1 Enclosure ditch exposed in plan. Scales 2m. Looking east.

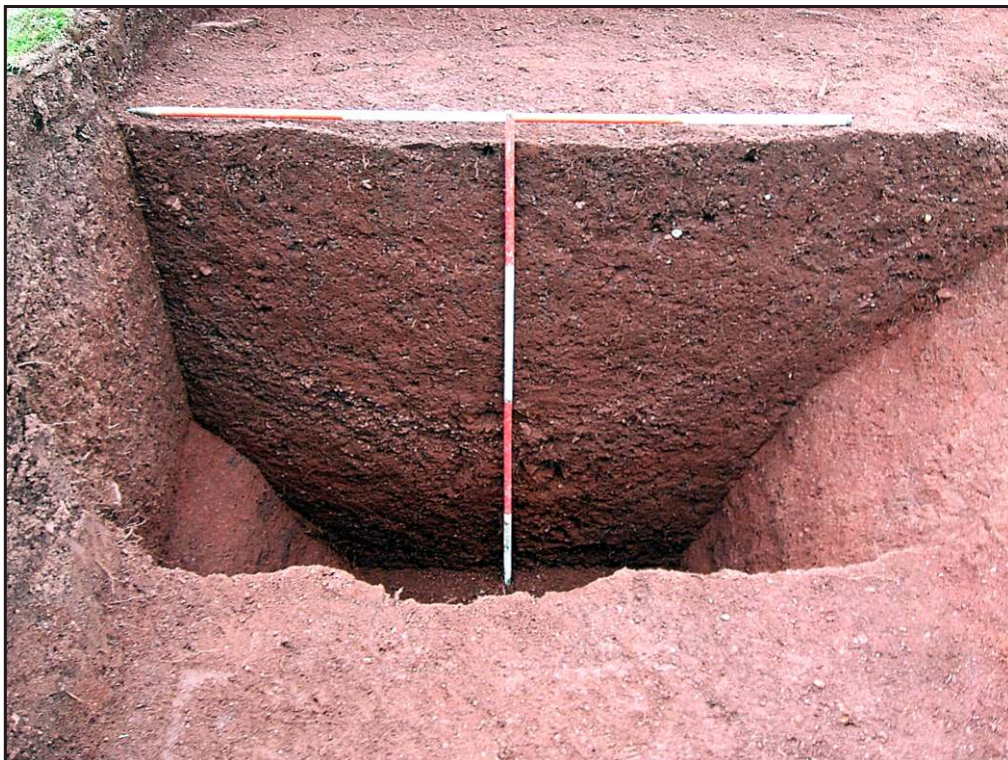


Plate 2 Detailed view of ditch. Scales 2m. Looking south.