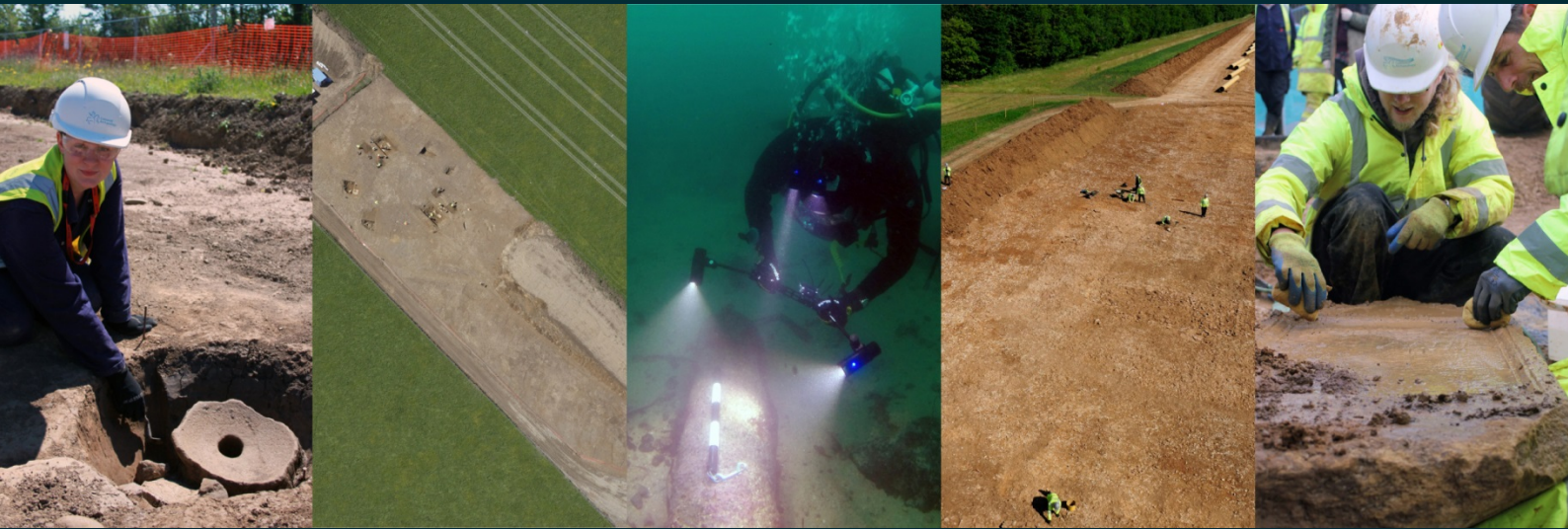


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SUMMARY

Project Name:	Part Moor Farm
Location:	Throwleigh Road, Okehampton, Devon
NGR:	265950 091125
Type:	Watching Brief
Date:	22 January 2018
Planning Reference:	0519/15
Location of Archive:	N/A
Site Code:	PART18

In January 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief prior to the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling at Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road, Okehampton. The Topsoil was removed in the area of the proposed dwelling, garage and driveway.

No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.



1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In January 2018 Cotswold Archaeology (CA) carried out an archaeological watching brief for C.D. and S. Alford at Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road, Okehampton (centred at NGR: 265950 091125; Fig. 1). The watching brief was undertaken to fulfil a condition attached to a planning consent (Planning ref: 0519/15; Condition 12) for the erection of an agricultural workers' dwelling.
- 1.2 The watching brief was carried out in accordance with a detailed Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) produced by CA (2018) and approved by the Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) Archaeologist, Lee Bray. The watching brief was also in line with *Standard and guidance for an archaeological watching brief* (ClfA 2014), *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) PPN 3: Archaeological Excavation* (Historic England 2015) and *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE): Project Manager's Guide* (Historic England 2015).

The site

- 1.3 The proposed developmental site lies c. 900m north-west of Throwleigh. The site currently comprises a portion of a single field currently under pasture. The site is bounded by a minor road to the east, with further fields beyond; by agricultural structures to the north; and by pastoral fields on all other sides.
- 1.4 The bedrock geology at the site is Dartmoor Intrusion Granite, which was formed during the Permian and Carboniferous Periods. The northern part of the site records gravel, sand and silt of the Taw River Terrace Deposits, formed in the Quaternary Period (BGS 2018).

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

- 2.1 No previous archaeological investigations have been conducted within the proposed development site. However, the Devon Historic Environment Record (HER) records several archaeological features in close proximity to the site. Below is a summary of relevant data held by this resource, supplemented by a map regression. Codes in parentheses are Devon HER references, unless otherwise noted.

Prehistoric (pre-AD 43)

- 2.2 The Throwleigh Common Parallel Reave System (MDV27495), a field system with its origins in the Bronze Age but with use into the medieval period, is located on the

hillside overlooking the site from the south-west. This field system extends from the proposed development site for a distance c. 600m towards the south and survives as well preserved linear stone features. This field system is associated with 25 hut circles dating to the Bronze Age including Hut 1 (MDV7018), which is located c. 200m to the south-west of the proposed development site. These hut circles and the reave system are a Scheduled Monument (National Heritage List No. 1018916).

- 2.3 A scatter of 48 worked flint objects was identified to the immediate north of the site (MDV60096).

Post-medieval (1540–1800) and modern (1800–present)

- 2.4 Historic cartographic evidence indicates that the proposed development site was in agricultural use during the post-medieval and modern periods. It is shown on the 1886 Ordnance Survey map (OS) of 1886 as in an area of narrow fields oriented north-east/south-west, which had begun to be combined by the OS map of 1905. Moor Farm, to the south of the site, was constructed in the late 1880s. A series of quarries are depicted around the site, including one on the 1954-56 OS map that is on the approximate location of the site, although recently test pits have been excavated to locate this with the aim of avoiding it.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 As defined in the WSI (CA 2018), the objectives of the archaeological watching brief were:
- to monitor groundworks, and to identify, investigate and record all significant buried archaeological deposits revealed on the site during the course of the development groundworks;
 - to produce an integrated archive for the project work and a report setting out the results of the project and the archaeological conclusions that can be drawn from the recorded data.

4. METHODOLOGY

- 4.1 The fieldwork followed the methodology set out within the WSI (CA 2018). An archaeologist was present during intrusive groundworks, which comprises of the removal of topsoil in the proposed development area (Fig. 2).

- 4.2 Written, graphic and photographic records were compiled in accordance with CA Technical Manual 1: Fieldwork Recording Manual.
- 4.3 A summary of information from this project, as set out in Appendix B, will be entered onto the OASIS online database of archaeological projects in Britain, along with an uploaded copy of this report.
- 4.4 As no significant archaeological features were identified during the archaeological works, no project archive will be prepared. The results of the fieldwork will be held by DNPA in the form of this report and the OASIS entry. The archaeological condition (see 1.1, above) will be discharged upon receipt of this report by DNPA and completion of the OASIS entry.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1 No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks and, despite visual scanning of spoil, no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered. A single modern clay pipe field drain was identified in Area 1.

6. DISCUSSION

- 6.1 Despite the archaeological potential of the application area, the watching brief identified no archaeological remains within the area of observed groundworks. The lack of concentration of large stones suggests that there were no upstanding features on the site, such as those that form reaves and hut circles to the south-west. However, it is impossible to discount that ploughing and improvement of topsoil at the site may have truncated such features, or that the site may lie within a larger prehistoric field system.

7. CA PROJECT TEAM

- 7.1 Fieldwork was undertaken by Christina Tapply. The report was written by Christina Tapply. The illustrations were prepared by Charlotte Patman. The archive has been compiled and prepared for deposition by Hazel O'Neill. The project was managed for CA by Paul Clarke.



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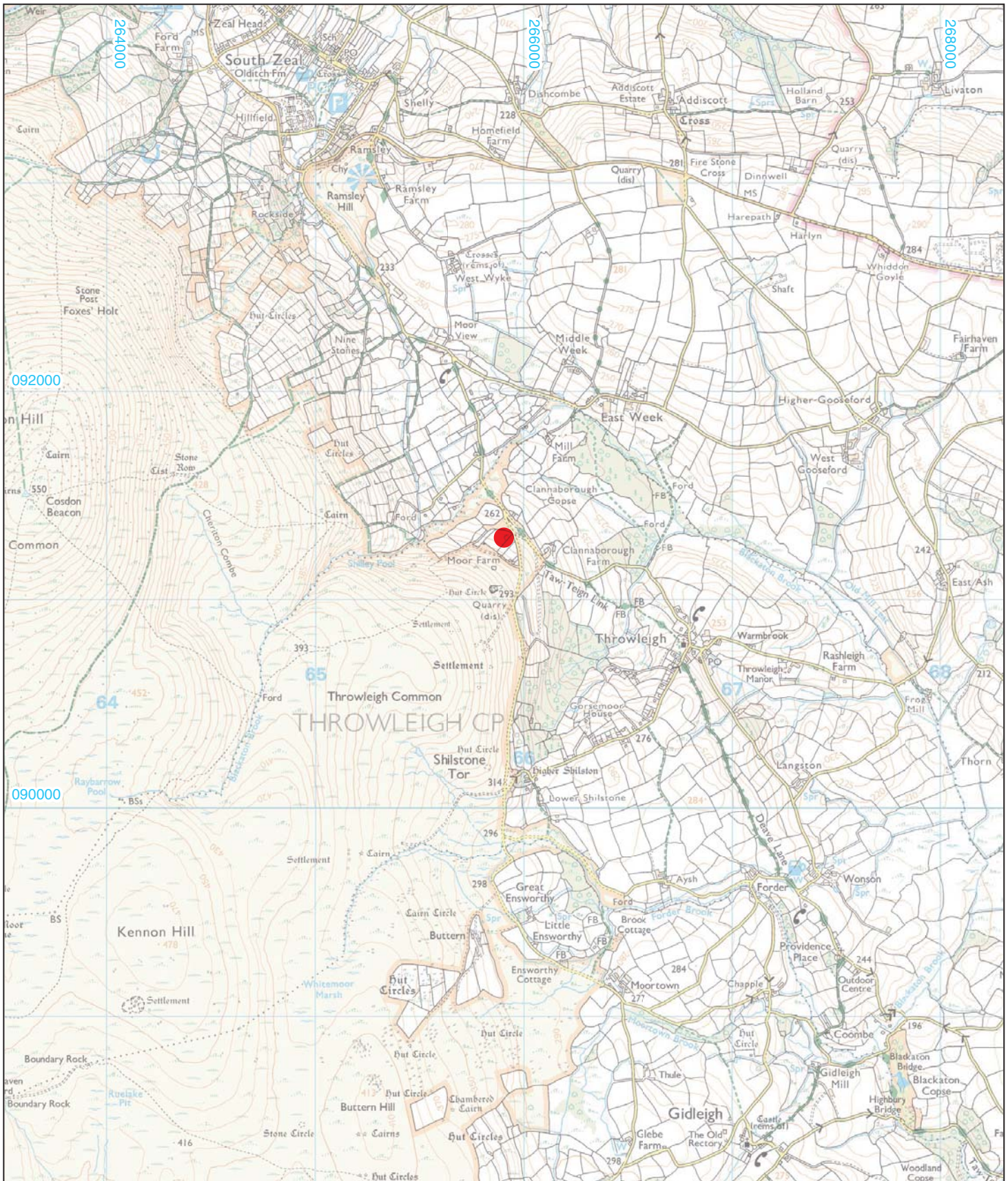


APPENDIX A: CONTEXT DESCRIPTIONS

Area No.	Context No.	Type	Context interpretation	Description	L (m)	W (m)	Depth/thickness (m)	Spot-date
1	100	Layer	Topsoil	Dark brown sandy silt, occasional stone			0.34	modern
1	101	Layer	Natural	Medium orange brown sandy silt with frequent stone			0.34+	
2	200	Layer	Topsoil	Dark brown sandy silt, occasional stone			0.28	modern
2	201	Layer	Natural	Medium orange brown sandy silt with frequent stone			0.28+	

APPENDIX B: OASIS REPORT FORM

PROJECT DETAILS		
Project Name	Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road, Okehampton, Devon	
Short description	<p>In January 2018, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological watching brief prior to the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling at Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road, Okehampton. The Topsoil was removed in the area of the proposed dwelling, garage and driveway.</p> <p>No features or deposits of archaeological interest were observed during groundworks, and no artefactual material pre-dating the modern period was recovered.</p>	
Project dates	22.01.2018	
Project type	Watching Brief	
Previous work	None	
Future work	Unknown	
PROJECT LOCATION		
Site Location	Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road, Okehampton, Devon	
Study area (M ² /ha)		
Site co-ordinates	265950 091125	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Brief originator	C.D and S. Alford	
Project Design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project Manager	Derek Evans	
Project Supervisor	Christina Tapply	
MONUMENT TYPE	None	
SIGNIFICANT FINDS	None	
PROJECT ARCHIVES		
	Intended final location of archive	Content
Physical	N/A	N/A
Paper	N/A	N/A
Digital	N/A	N/A
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
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FIGURE TITLE
 Site location plan



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- excavation area
- field drain



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Area location plan

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Area 1 stripped

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North-east facing section of Area 1 (scale 1m)

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Area 2 stripped

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South-west facing section of Area 2 (scale 1m)

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Areas 1 and 2: photographs

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