

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Winkleigh, Torridge	National Grid Reference SS 63245 108245	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at Stars Barn Cottage, Chumleigh Road, Winkleigh, Torridge, Devon		Photo attached? YES
Planning Application no: 1/0140/2014/FUL	Recipient museum: Museum of Barnstaple and North Devon	
OASIS ID: southwes1-289014	Museum Accession no: N/A	
Contractor's reference number/code: WSB14	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 19 th October 2016	
<p>Description of works. Archaeological monitoring and recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of Steve Rathborn (the Client) during groundworks associated with the dismantling of an old garage and construction of a new garage at Stars Barn Cottage, Winkleigh, Torridge, Devon. The monitoring was carried out by P. Webb on 19th October 2016. This work was undertaken in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (Boyd 2014) drawn up in accordance with a brief issued by Ann Dick and in consultation with Stephen Reed of the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The site lies in an area of high archaeological potential, immediately adjacent to the western edge of the Scheduled area of the 12th century motte-and-bailey castle known as Castle Court, and on the fringes of the historic settlement of Winkleigh with numerous Listed 17th to 19th century cottages and 14th century church. Evidence of prehistoric activity is also recorded with a Bronze Age barrow to the north of the site.</p> <p>The site is located approximately 33.5km north-west of Exeter and 25.75km south-south-east of Barnstaple, to the west of the A3124, between the Rivers Taw and Torridge (Figure 1) at a height of approximately 177m AOD. The site lies on the well drained fine loamy soils over slate rubble of the Denbigh 2 Association bordering the well drained gritty reddish loamy soils over breccias of the Crediton Association (SSEW 1983) overlying sandstone of the Bude Formation (BGS 2016).</p> <p>A rectangular area measuring 6.5m east to west × 4m north to south was excavated under archaeological supervision by a machine using a toothless grading bucket to a depth of up to 1.5m, this being the depth of proposed floor layers and being within natural deposits.</p> <p>The stratigraphy of the site comprised: (005), dark brown-black soft silt-clay modern topsoil 0.24m thick; overlying (006), mid-dark brown friable-soft silt-clay buried soil, which overlies (007), the natural bedrock and red clay. No archaeological features were identified during the excavation, the vast majority of the site having been disturbed by the construction cut [001] of the former garage {002} and associated drainage into the hillside. The construction of the garage comprised corrugated metal sheeting with timber frame and concrete floor.</p> <p>The Finds Finds recovered during the excavation include: 14x sherds (357g) of industrial slipwares, 1x (96g) glass bottle base, 1x (789g) crude brick fragment from the topsoil (005); 1x sherd (9g) of industrial slipware handle; 1x fragment (5g) of lime plaster from the buried soil (006); and 1x sherd (278g) of pan tile and 1x (96g) glass bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade (c.1950-60) from deposit (004) which relates to the construction of the garage [001]. All finds were subsequently discarded.</p> <p>Conclusions No archaeological features were identified during the excavation, the construction of a modern garage having already heavily disturbed the majority of the site. Historic map regression and finds recovered during the works indicate that the site has been a garden since at least the mid 19th century.</p> <p>Bibliography Boyd, N. 2014: Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Monitoring and Recording at Stars Barn Cottage, Chumleigh Road, Winkleigh, EX19 8HY. British Geological Survey 2014: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html [accessed 21.10.2016]. Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
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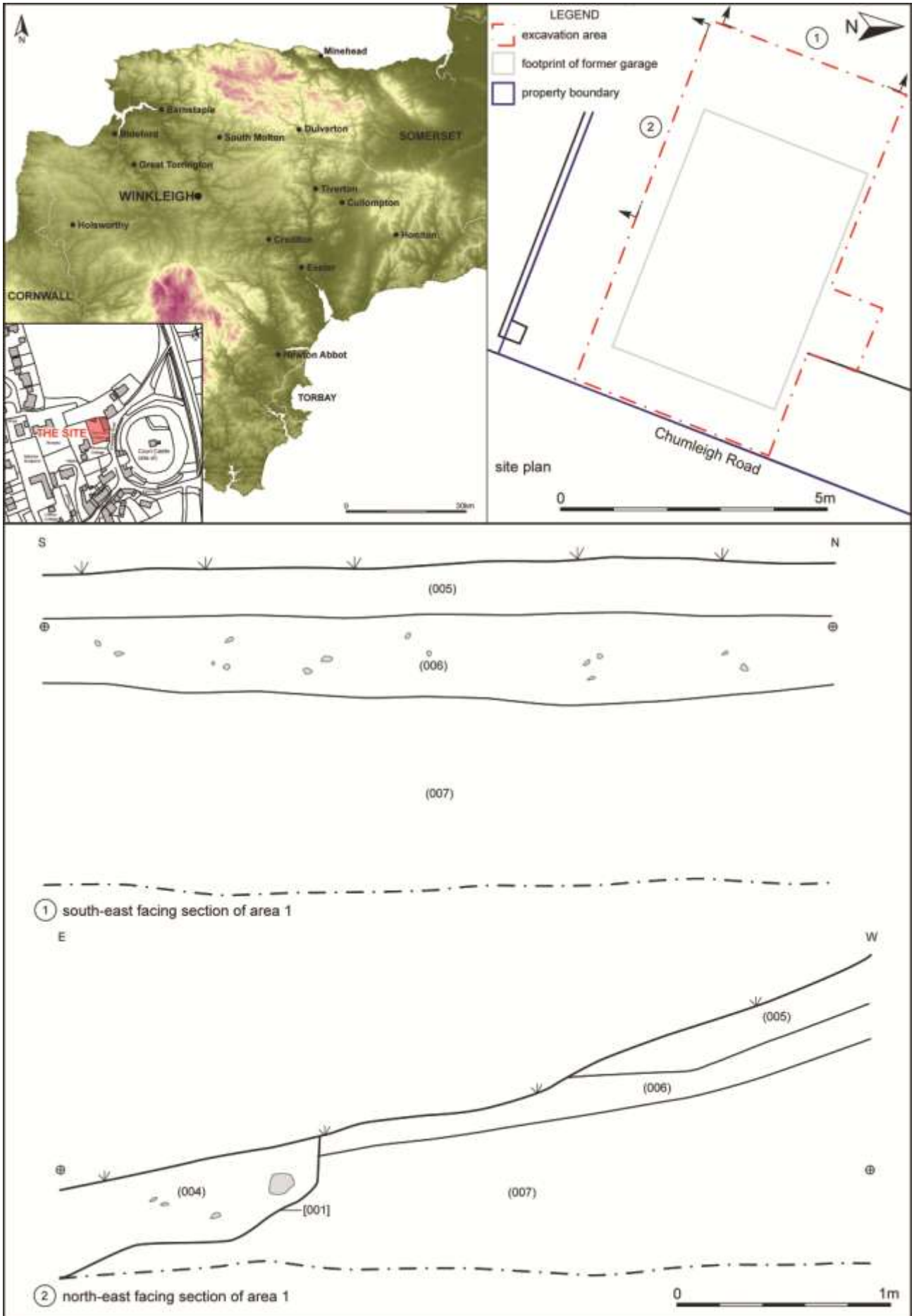


Figure 1: Site location, plans and sections.



Figure 2: South-east facing section of area 1, oblique; viewed from the north-east (1m & 2m scales).