

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Plympton, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 58744 55018	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological Monitoring and recording of works in association with a proposed Mobile Home on Land at SX 58744 55018, Lane End, Plympton, Devon		<b>Photo Attached?:</b> YES
<b>Planning Application No:</b> 3495/24/FUL	<b>Recipient Museum:</b> The Box	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> southwes1-529228	<b>Museum Accession No:</b> PLYBX.2024.15	
<b>Contractor's Reference No.:</b> PLAM24	<b>Date Fieldwork Undertaken:</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	
<p><b>Description of Works</b></p> <p>Archaeological Monitoring and Recording was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a private client, in advance of the excavation of a soak-away associated with the placement of a temporary Mobile Home on land at SX 58744 55018, Lane End, Plympton (Figure 1). This work was undertaken on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) drawn up in consultation with the Devon County Historic Environment Team.</p> <p>The site is in a field c.500m south of Smithaleigh and the A38, c.380m east of Collaford Farm, at a height of c.80m AOD. The field is recorded as modern with Medieval elements on Devon's HLC. Previous archaeological evaluation in 2007 associated with a gas pipeline in this field revealed Late Iron Age ditches, Romano-British pits and undated pits, ditches and post-holes (Tyler 2009; MDV106140). The creation of an access track in 2024, was subject to further geophysical survey and evaluation trenching (Bampton 2024). The soils of this area are the well drained fine loamy soils over slate or slate rubble of the Denbig 2 Association (SSEW 1983), which overlie slate of the Middle Devonian Slates Formation (BGS 2024).</p> <p>A 3.6m by 12m area in the location of the proposed drainage was stripped under archaeological supervision by toothless grading bucket. The area was excavated to a depth of c.0.4m. Stratigraphy of a fine soft yellow-brown silt-clay topsoil directly overlying the natural a slightly greyish yellow clay-silt with common to abundant platy shillet. No archaeological features or deposits were present.</p> <p>Three c.2m x 2m and 0.8m deep previously opened drainage test pits flanked the stripped area. These had been left open and were weathered, but each showed the same stratigraphy as the main strip, and no features or finds were visible in these.</p> <p>The only finds recovered from the work were 2x sherds (c.7g) of white refined earthenware, these were discarded on site.</p> <p><b>Bibliography:</b>  <b>Bampton, J.</b> 2024: <i>Land at Collaford Cross, Lane End, Plympton, Devon: Results of a Geophysical Survey</i>. SWARCH report no.240503.  <b>Bampton, J.</b> 2024: <i>Archaeological Evaluation Trenching in advance of a Proposed Access Track on Land at Collaford Cross, Lane End, Plympton, Devon</i>. HER report.  <b>British Geological Survey</b> 2024: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. <a href="https://geologyviewer.bgs.ac.uk">https://geologyviewer.bgs.ac.uk</a>.  <b>Tyler, K.A.</b> 2007: <i>Archaeological Investigation of the Choakford to Langage Gas Pipeline, Sparkwell, South Ham</i>. Exeter Archaeology report no. 09.101.  <b>Soil Survey of England and Wales</b> 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales (a brief explanation of the constituent soil associations)</i>.</p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> J. Bampton, MCIfA, South West Archaeology Ltd.		<b>Date Sent to HER:</b> 17/03/2025



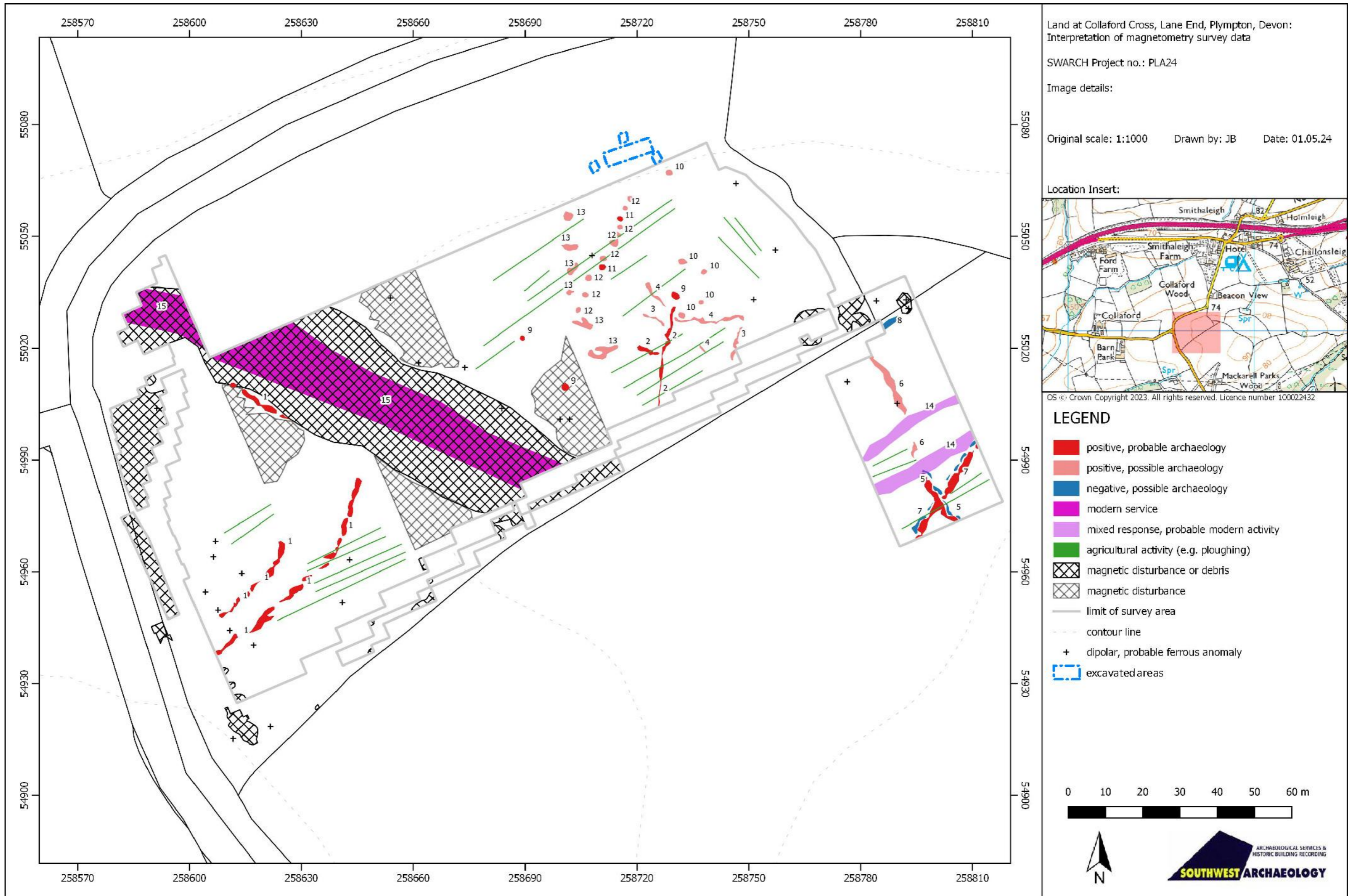


FIGURE 1: PLAN OF THE EXCAVATED AREAS OVERLAIN ON GEOPHYSICS DATA (AFTER BAMPTON 2024).



FIGURE 2: PROPOSED DRAINAGE AREA, POST-EXCAVATION; VIEWED FROM THE WEST (1M SCALE).