

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Broadwoodwidge, West Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 41593 88376	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological Monitoring and Recording during the Construction of a Lagoon on the River Wolf, Broadwoodwidge, West Devon, Devon		<b>Photo Attached?:</b> Yes
<b>Planning Reference:</b> N/A	<b>Recipient Museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-510854	<b>Museum Accession Number:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's Reference Number:</b> BRW22	<b>Dates Fieldwork Undertaken:</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	
<p><b>Description of Works</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Kier Utilities (The Client) as part of archaeological work before water works associated with the installation of lagoon in the north-east corner of a field, adjacent to River Wolf in the parish of Broadwoodwidge, West Devon, Devon. This work was carried out by S. Stevens on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2022) having been agreed with the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site comprises the north-eastern corner of an irregularly shaped field, immediately north of the A30, but otherwise within an agricultural landscape. The site lies at a height of c.85m AOD. The soils are the slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged clayey, fine loamy and fine silty soils of the Hallsworth 2 Association (SSEW 1983), overlying the sedimentary mudstone and siltstone of the Crackington Formation (BGS 2022).</p> <p>A c.2m x 2m wide x c.3m deep pit was initially excavated by machine under archaeological supervision to search for the line of a water pipe, running into the River Wolf, to ensure the lagoon was a sufficient distance away from it, c.10m from the boundary in the north-east corner of the field. The lagoon was then excavated with a 20m x 20m area, c.13m from the northern field boundary to a maximum depth of c.0.30m through topsoil and onto a natural clay; with a baulk left in roughly central and aligned north-east to south-west, to allow for slower drainage from one half of the lagoon to the other, measuring c.1.5m wide and stopping c.2m short of the south-west edge of excavation (Figure 1). The stratigraphy of the site comprised topsoil (100), a mid grey-brown friable silt-clay up to 0.30m thick; directly overlying the natural (101), a firm yellow-grey clay.</p> <p>No features were identified within the area strip, except for a series of plough scores aligned approximately north-east to south-west.</p> <p><b>Conclusions</b></p> <p>The results of the monitoring indicated that there were no archaeological deposits present and no archaeological features or artefacts were identified or recovered.</p> <p><b>Bibliography</b></p> <p><b>Boyd, N.</b> 2022: <i>Proposed River Wolf Lagoon, Broadwoodwidge, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH report no. BRW22.</p> <p><b>British Geological Survey</b> 2022: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. <a href="http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html">http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html</a></p> <p><b>Soil Survey of England and Wales</b> 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> S. Stevens of South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH)	<b>Date Sent to HER:</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	

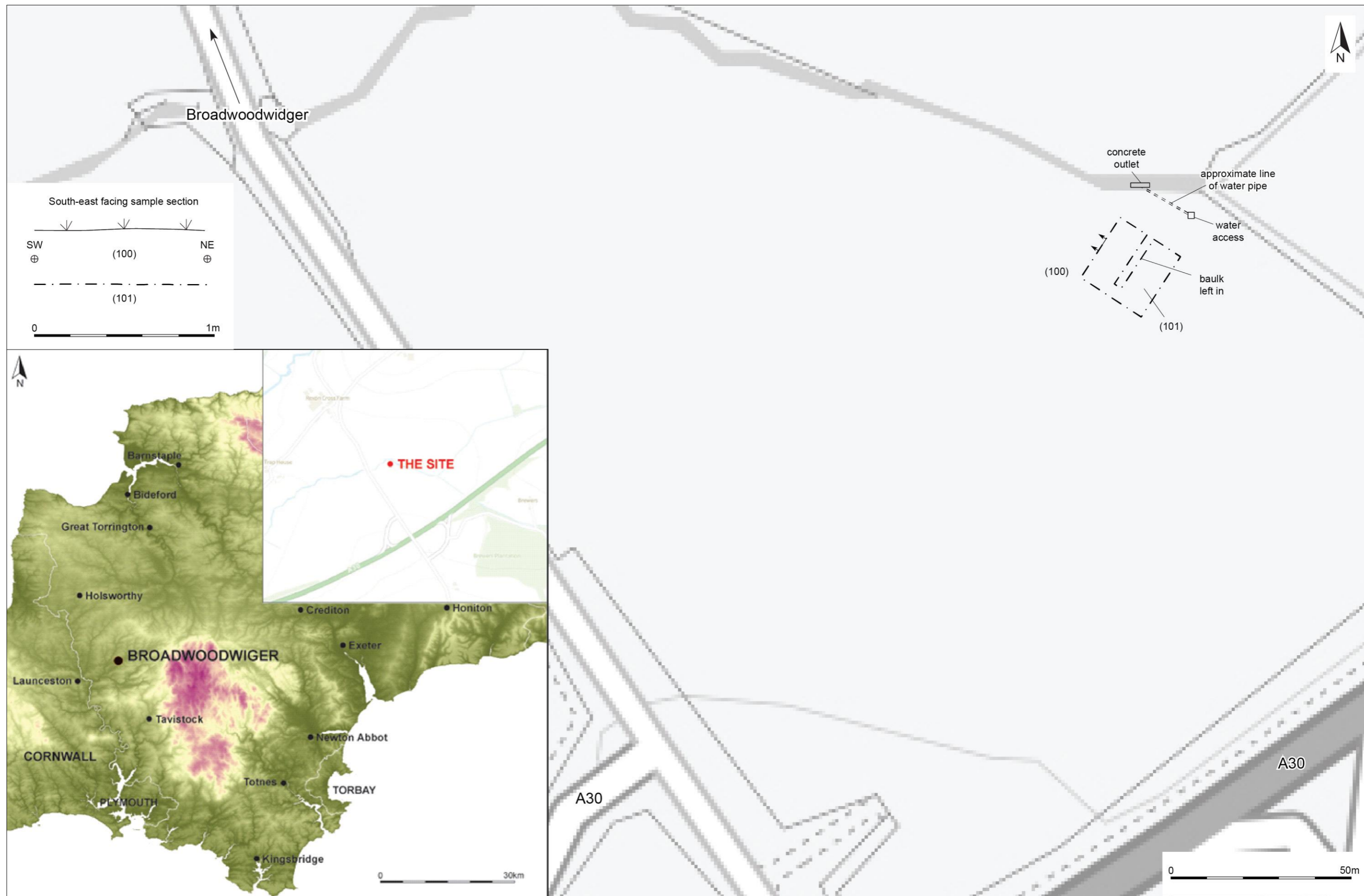


FIGURE 1: SAMPLE SECTION AND SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF AREA STRIP AND SURROUNDING AREA.



FIGURE 2: SOUTH-EAST FACING SAMPLE SECTION; FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: LAGOON AREA STRIP; FROM THE NORTH (2M SCALE).