

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Sidmouth, East Devon	National Grid Reference: SY 1328 8808 SY 1331 8786	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording on the Sid Road water mains rehabilitation, Sidmouth, Devon.		Photo attached: N
Planning Application no: n/a	Recipient museum: Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-69379	Museum Accession no: 129/2009	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA6716	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 03/12/08 – 05/12/08	
Description of works: An archaeological watching brief (Fig. 1) was carried out during groundworks for the Sid Road water mains rehabilitation, which extends for approximately 220m, from Brownlands Close to Salcombe Hill Road along the western edge of Sidmouth. As the majority of the water main was contained within an earlier service trench it was agreed that intermittent return visits would be made to monitor subsequent trenching. As part of the works a single hedgebank was breached. This was an earthen bank of simple construction and no buried soil was present. The bank (Fig. 2) was 2.2m wide and 1m high and currently supports sycamore and occasional small beech amongst bramble and nettle scrub. Immediately on top of the natural subsoil (100) beneath the centre of the bank was a 2.1m wide and 0.4m thick layer of redeposited natural subsoil with common flint (101). The body of the bank above this material was composed of a homogenous dump of soil, 2.2m wide and 0.4m thick dump composed of dark red brown silty clay (102) and containing frequent flint. This was covered by a 0.3m thick humus rich topsoil deposit (103). Conclusion: No features, deposits or dating evidence were found to indicate archaeological activity within the line of the pipeline. The bank appeared to be of simple construction and had clearly not been subject to extensive alteration or remodelling.		
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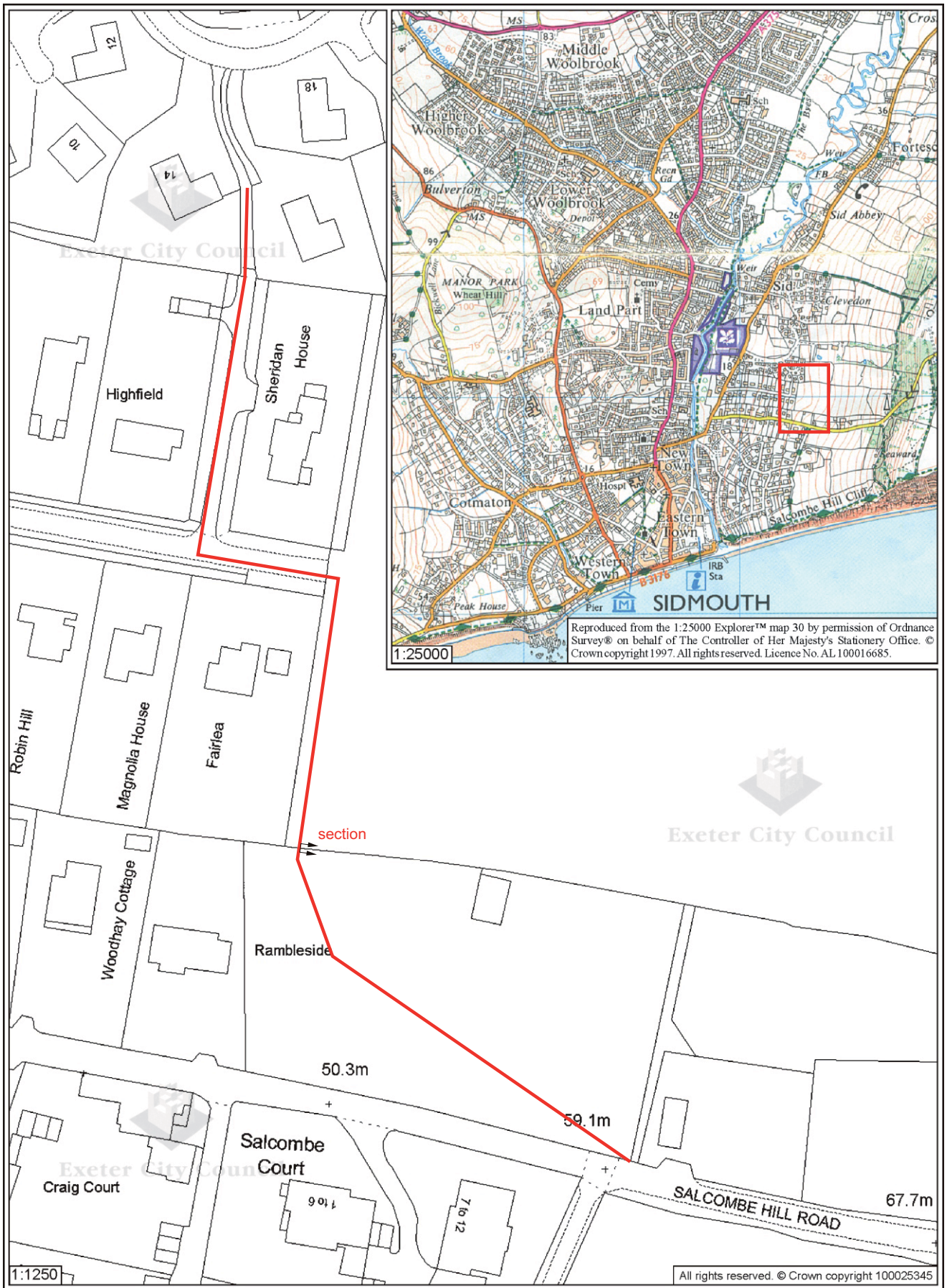


Fig. 1 Location of pipeline route.

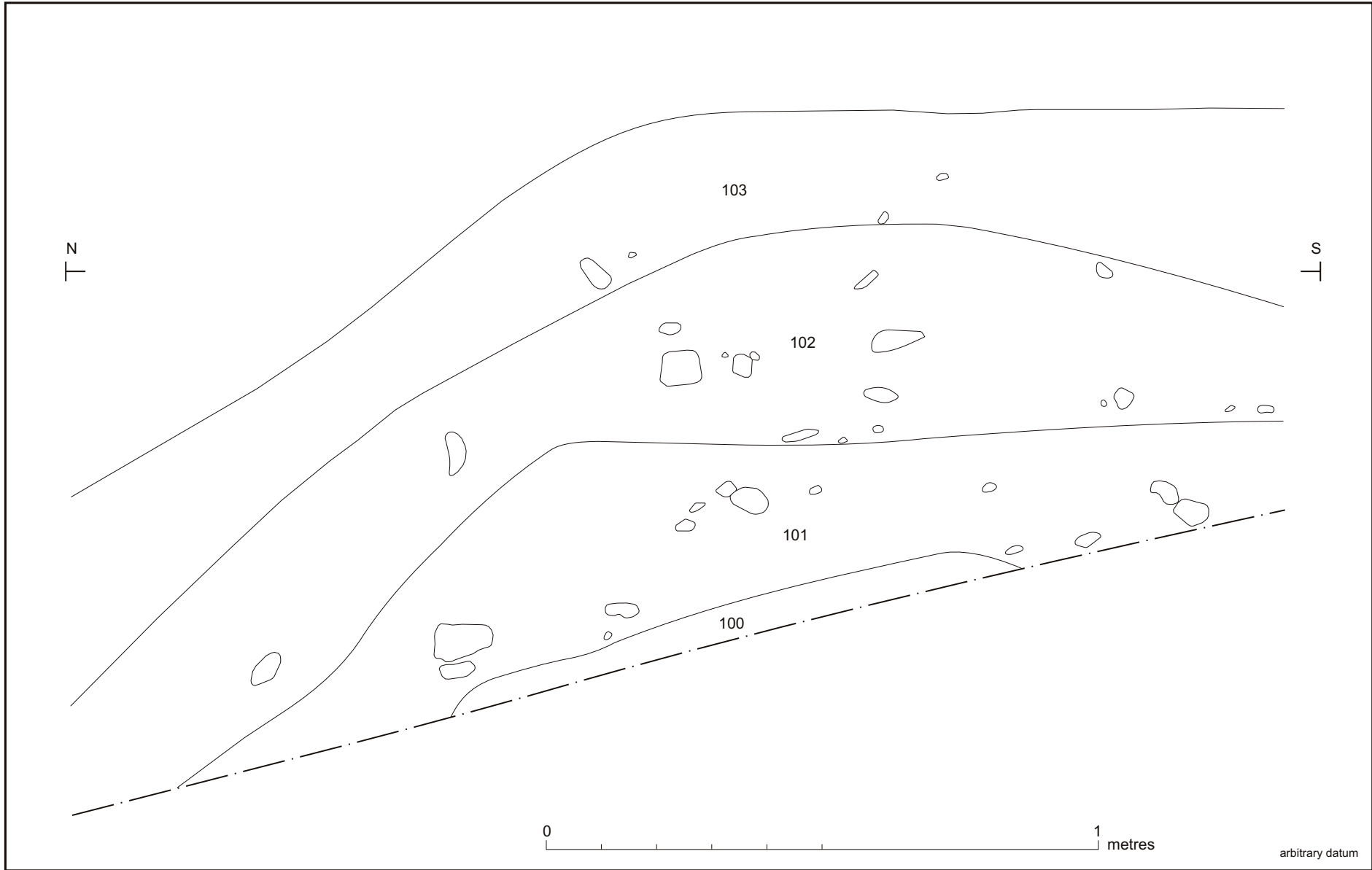


Fig. 2 Section through hedge bank.