

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Bigbury	National Grid Reference SX 6533 4421	Number:
Subject: Flint artefacts recovered from the eroding cliff face at Sedgewell Cove, Bigbury on Sea, Devon.		Photo attached: No
Planning Application no: N/A	Recipient museum: National Trust	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-66303	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA 5709	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 21-10-09	
<p>Background A number of lithic artefacts have been recovered by Mr Garry Telloke (a volunteer on the Mount Folly excavation) from the exposed cliff face flanking the beach access track at Sedgewell Cove, Bigbury on Sea. The find spot was reported to Exeter Archaeology during the recording of a masonry feature exposed in the same section of cliff. This work had been requested by Devon County Council's Historic Environment Service (DCC HES) and was carried out to a brief supplied by DCC HES.</p> <p>Description (Fig. 1) The sequence of deposits exposed in the cliff face comprised natural shale bedrock at the base of the cliff with two layers of increasingly weathered and fragmented natural shale up to a height of 1.9m, overlain by a 600mm layer of colluvial soil (103) consisting of strong brown, loose sandy silt with abundant fine shale fragments, rare quartz fragments and charcoal flecks. A layer of wind blown sand (104) overlay 103 with a post medieval wall (105) built directly on it. A further deposit of wind blown sand (106) surrounded but did not cover the wall. The finds were recovered from colluvial soil 103, at the approximate interface with the underlying weathered natural.</p> <p>The Lithics The lithic finds consisted of 10 small pieces of pale greyish flint, comprising one narrow blade fragment, one small tear drop shaped tool and eight waste flakes.</p> <p>Further action The finds are to be formally identified by a lithic specialist and their description on the HER to be updated accordingly. They are currently in the possession of Mr Garry Telloke.</p>		
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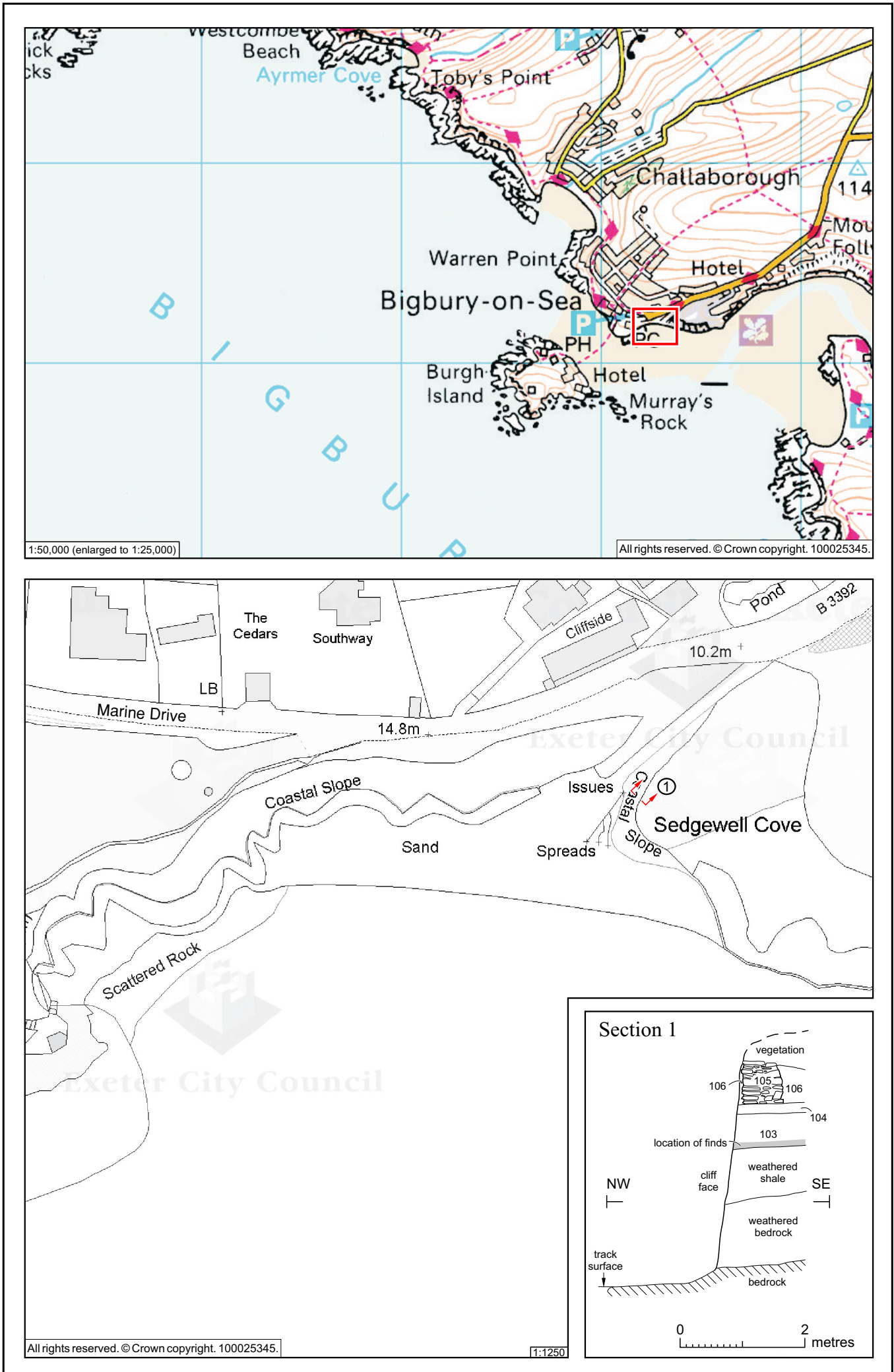


Fig. 1 Site location & section exposed by erosion of beach back cliff.