

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Stokenham, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX8079 4292	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Watching brief at The Close, Stokenham, Devon		<b>Photo attached?</b> N
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 53/2395/07/F	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Plymouth City Museum	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> Exeterar1 46631	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> AR 2008.10	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EA 6398	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 02/07/2008	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken during topsoil removal and reduction of ground levels in advance of the construction of a new driveway.</p> <p>The site (fig. 1) lies within the historic settlement of Stokenham, which is likely to have originated in the early medieval period. It is positioned on steeply sloping land at a height of between 52m AOD (NE) and 44.5m AOD (SW). The site of the driveway lies immediately to the south of the main house, overlooking the village green to the southwest. The village green itself has been the historic focus of the village and contains various earthwork remains of uncertain function and date.</p> <p>The initial works involved the stripping of topsoil and two underlying subsoils, to a maximum depth of 0.85m. The uppermost subsoil comprised a 400mm thick brown clayey silt containing moderate mudstone flecks and very occasional clinker/fire waste fragments. Underlying this was a 350mm thick dark brown clayey silt containing occasional charcoal flecks. Beneath this material lay <i>in situ</i> bedrock. The bedrock was exposed throughout the stripped area and consisted of an eroded mudstone outcrop orientated in a northeast-southwest trend.</p> <p>No significant archaeological deposits or features were exposed during the reduction and no pottery or other artefacts were recovered.</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> P Jones, Exeter Archaeology		<b>Date sent to HER:</b> 06/08/2008

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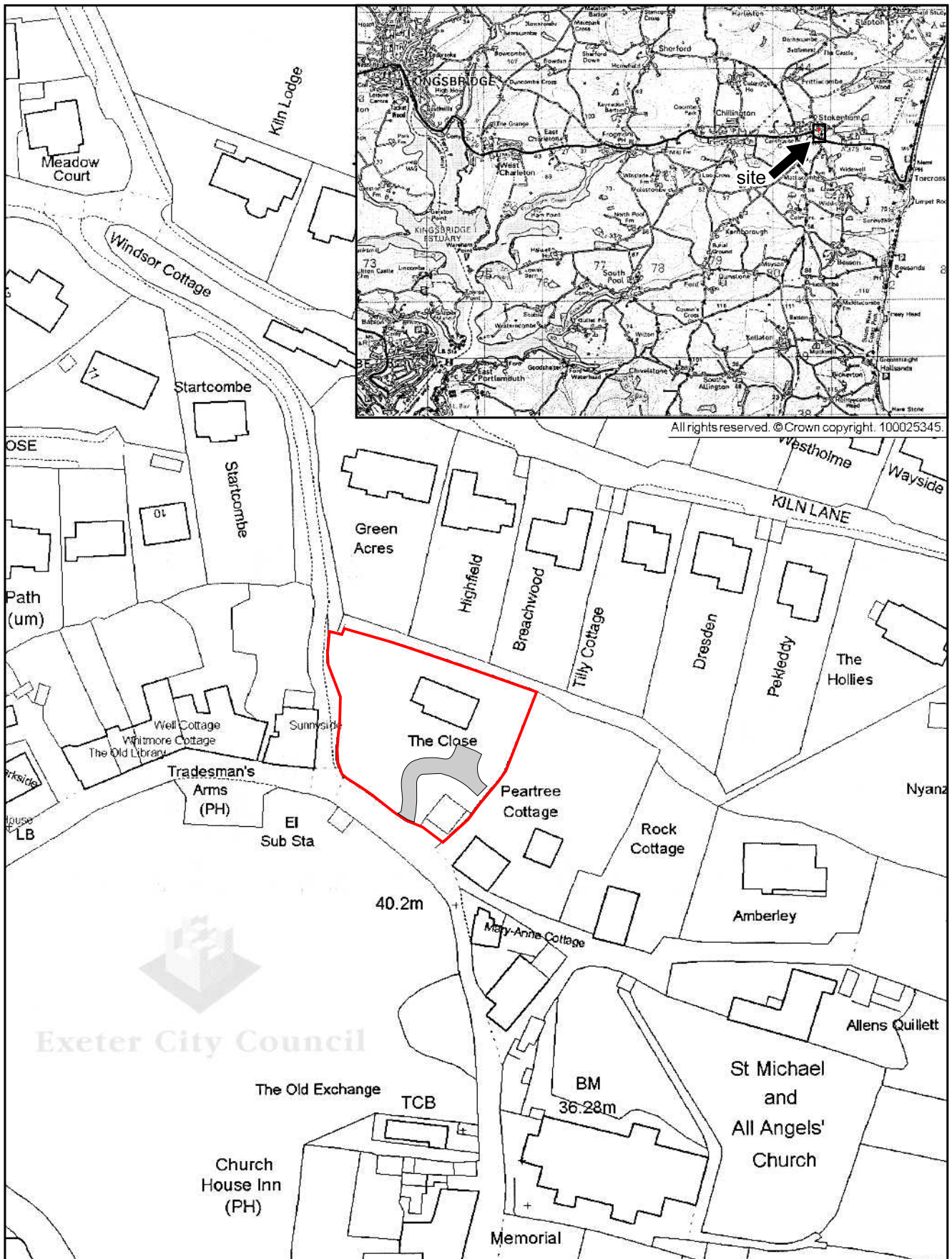


Fig. 1 Location of site and area of observations (shaded).