

**Crediton Garden Centre  
Barnstaple Cross  
Crediton  
Devon**

*Archaeological Evaluation*



for  
Homeleigh Garden Centre Ltd

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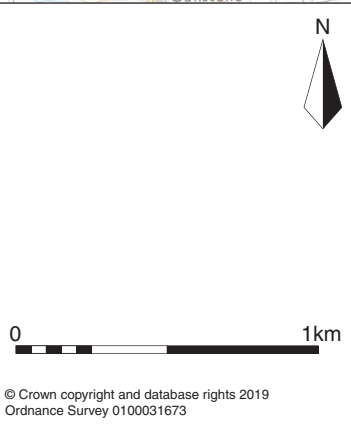
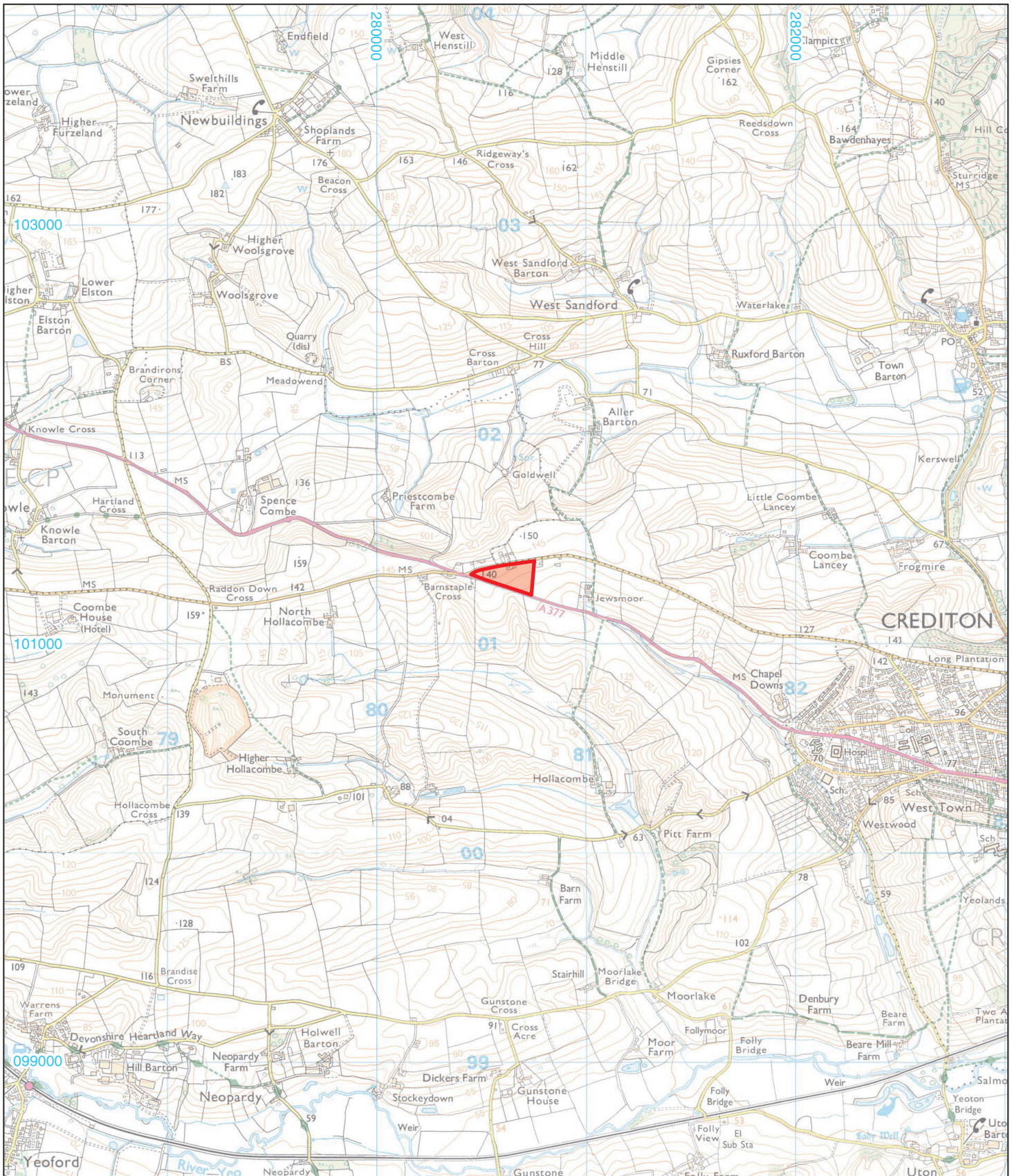
**Devon County Council Historic Environment Record**

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Crediton, Mid Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> 280617 101337	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Crediton Garden Centre, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton, Devon		<b>Photo attached:</b> N/A
<b>Planning permission no:</b> 17/02061/MFUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> cotswold2-360138	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> Site code: CRED 19; project number EX0043	<b>Date fieldwork undertaken:</b> 12 August 2019	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>In August 2019, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Crediton Garden Centre, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton, Devon (Fig. 1). The evaluation was undertaken for Homeleigh Garden Centre Ltd. It was carried out in response to a condition attached to planning permission granted for remodelling and modernisation of the existing garden centre.</p> <p><b>Archaeological background</b></p> <p>The site occupies a south-facing slope. It is some 150m south-west (downslope) of a possible prehistoric ring ditch identified as a cropmark. A further prehistoric or Romano-British enclosure has been recorded as a cropmark some 380m south-west of the evaluation site.</p> <p><b>Methodology</b></p> <p>The evaluation followed the methodology set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation (Cotswold Archaeology 2019). A total of nine trenches was excavated (Fig. 2). All trenches were 25m long and 2.1m wide.</p> <p><b>Results (Figs. 2 &amp; 3)</b></p> <p>The natural substrate comprised mid brown-red and orange sandy clay with frequent shillet inclusions. It was exposed in all trenches at a depth of 0.3m–0.4m below the present ground level. The natural was sealed directly by the modern topsoil.</p> <p>Modern field drains were encountered in T1 and T6. A modern service trench was identified in T7 and a modern pit (containing plastic waste) was observed in T3.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were identified in any of the trenches.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>None of the trenches contained archaeological features or deposits and no evidence for truncation was observed. This indicates that activity associated with the possible prehistoric ring ditch and the prehistoric/Romano-British enclosure in the vicinity of the site did not extend as far as the site itself.</p> <p><b>References</b></p> <p>Cotswold Archaeology 2019 <i>Crediton Garden Centre, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation</i></p>		
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**APPENDIX A: OASIS REPORT FORM**

<b>PROJECT DETAILS</b>		
Project name	Crediton Garden Centre, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton, Devon	
Short description	In August 2019, Cotswold Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation at Crediton Garden Centre, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton, Devon. Nine trenches were excavated. No archaeological features or deposits were observed.	
Project dates	12 August 2019	
Project type	Evaluation	
Previous work	None	
Future work	None	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Site location	Crediton Garden Centre, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton, Devon	
Study area (m <sup>2</sup> /ha)	c. 2.86ha	
Site co-ordinates	280617 101337	
<b>PROJECT CREATORS</b>		
Name of organisation	Cotswold Archaeology	
Project brief originator	N/A	
Project design (WSI) originator	Cotswold Archaeology	
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<b>MONUMENT TYPE</b>		
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<b>SIGNIFICANT FINDS</b>		
	None	
<b>PROJECT ARCHIVES</b>		
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**FIGURE TITLE**  
 Site location plan

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- Site boundary
- Evaluation trench
- Modern feature
- Field drain



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**FIGURE TITLE**  
 Trench location plan

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Trench 5, looking south (1m scales)



Trench 6, looking south-east (1m scales)



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