

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Sampford Courtney	National Grid Reference SX 662981	Number:
Subject: Archaeological Watching Brief at North Wyke Farm, Sampford Courtney		Photo attached? N
Planning Application no: (ref: 13594/2009)	Recipient museum: Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery	
OASIS ID: exeterar1-86895	Museum Accession no: A.R.2010.40	
Contractor's reference number/code: EA7218	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 18/5/10 – 13/7/10	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was carried out at North Wyke Farm, Sampford Courtney during the excavation of a series of flumes with associated open ditch and cable trenching. North Wyke farm is an historic settlement containing listed buildings and field name evidence ('Burrows') may be suggestive of a prehistoric site. The site of a Roman fort lies to the north of the farm. In view of the known archaeological potential, monitoring focused on the northern part of the site and the area around Burrow field to the west of the farm complex.</p> <p>A total of 6 flumes were monitored, each of which measured approximately 3m by 2m and varied in depth from 1.1-1.2m. In addition to this, approximately 1,800m of trenching was monitored, varying in width from 0.25 – 1.25m and varying in depth from 0.8-1.5m. The soil profile was very similar across the site, consisting of topsoil overlaying the natural strata. A typical profile from flume 4 is described below:</p> <p>0 – 0.4m Medium brown clay loam topsoil 0.4 – 1.2m Firm yellowish brown natural clay with occasional sub-rounded stones</p> <p>All of the soil profiles observed were void of archaeological features or deposits. The spoil heaps were scanned for finds and no pre-modern pottery was recovered. In view of this, the watching brief was terminated in agreement with DCHES.</p>		
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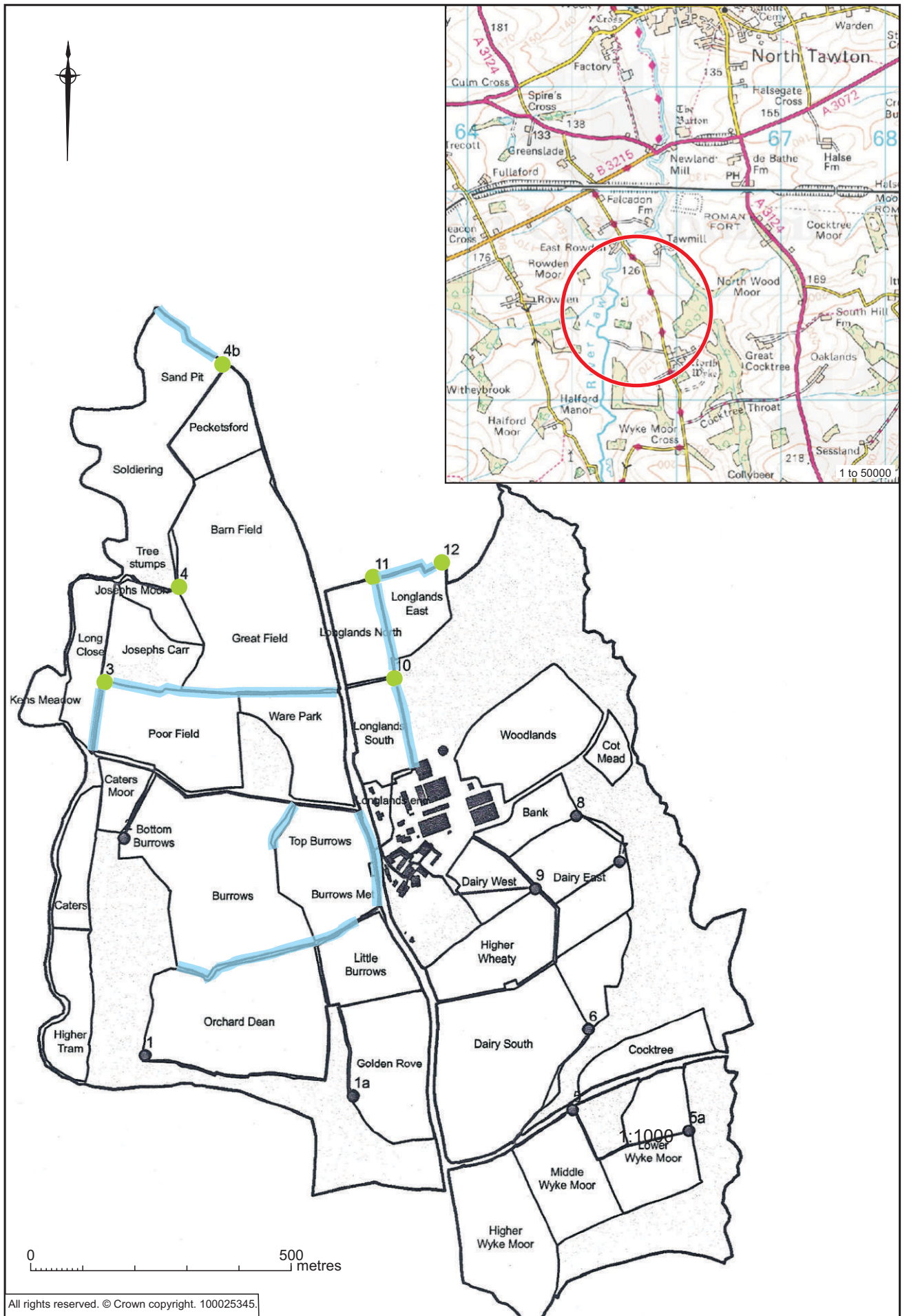


Fig. 1 Location plan showing trenching (blue) and flumes (green) monitored during watching brief.