

Exmoor National Park Authority Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Exmoor, Somerset	National Grid Reference SS 73032 41422	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring & recording of peat cutting for the creation of ditch blocks north of Driver Farm, Simonsbath, Exmoor National Park, Somerset		Photo attached? YES
Planning Application no: N/A	Recipient museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: southwes1-185024	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: EDF14	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 14-16 th July 2014	
<p>Description of works. 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 on land north of Driver Farm, Simonsbath, Exmoor National Park, Somerset (Figures 1 & 2). This work was undertaken by P. Webb between 14-16th 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 a burial cairn (MSO7117), upright stones (MSO6960), and hut circles (MSO10983; 6983), 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. In places the natural shillet bedrock was revealed, but typically the cuts were still within the topsoil/peat deposits (Figures 3 & 4).</p> <p>No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were revealed during the groundworks.</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	

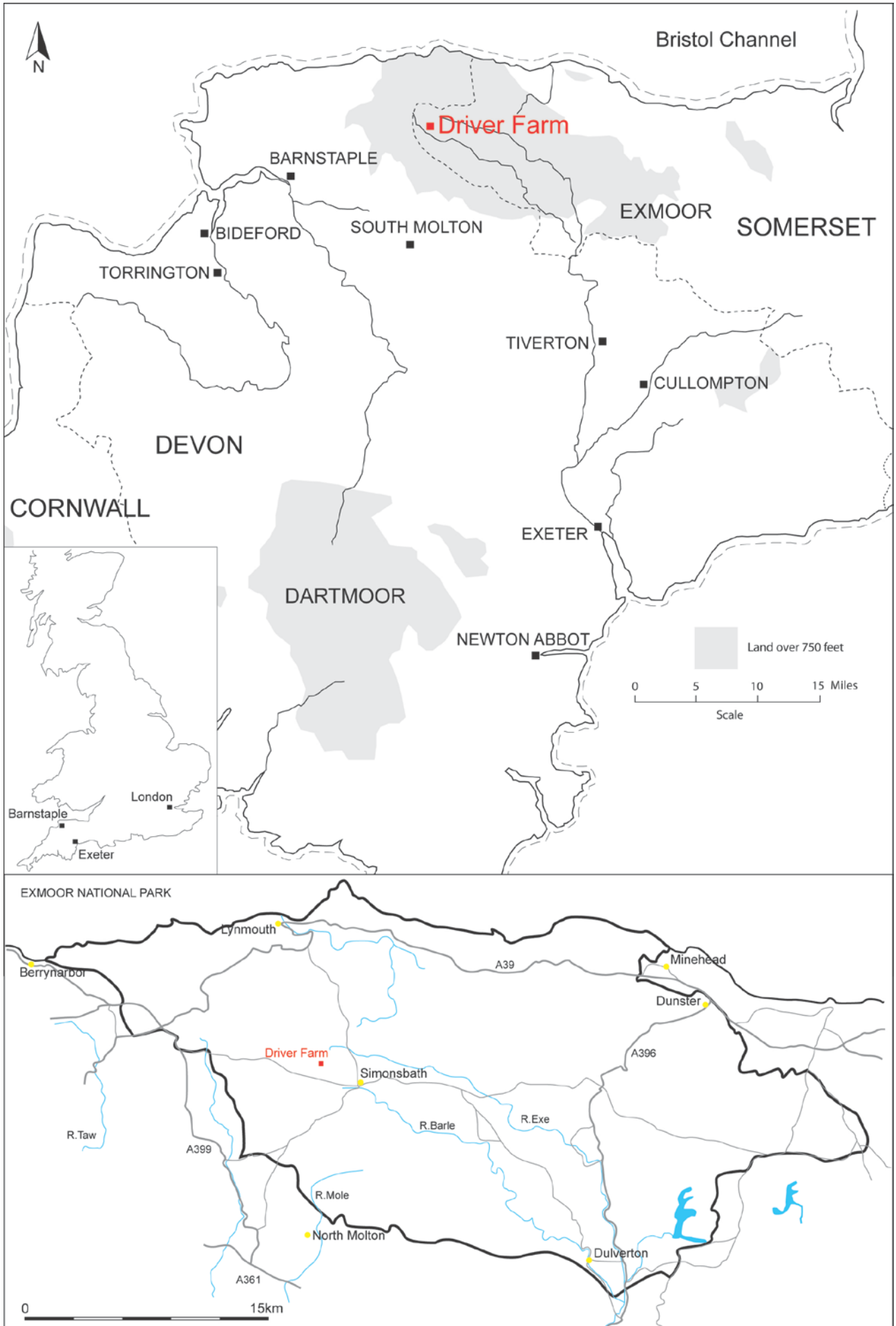


Figure 1: Site location.

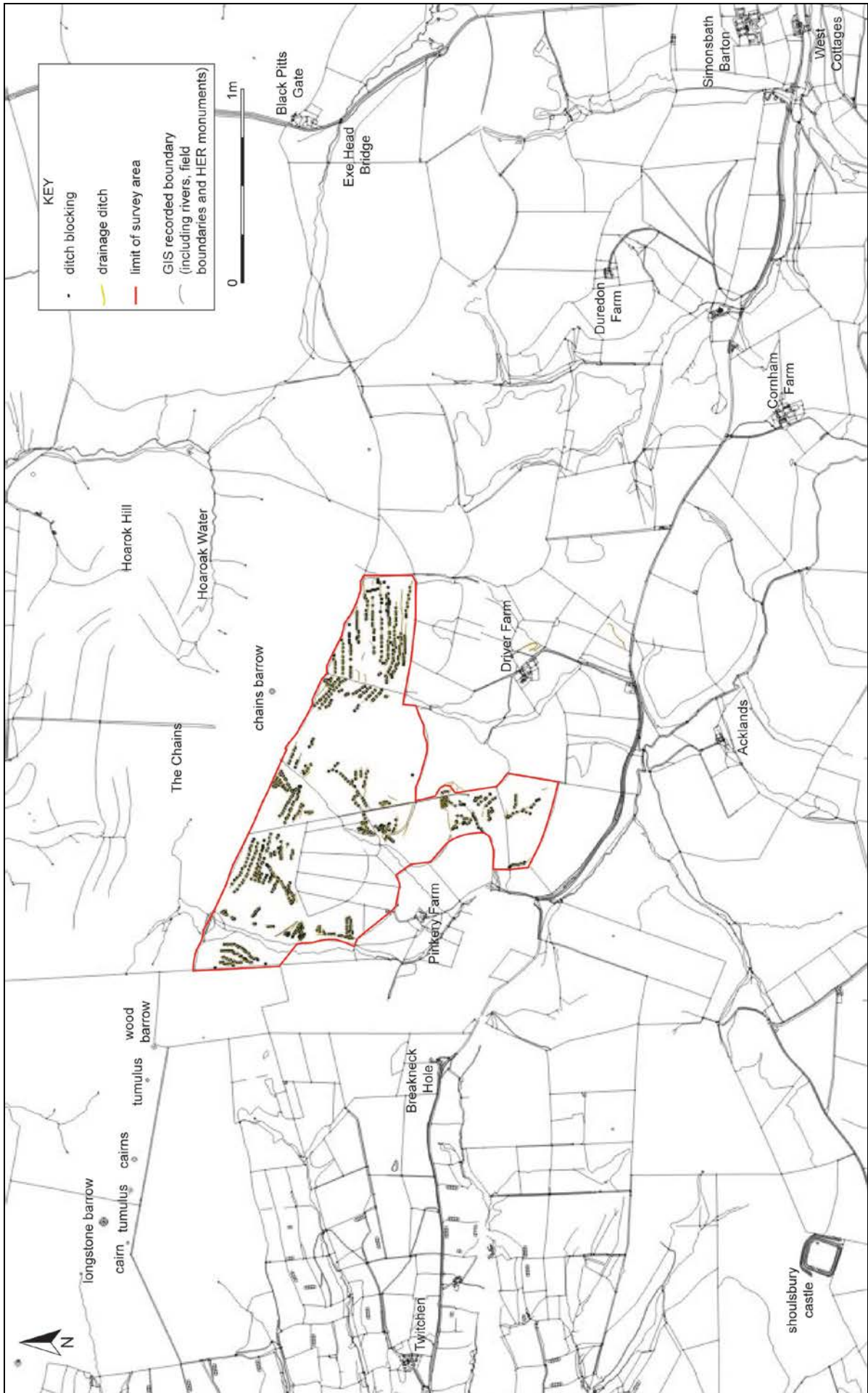


Figure 2: Site location plan showing survey points (© Crown copyright and database rights 2013 Ordnance Survey 100024878).

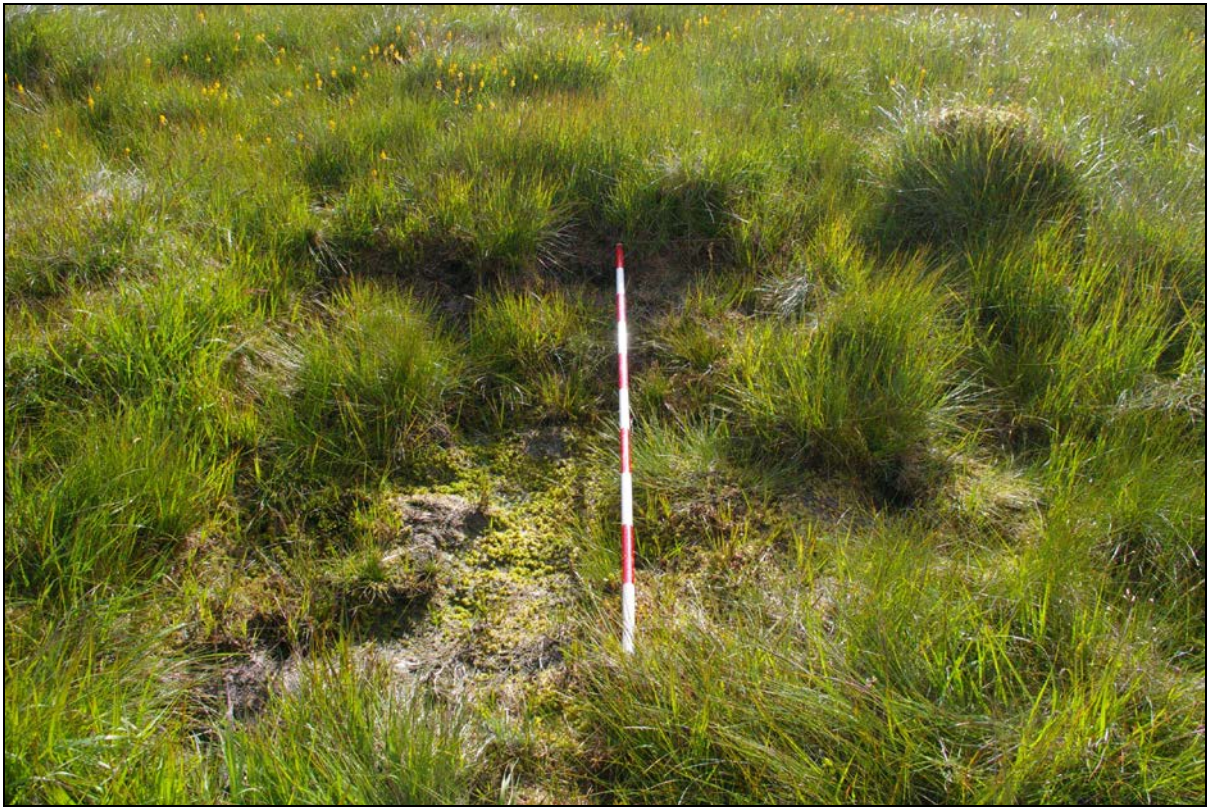


Figure 3: View of cutting 520 showing its condition, viewed from the south-west (2m scale).



Figure 4: View of cutting 597 showing its condition, viewed from the east (2m scale).