

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> East Worlington, North Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SS 77488 13733	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording during works at Land adjacent to St. Mary's Church, East Worlington, Devon.		<b>Photo attached?</b> Yes
<b>Faculty Reference:</b> 2020-053739	<b>Recipient museum:</b> n/a	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-427186	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> EWC21	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	
<p><b>Description of works.</b>            Archaeological monitoring was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client as part of archaeological work before building works associated with the installation of a retaining wall running along the length of the northern exterior wall of the barn at land adjacent to St. Mary's Church, East Worlington, Devon. This work was carried out by S. Stevens on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2021) having been agreed during consultation with the Diocesan Archaeological Advisor and Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The village of East Worlington lies on south facing land above the Little Dart River. St. Mary's Church stands at a height of approximately 147m AOD. The soils here are the well drained, fine loamy soils over rock of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983). These overlie the sedimentary sandstone of the Bude Formation (BGS 2021). The site lies adjacent to the Grade II Listed Stables, an early 19<sup>th</sup> century building constructed in a single phase, although altered and repaired during the 20<sup>th</sup> century (see Walls, Humphreys and Green 2012).</p> <p>A 1.40m wide trench was excavated by machine with a grading bucket along the length of the barn wall without archaeological supervision. The trench measured approximately 14.5m in length and was excavated to a depth of c.1.40m. The stratigraphy of the site comprised topsoil (100), a dark grey-brown friable silt-soil c.0.10m thick; overlying subsoil (101), a mid brown soft-friable clay-silt, with common sub-angular stone 5-10cm across, c.0.40m thick; overlying natural (102), a very tightly packed shillet.</p> <p>No archaeological features were present once excavated to the required depth, however a ceramic drainage pipe that ran along the length of the wall at the base and entered underneath the wall approximately mid-way was removed prior to visit.</p> <p><b>Conclusions</b>            The results of the trench showed that no archaeological features were present in this location.</p> <p><b>Bibliography</b>  <b>Boyd, N.</b> 2021: <i>Land adjacent to St. Mary's Church, East Worlington, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH report no. EWC21.  <b>British Geological Survey</b> 2021: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. <a href="http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html">http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html</a>  <b>Soil Survey of England and Wales</b> 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.  <b>Walls, S.H., Humphreys, C. and Green, T.</b> 2012: <i>East Worlington House, East Worlington, Devon: Results of a Desk-Based Assessment Historic Building Recording &amp; Archaeological Evaluation</i>. SWARCH report no. 120718</p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> S. Stevens		<b>Date sent to HER:</b> 19.08.2021

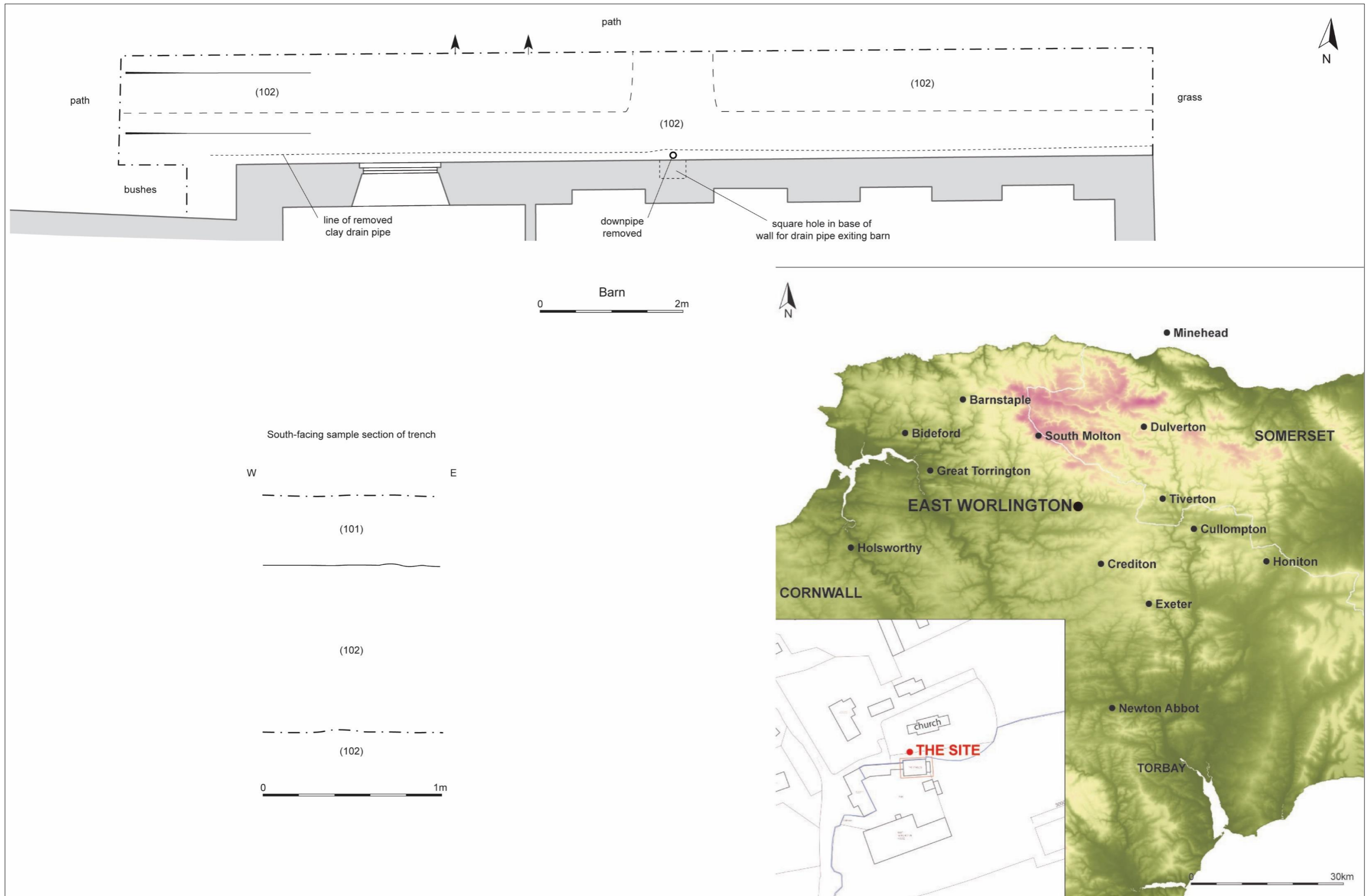


FIGURE 1: SAMPLE SECTION AND SITE PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF TRENCH AND SURROUNDING AREA.



FIGURE 2: EXCAVATED TRENCH; FROM THE WEST (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: SAMPLE TRENCH SECTION; FROM THE SOUTH-WEST (1M SCALE).