

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Stokenham, South Hams	National Grid Reference SX 80704 42920	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording on land at Parkside, Stokenham, Devon during groundwork associated with the construction of a dwelling		Photo attached? YES
Planning Application no: 2007/16/FUL	Recipient museum: Plymouth City Museum	
OASIS ID: southwes1-271148	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: SPS16	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 10 th -14 th August 2018	
<p>Description of works.</p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client, during groundwork associated with the construction of a dwelling at Parklands, Stokenham, South Hams, Devon (Figure 1). This work was undertaken on from the 10th-14th August 2018 in accordance with a WSI drawn up in consultation Stephen Reed of the Devon County Historic Environment Team.</p> <p>The site is a plot of land known as <i>Parklands</i>, previously occupied by a bungalow; built by the mid 1950s and served as a Post Office it was demolished in 2016. It is c.30m east, the Tradesman Arms Freehouse (MDV44967) and c.140 north-west of the Church of St Michael and All Saints/Angels (MDV8364), on the north side of the village green. No properties are shown on the site on the 1843 Tithe map for Stokenham; and the site (plot 595) is described as an orchard. The 1905 Ordnance Survey 2nd edition map shows the site as mostly empty, although the area appears to have two sheds. Earlier features associated with activity in this historic core of Stokenham may have been present on the site. The site is on a street of 7 Grade II Listed properties including the pub and the neighbouring <i>Old Library and Whitmore Cottage</i> (MDV90182). Stokenham was first recorded in the late 12th/early 13th century. The site is within the Stokenham Conservation Area. Four other archaeological based surveys have been conducted east and south of the site within the Conservation Area (EDV1570, EDV1579, EDV4454 and EDV4477). In these, medieval buildings with ditches were recorded to the south, but east of the site in a similar location to the site no significant archaeological deposits or features were identified.</p> <p>An area c.64.1m of footing trenches, either 0.60m or 0.45m wide were excavated to a depth of between 0.80m and 1m by a tracked mechanical excavator fitted with a toothless grading bucket. Intermittent concrete footings (layer (102)) and a garden wall associated with a demolished structure and waste service pipes were present. No archaeological features were present.</p> <p>Topsoil (100) consisted of a dark grey-brown, friable sandy-silt (c.0.17m in depth) located in the far south corner of the site at its boundary with the neighboring property. Topsoil (100) overlaid modern services that had disturbed this side of the site adjacent to the neighboring property. Across the rest of the site Made-ground layer (101) varied between 0.15m and 0.27m thick. It was a light brown-grey, loose silty-clay and gravelly stone. It was the result of the demolition of a bungalow and the leveling of the site; it was comprised of crushed stone and concrete and redeposited soil and natural and contained modern pottery and ceramic building material. Made-ground layer (101) overlaid Natural (103), a mid brown-red firm clay with shillet fragments. The natural contained more shillet going down until becoming an indurate clay and rock with occasional medium-large stone and quartz stone at c.1m deep (c.48.35m AOD).</p> <p>All finds were discarded on site and associated with modern CBM material from the made-ground layers, Layer (101), associated with the demolition of the later 20th century Bungalow that had been on the site and the recent leveling of the ground.</p> <p>The footing trenches contained no archaeological features or deposits.</p>		
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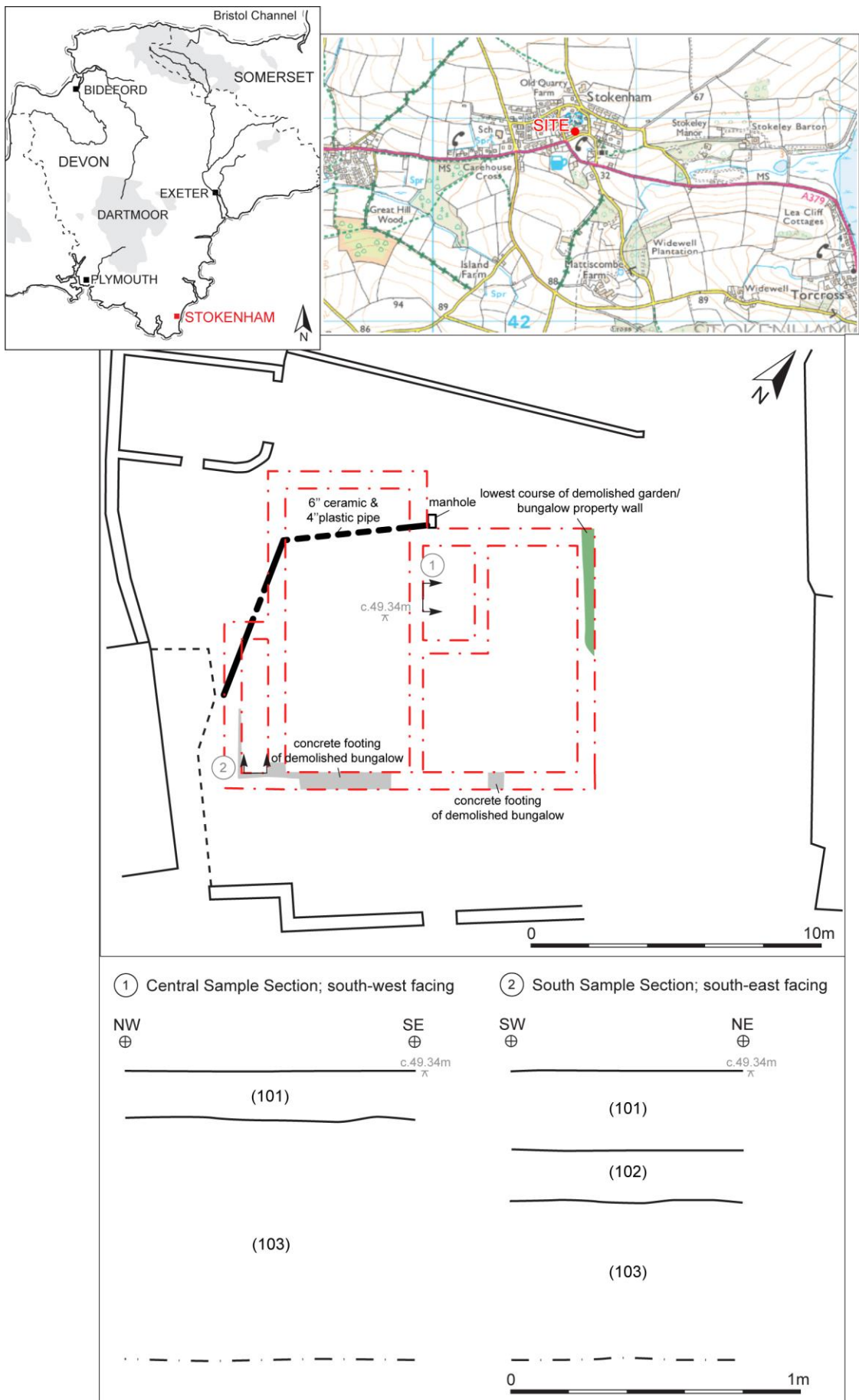


FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION, PLAN AND SAMPLE SECTION DRAWINGS.



FIGURE 2: MID-EXCAVATION SHOT SHOWING CONCRETE FOOTINGS OF DEMOLISHED BUNGALOW IN THE SOUTH CORNER OF THE SITE; VIEWED FROM THE SOUTH-EAST (2M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: SITE SHOT, POST-EXCAVATION SHOWING MODERN PIPE WORK; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (NO SCALE).