

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: North Tawton, West Devon	National Grid Reference: SS 663014	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring at North Tawton Memorial Park.		Photo attached: N
Planning Application no: DCC/2663/2008	Recipient museum: RAMM	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-53982	Museum Accession no: 29/2009	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA 6685	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 06/01-09/01/2009	
<p>Description of works:</p> <p>The site lies within the historic core and Conservation Area of North Tawton. 19th century mapping indicated the former presence of buildings along the northern half of the proposed new footpath route. Although it was anticipated that the groundworks would be relatively shallow, it was considered possible that archaeological features and/or deposits associated with the former buildings might have survived within the footprint of the footpath.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during soil stripping (see attached plan). The site area measured approximately 110m by 1.8m, and extended to a depth of 0.3m. Localised 19th- and 20th-century pottery, and stone and clinker fragments were uncovered at the southern end of the trench, although these are likely to be part of an imported deposit. No evidence of archaeological activity was uncovered at the north end. Due to the topography, the ground reduction barely extended to the underside of topsoil.</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>The layer sequence revealed by the trenching typically consisted of the following: 0-0.3m – Modern topsoil 0.3+ (unexcavated) - clay and loam mix: imported levelling deposit.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the area of the new footpath.</p>		
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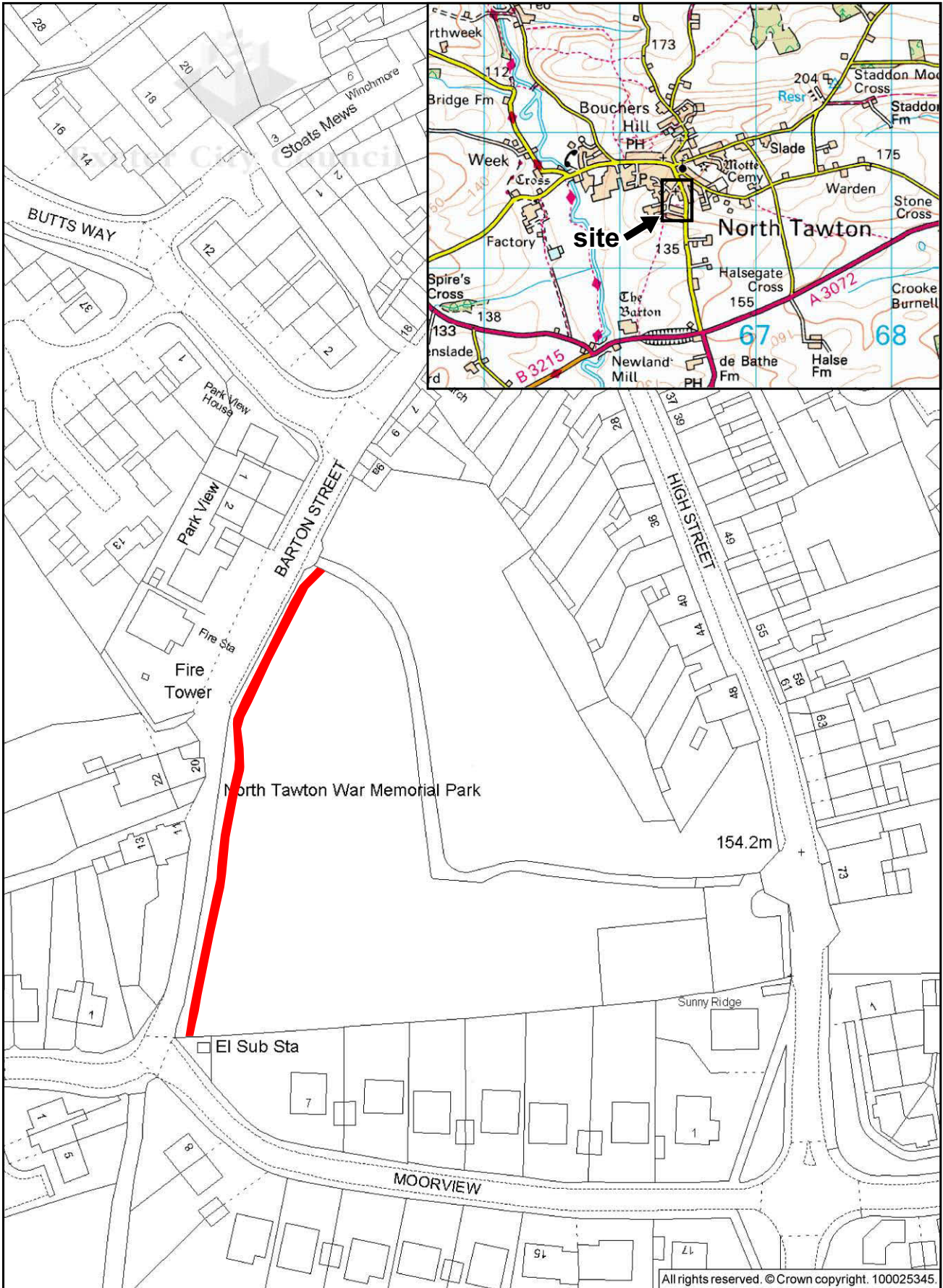


Fig. 1 Location of site. Scale 1:1250.