

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Seaton , East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 24751 91011	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Whitecross Farm, Colyford Road, watching brief		<b>Photo attached?</b> No
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 05/1622/MFUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> Exeterar-1 63885	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 213/2006	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EA5722	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 09/06/2006-15/06/2006	
<b>Description of works.</b> <p>A watching brief was carried out on foundations and other groundworks associated with the construction of new housing at Whitecross Farm off Colyford Road, Seaton. The works comprised of footings, drainage channels and other enabling works carried out in advance of construction.</p> <b>Background</b> <p>The Whitecross Farm site lies on the western edge of the reclaimed land of Seaton Marshes alongside the River Axe the mouth of which may have been a Roman harbour. Roman occupation in the form of a villa or <i>mansio</i> is attested at the Honeyditches site off Seaton Down Hill albeit a further 1km to the west of Whitecross Farm.</p> <b>Results:</b> <p>The watching brief was conducted primarily on the house footings which, from their depth, offered the best opportunities for observation. The footings were up to 1.4m wide and they were excavated to a depth of 0.8-1m.</p> <p>The typical sequence within each trench comprised: 00-0.30m: Topsoil – mixed and disturbed by agriculture 0.30-0.50m: Reddish brown clay subsoil 0.50-0.95m+: Reddish-brown clay (Natural)</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed within the trenches observed. No features, pottery or artefacts of archaeological significance were found.</p> <p>Field-work was undertaken by B. Moore and M. Dyer (EA)</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>		
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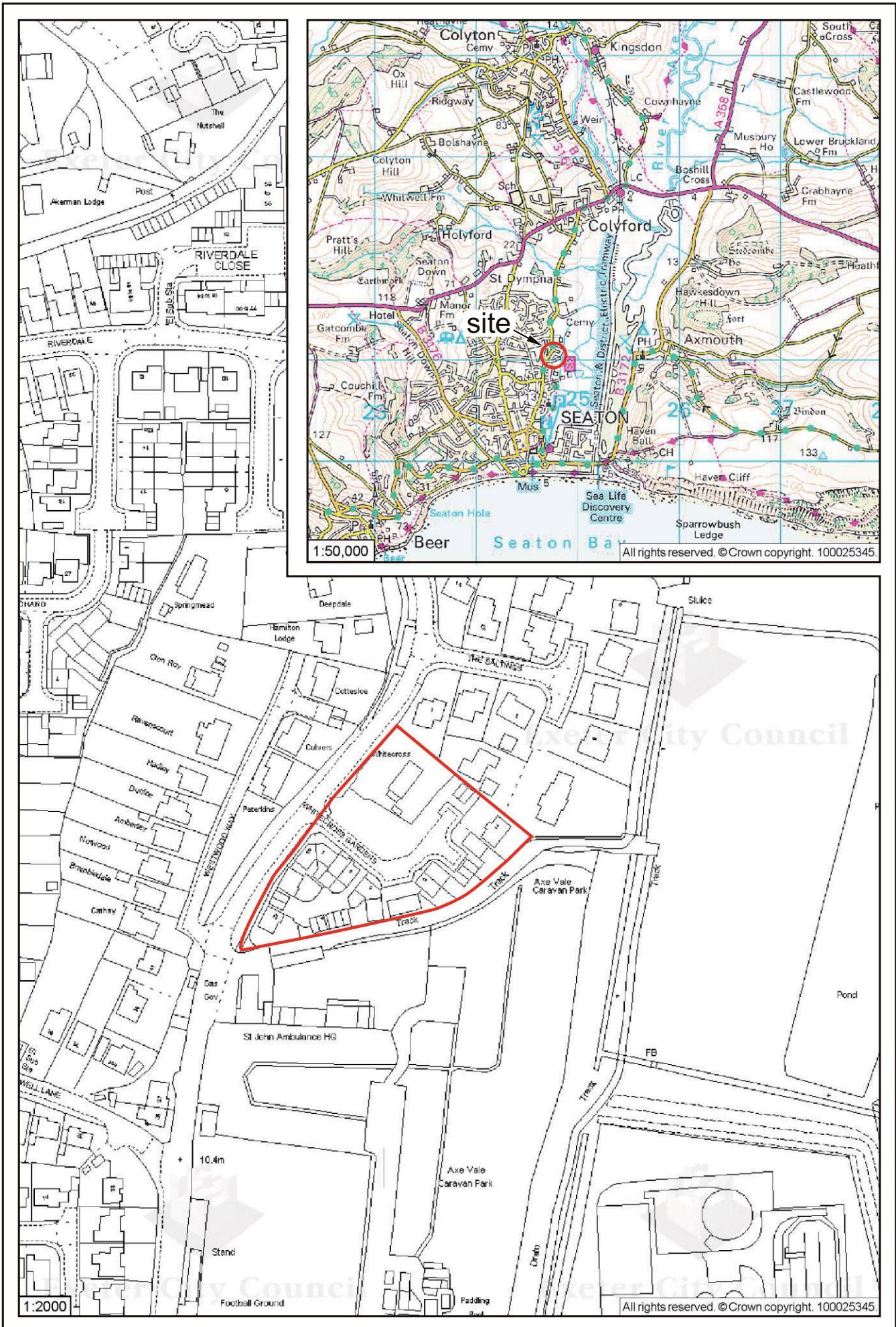


Fig. 1 Location of site.