

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Ogwell, Newton Abbot	National Grid Reference: SX 82534 71849	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording during groundworks for a new plant building at Holbeam Dam, Newton Abbot.		Photo attached? Yes
Planning Reference: 20/02317/FUL	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: southwes1-422137	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: NAHD21	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 9 th and 11 th August 2021	
<p>Description of works. Archaeological monitoring was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of the Environment Agency as part of archaeological work before building works associated with the construction of a new building at Holbeam Dam, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon. This work was carried out by S. Stevens on 9th August 2021 and S. Walls on 11th August 2021 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2021) having been agreed during consultation with the Environment Agency Archaeologist and the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site lies c.600m to the west of Newton Abbot, a few metres to the south of where the River Lemon and Kestor Brook merge. The site lies at c.41m Above Ordinance Datum (AOD). The soils of this area are the well-drained fine loamy and fine silty soils of the Denbigh 1 Association (BGS 2021), which overlie the slate, lava and tuff of the Gurrington Slate Formation (SSEW 1983).</p> <p>The proposed area was first stripped of vegetation and c.17m of the hedgebank was removed by machine fitted with a toothed bucket, under archaeological supervision. The bank was c.1.1m high and 1.8m wide and consisted of an upper 0.4m of active modern topsoil (100), largely on the top and northern face, sealing (101), a gritty yellow-brown silt-clay, with occasional shillet fragments and medium sized (>100m diameter) sub-angular stones. The build was very soft and loose, and it does not appear that there is any great age to the bank, e.g., no mature trees.</p> <p>There was no trace of a ditch to the south of the bank. The area to the north of the bank was not excavated to a substantive enough depth to show if the bank was ditched to this side. No other archaeological features were identified.</p> <p>Finds on site consisted of 1 glass co-op milk bottle and 1x length of aluminium pipe (discarded/left on site).</p> <p>Conclusions The results of the excavations indicated that there were no archaeological deposits present and no archaeological features, and that the hedgebank whilst on the alignment of an historic boundary, visible on the c.1840 tithe map has likely been rebuilt in the 20th century given its loose and poor quality build. No further archaeological work will be needed in this area of the site.</p> <p>Bibliography Boyd, N. 2021: <i>Holbeam Dam, Ogwell, Newton Abbot, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH report no. NAHD21. British Geological Survey 2021: <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>		
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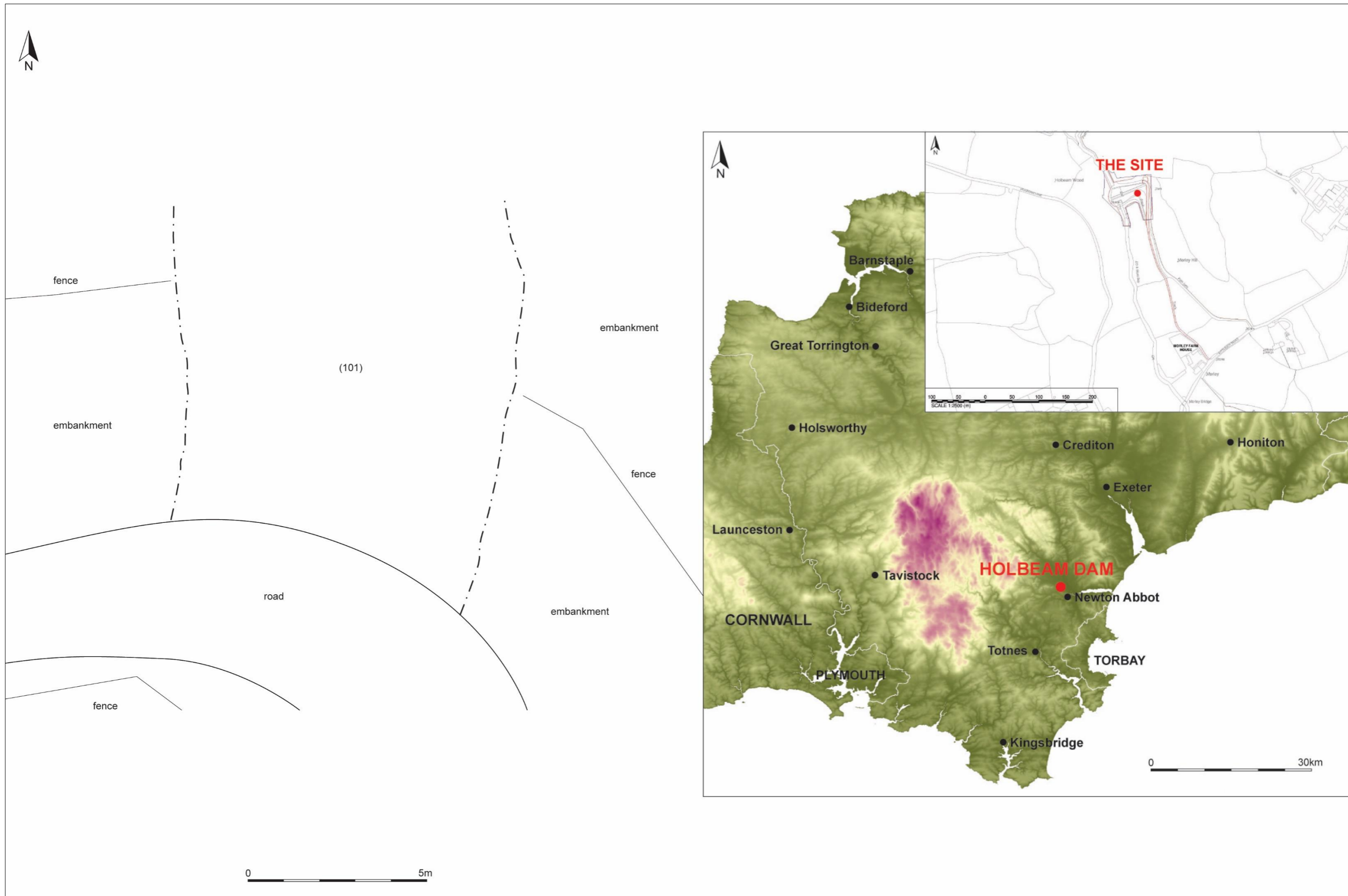


FIGURE 1: SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF BANK AND SURROUNDING AREA.



FIGURE 2: SECTION THROUGH THE HEDGEBANK; FROM THE WEST (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: AREA STRIP; FROM THE SOUTH (1M SCALE).