

Exmoor National Park Authority Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Exmoor, Somerset	National Grid Reference SS 76847 38195	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring & recording of peat cutting for the creation of ditch blocks in Deer Park Field, Exmoor National Park, Somerset		Photo attached? YES
Planning Application no: N/A	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: southwes1-185023	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: EDP14	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 7-9 th July 2014	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Exmoor National Park Authority (The Client), on peat cutting carried out for the creation of ditch blocks in Deer Park Field, south of Simonsbath, Exmoor National Park, Somerset (Figures 1 & 2). This work was undertaken by J. Bampton between 7-9th July 2014 in accordance with a brief issued by the Historic Environment Officer for the Exmoor Mires Project and the Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA).</p> <p>The survey area lies within an area of archaeological potential, comprising a relict Bronze Age landscape that includes burial cairns (MSO6959; 7063), and upright stones (MSO7064), and which forms part of a wider Bronze Age landscape within Exmoor National Park.</p> <p>The ground works on site comprised the excavation of small areas of topsoil and peat to create ditch blockings as part of the mire restoration project. The cuttings were approximately 1m x 2m in size and excavated to a maximum depth of 0.4m (see Figures 3 & 4).</p> <p>No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were revealed during the groundworks. However, a possible standing stone (survey point 135) and a single flake of partially corticated struck flint debitage with flake scars (survey point 134) were identified during the course of the survey (see Figures 2, 5 & 6). The standing stone has been assigned the HER No: MSO6889.</p>		
<p>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</p>		
Recorder: P. Webb	Date sent to ENPA: 18/07/2014	

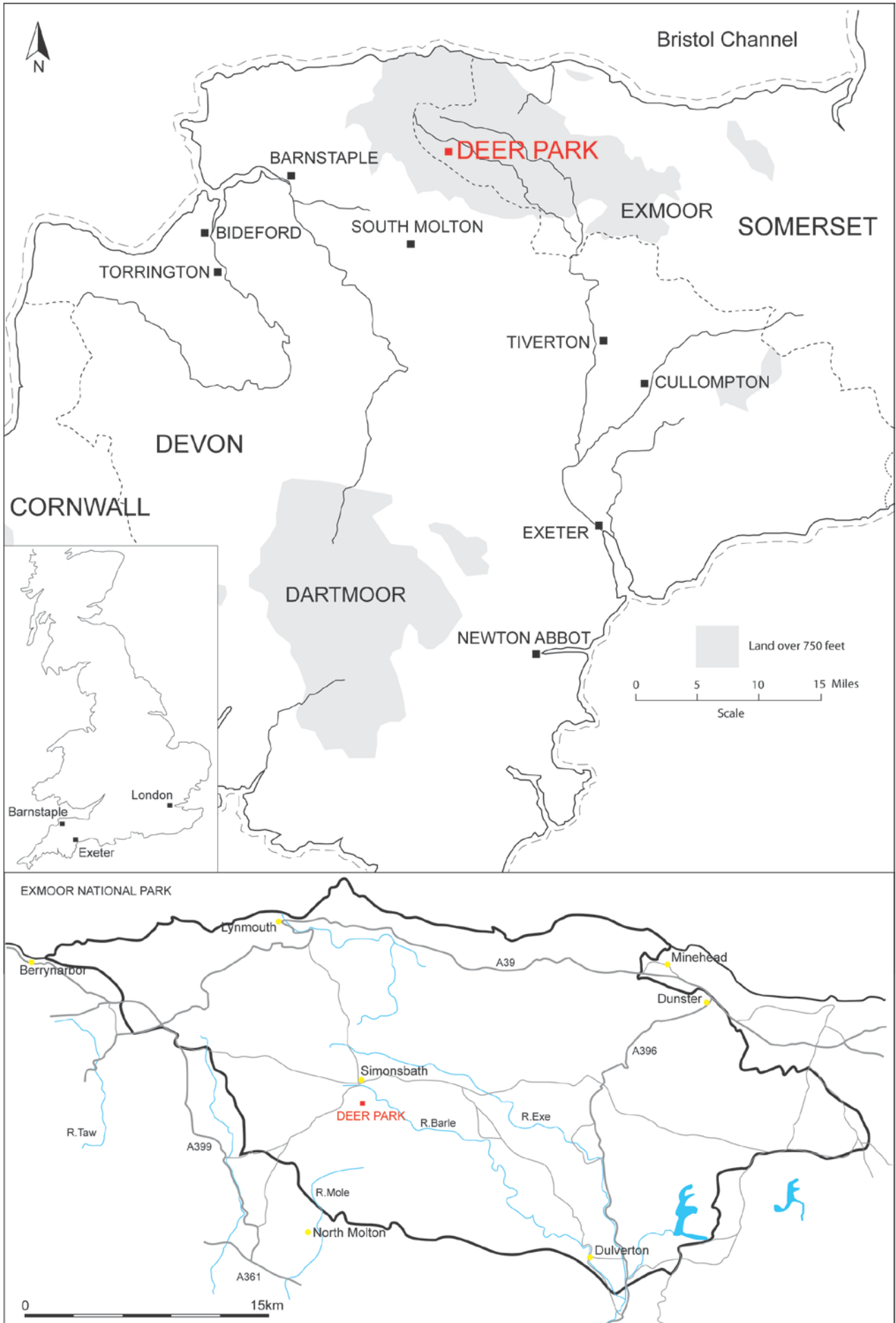


Figure 1: Site location.

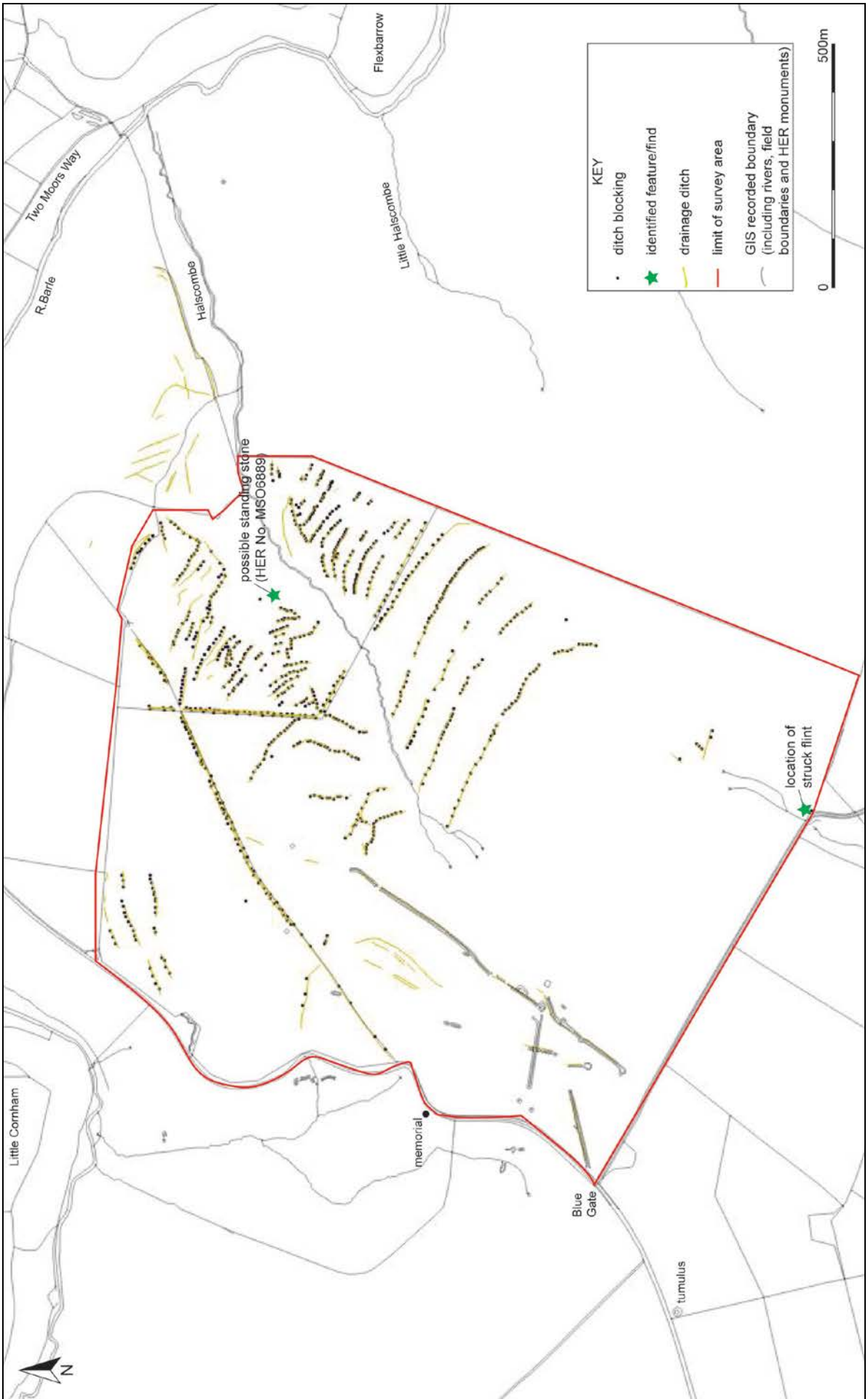


Figure 2: Site location showing survey points (© Crown copyright and database rights 2013 Ordnance Survey 100024878).



Figure 3: Blocking 48 showing waterlogging, viewed from north (2m scale).



Figure 4: Blocking 585, showing its condition, viewed from the south (2m scale).



Figure 5: View of possible standing stone (survey point 135), viewed from the south-west (2m scale).



Figure 6: Flint debitage with flake scars (survey point 134), scale in cm.