

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Bow, Mid Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SS 70738 01029	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording on land at Hampson Farm, Bow.		<b>Photo attached?</b> YES
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 14/01447/OUT	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-249970	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> BHF16	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>An archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Raymond Rives-Roberts, during works associated with the construction of a dwelling on land at Hampson Farm, Bow, Devon (Figure 1). This work was undertaken by J. Bampton on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in accordance with a WSI drawn up in accordance with a brief issued by Stephen Reed of the Devon County Historic Environment Team.</p> <p>The development lies in a field on the gentle south facing slope of a valley overlooking the River Yeo, immediately west of the Higher Hampson barns off of Hampson Lane. It is 1.6km west-south-west of Bow and 0.57km south of the A3072, at a height of c.120m AOD. The soils over the site are the well drained gritty reddish loamy soils of the Crediton Association over the sedimentary bedrock of the Bow Breccia Formation.</p> <p>The proposed development lies in a landscape that shows a concentration of prehistoric activity. There are twelve prehistoric Scheduled Monuments within 1.2km of the application area, with the closest being a cluster of prehistoric funerary monuments including a Bowl Barrow (MDV56732), a ditch and bank (MDV56737) and a Class II Henge (MDV35903) identified with aerial photography some 300m to the north of the proposed new dwelling. Other prehistoric evidence within c.500m north of the site includes flint scatters including tools (MDV35899, MDV39427, MDV39428, MDV58648) and ring-ditches (MDV35900, MDV35901). Hampson itself was first mentioned in the 13<sup>th</sup> century (MDV484) and a Grade II* Listed 13<sup>th</sup> century chapel (MDV2131) is located at Broadnymet (a Grade II Listed farmhouse) to the west. The barns adjacent to the site include linays and shippons incorporating re-used wooden beams, faced stone blocks, cob and rusticated quoins with modern brick and block repairs, with probable medieval origins.</p> <p>An area c.11m×11m encompassing the footprint of the proposed dwelling and an adjoining area c.18.5m×6.5m covering the approximate location of the proposed driveway and access was excavated by a tracked mechanical excavator using a toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision. The topsoil consisted of turf (100), a dark grey-brown, friable sandy-silt, c.0.04m thick; an upper plough soil (101), a light reddish-brown, friable sandy-silt with occasional gritty inclusions; and a plough horizon with the natural (102), a mid reddish-brown, friable sandy-silt with frequent gritty inclusions. The natural (103), was a mid red, compact loamy grit and gravel: weathered breccia (Figures 1 and 2). Plough scars were visible in the natural aligned in various directions, but predominantly with the slope, south-east by north-west. An ephemeral line of root disturbed ground with an irregular base was identified along the south side of the bank removed prior to monitoring to provide access to the site off of Hampson Lane.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were present.</p> <p>All finds were recovered from the topsoil layers and subsequently discarded. The topsoil finds included: eight sherds (23g) of White Refined Earthenware; three fragments (6g) of CBM; two sherds (15g) of 19<sup>th</sup> century stonewares; and single sherds and fragments of the following: sawn slate (18g); green bottle glass (5g); anthracite (6g); lime mortar (1g); the head of a large Fe nail (29g); a Cu alloy button (3g); an Fe horse shoe with nail (318g); a sherd of 19<sup>th</sup> century industrial red ware (7g); a sherd of c.15<sup>th</sup> century medieval coarseware; and a single sherd of a c.16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century North Devon gravel free ware with glaze.</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> J. Bampton	<b>Date sent to HER:</b> 15/09/2016	

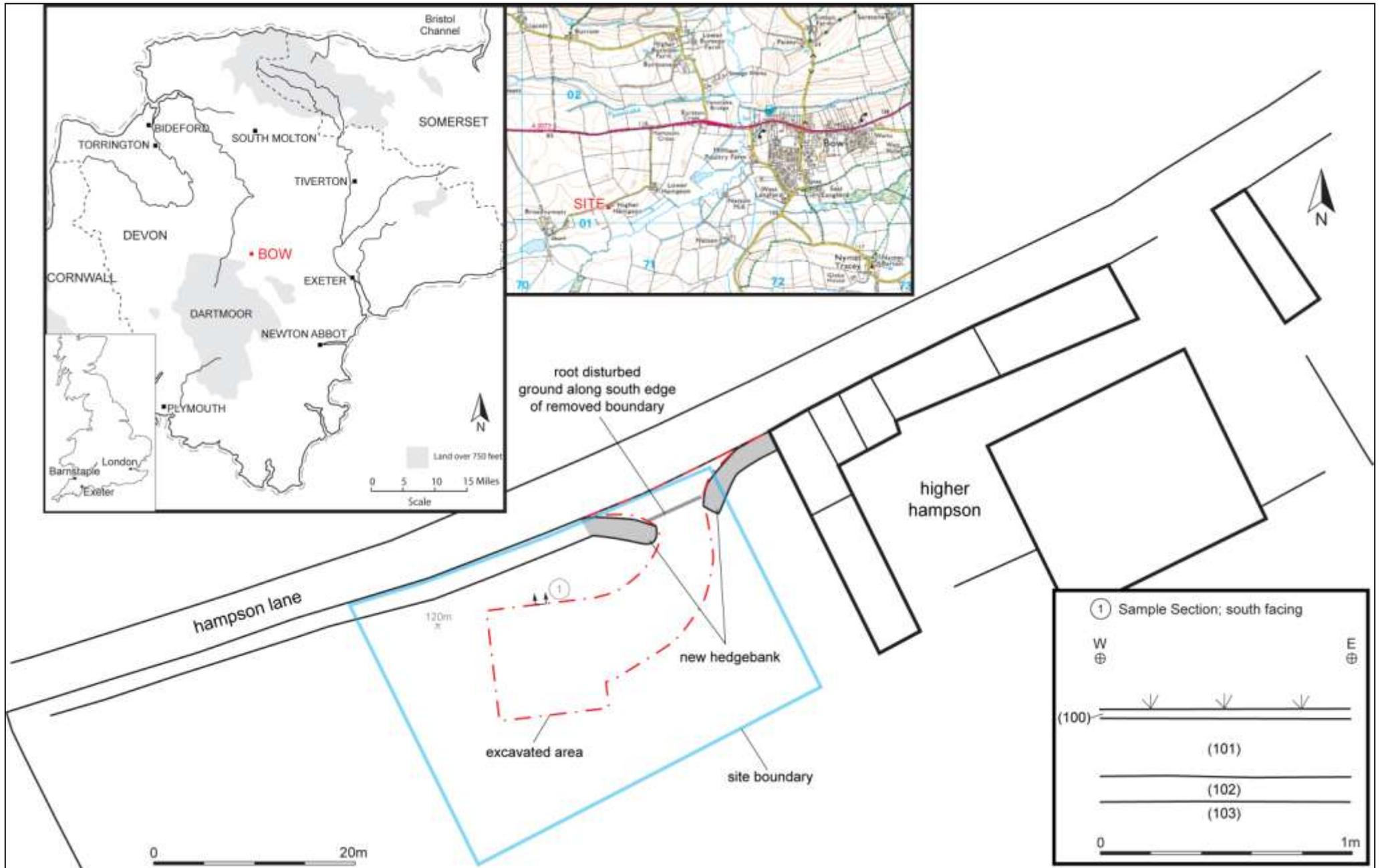


Figure 1: Site location, excavated area and sample section.



Figure 2: Site shot post-excavation; viewed from the south (1m & 2m scale).