

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

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| Civil Parish & District: Halwill Junction, Torridge | National Grid Reference: SS 44398 00664 | Number: |
| Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording during ground and drainage works at Land at Denelea, Chilla Road, Halwill Junction, Devon. | | Photo attached? Yes |
| Planning Reference: 1/0932/2018/OUT | Recipient museum: n/a | |
| OASIS ID: Southwes1-408072 | Museum Accession no: n/a | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: HJC22 | Dates fieldwork undertaken: 17 th February 2023 | |
| <p>Description of works. Archaeological monitoring was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client as part of archaeological work before building works associated with a proposed single house plot at Land at Denelea, Chilla Road, Halwill Junction, Devon. This work was carried out by S. Stevens on 17th February 2023 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2020) having been agreed during consultation with the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site lies between two dwellings (to north and south), surrounded by agricultural land. The Devon HER notes a barrow to the north-west of the site, adjacent to Dorado Lodge (MDV12448). The HER notes that the remains of this have possibly been removed. To the north-east lies a C19th quarry (MDV36264), and across the road from the site the HER indicates the place where an oak tree formerly marked the boundary between Halwill and Beaworthy. To the west of the site lies the route of the Holsworthy Branch of the London and South Western Railway, which closed in 1966 (MDV22543).</p> <p>The site lies at c.193m Above Ordinance Datum (AOD). The soils of this area are the well-drained fine loamy and fine silty soils of the Denbigh 1 Association (SSEW 1983), which overlie the mudstone and siltstone of the Crackington Formation (BGS 2020).</p> <p>A narrow trench (Trench 1) measuring approximately 20m long x 0.6m wide was excavated to a depth of c.0.30m, by machine and under archaeological supervision, on the north boundary of the site, for the installation of a drain. A further two trenches were excavated across the site, both orientated north-south and measuring 1.3m wide. Trench 2 was approximately 13m long and excavated to a depth of c.0.35m, located in the centre of the site, intended to investigate the area that would see the installation of a concrete raft for the house plot. Trench 3 was located to the east side of the site and measured approximately 7m long, excavated to a depth of c.0.36m and was placed to investigate the area that would become garden/driveway. The stratigraphy of the site comprised topsoil (100), a mid-brown friable silt-clay up to c.0.35m thick; directly overlying a natural (101), of mid-yellow firm clays.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were identified within the trenches and no finds were recovered from site. No further works were therefore monitored.</p> <p>Conclusions The results of the trenching indicated that there were no archaeological deposits or features within the proposed footprint of the building and services.</p> <p>Bibliography Boyd, N. 2020: <i>Land at Denelea, Chilla Road, Halwill Junction, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH report no. HJC20WSiv1 British Geological Survey 2020: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p> | | |
| Recorder: S. Stevens | | Date sent to HER: 03.03.2023 |

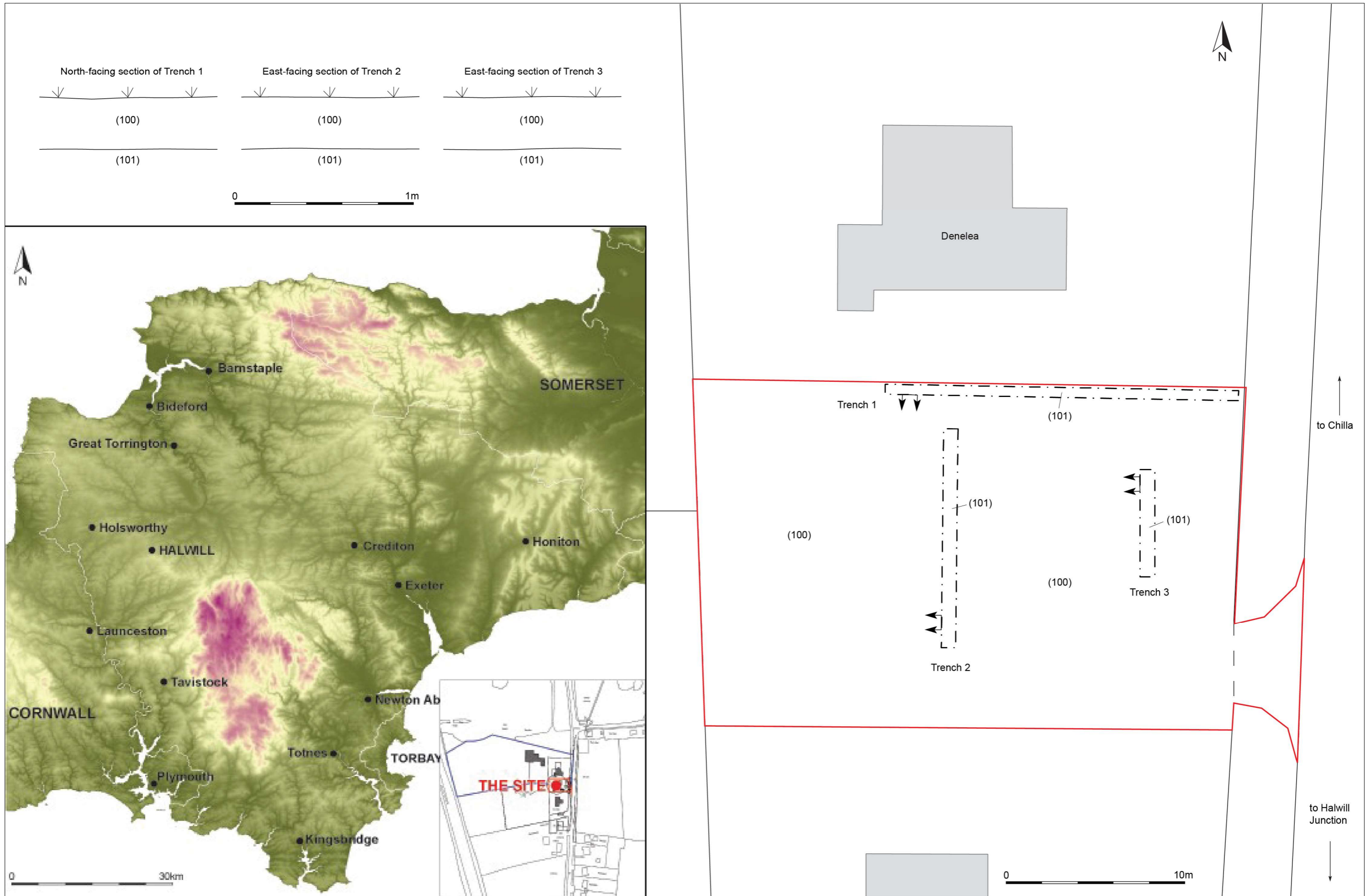


FIGURE 1: SAMPLE SECTIONS AND SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF TRENCHES AND SURROUNDING AREA.



FIGURE 2: TRENCH 2 SECTION; FROM THE EAST (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: TRENCH 2 PLAN; FROM THE SOUTH (1M SCALE).