

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Axminster, East Devon District	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 33062 10268	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording during removal of a hedgebank at Alston Farm, Alston		<b>Photo attached?</b> No
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 08/2301/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAMM Exeter	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> Exeterar1 - 51189	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 415/2008	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EA6689	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 17.10.08	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Monitoring was carried out during the removal of a hedgebank in advance of the construction of an agricultural building. A section across the hedge was examined and recorded. The hedgebank forms part of a medieval field system, altered by the enlargement of fields during the latter 20<sup>th</sup> century. The westernmost 32m of the bank had been removed prior to arrival (Fig. 1).</p> <p>The hedgebank (Fig. 2) measured 800mm high and 2.1m wide. The original ground surface (buried soil), had not survived; the hedge core (102 and 101) lying directly over natural subsoil (103). A shallow ditch was present to the south side of the hedge although this had been heavily disturbed by machine movements. There was heavy root disturbance throughout the recorded section. Context descriptions were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (100) Dark reddish brown loose clayey silt with upper plant growth, containing 60% decaying plant material (bank soil)</li> <li>• (101) Brown friable clayey silt, containing 10% decayed plant material (bank core).</li> <li>• (102) Strong brown friable clayey silt, containing 10% poorly sorted subangular and subrounded chert (bank core).</li> <li>• (103) Brown friable clayey silt, containing &lt;5% poorly sorted subangular chert and limestone Natural subsoil).</li> </ul>		
<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>		
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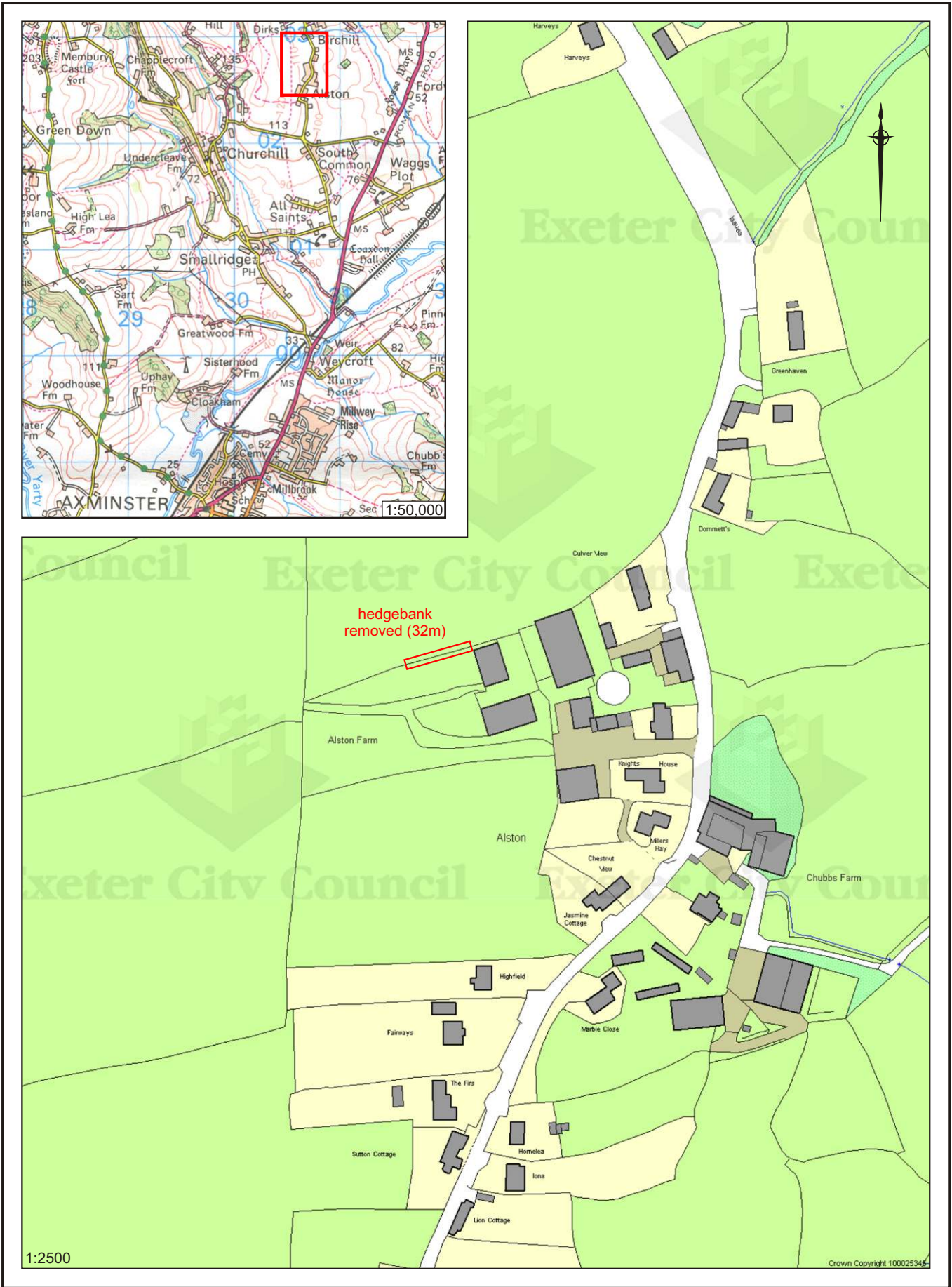


Fig. 1 Location of site.

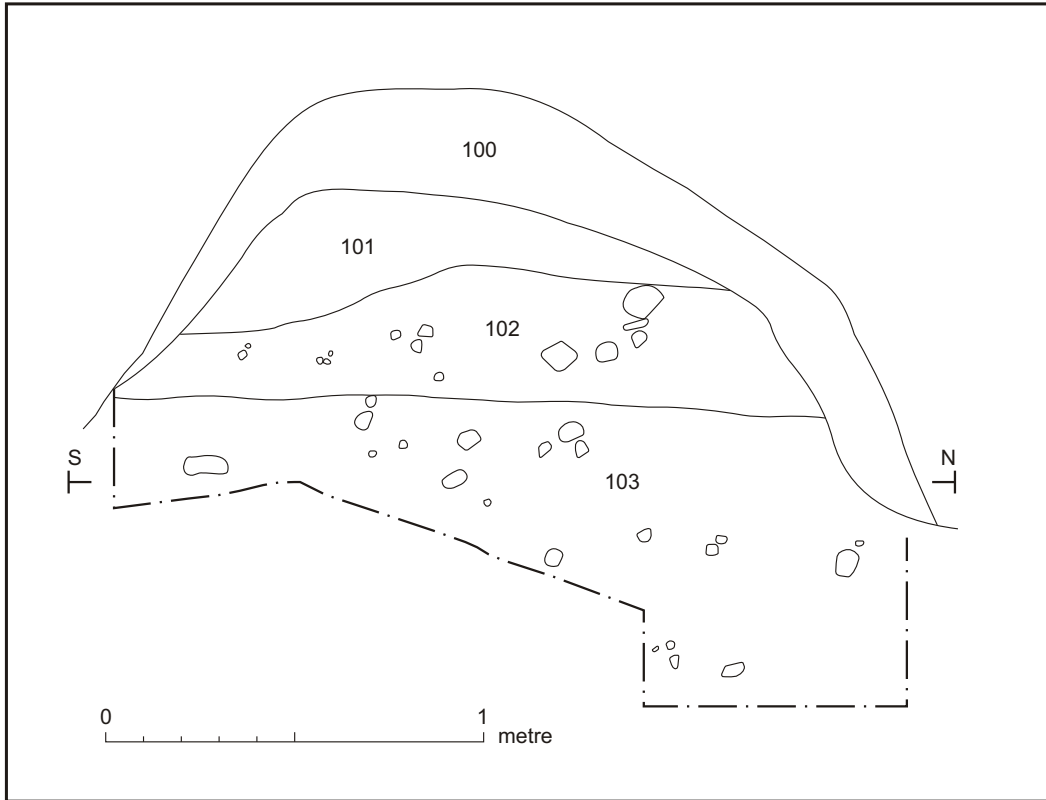


Fig. 2 East facing section through hedgebank.