

# Land at Pippins, Ratsloe, Poltimore, East Devon

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Results of an archaeological watching brief

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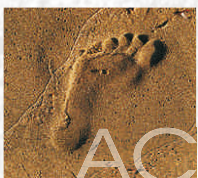
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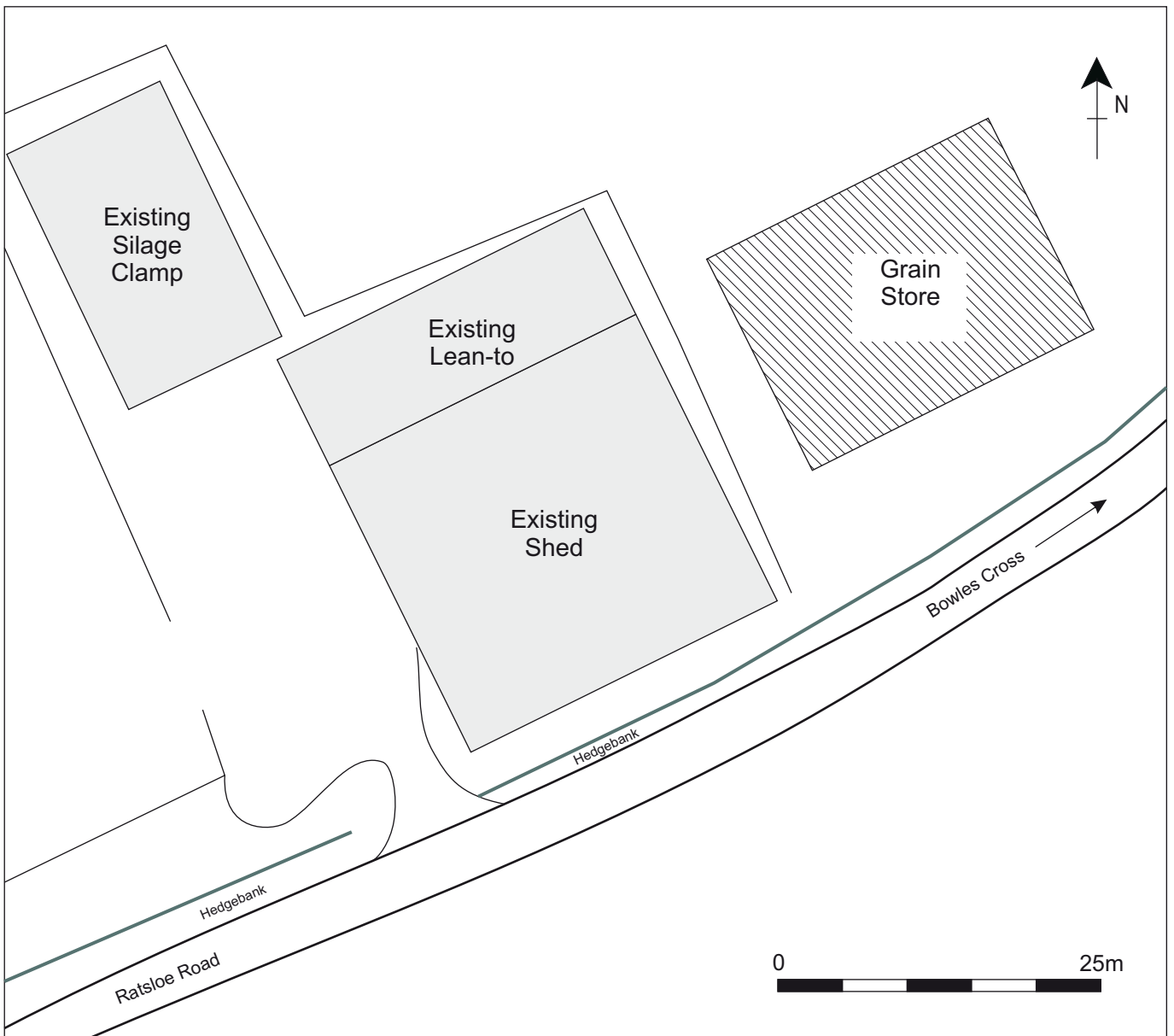
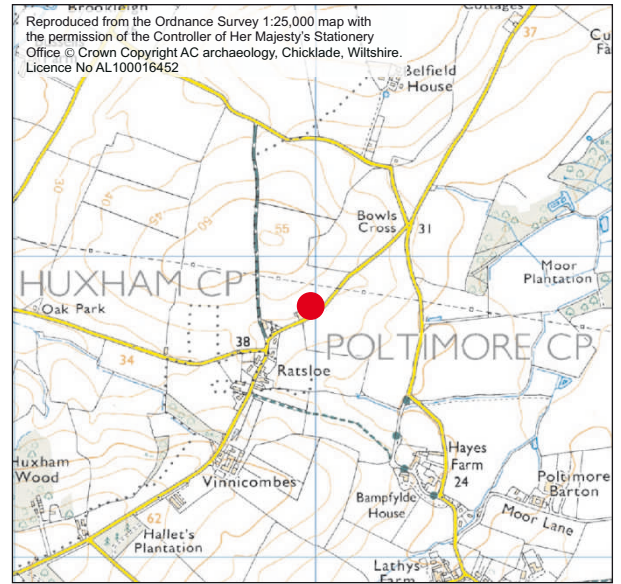
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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Poltimore, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX 9598 9781	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Watching brief on land at Pippins, Ratsloe		<b>Photo attached?</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 10/1415/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAMM	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 118763	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 73/2010	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD255	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 11 May 2011	
<p><b>Description of works</b></p> <p>A watching brief was undertaken during topsoil stripping in advance of the construction of a new grain store, situated to the east of existing agricultural buildings at Pippins, Ratsloe (Fig. 1; Plate 1). An area covering 44m by up to 25m was stripped, extending over the footprint of the new store and a wider area for an adjacent yard/turning area hardstanding (Fig. 2; Plate 2).</p> <p>A 6m wide strip along the western side of the site had been disturbed during the construction of the adjacent shed, with deposits comprising modern rubble and agricultural rubbish. The topsoil over the remainder of the site was between 0.3-0.40m deep, and comprised a light reddish-brown sandy clay. It overlaid natural red-orange sandy-clay natural. Two sherds of 19th/20-century pottery and a clay tobacco pipe stem were recovered from the topsoil.</p> <p>A single pit (F101) was exposed, cutting into the natural (Plate 3). The feature was irregularly shaped, and measured up to 0.60m wide by 0.10m deep. It contained a single fill (102) of dark brown sandy clay.</p> <p>In summary, a single undated feature was exposed, and no finds were recovered that pre-date the 19th/20th century. This evidence is consistent with the known later post-medieval agricultural use of the site. The lack of any earlier finds is perhaps surprising given the recorded cropmarks in the vicinity, and further unrecorded cropmarks visible in the field immediately to the south of the site.</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> Andrew Passmore, AC archaeology		<b>Date sent to HER:</b> 7 February 2012

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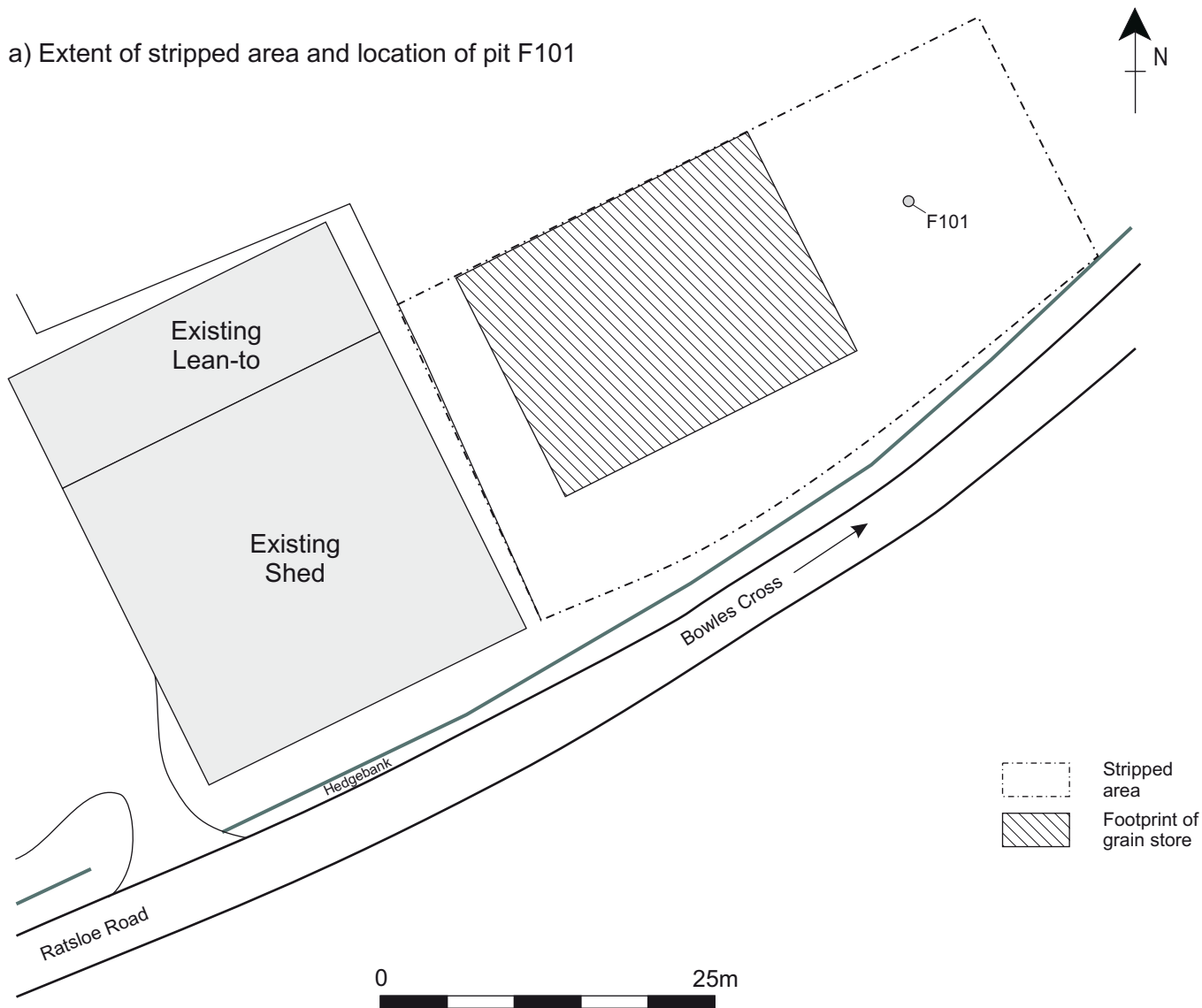
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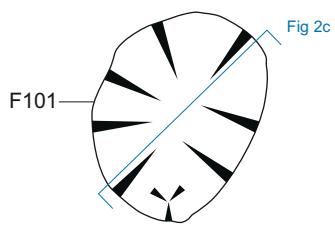
Fig. 1: Location of site



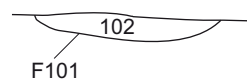
a) Extent of stripped area and location of pit F101



b) Plan of pit F101



c) Section of pit 101



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Fig. 2: Site plan, and plan and section of pit F101







Plate 1: General view of site, view to northeast



Plate 2: General view of site after topsoil stripping, view to southwest.

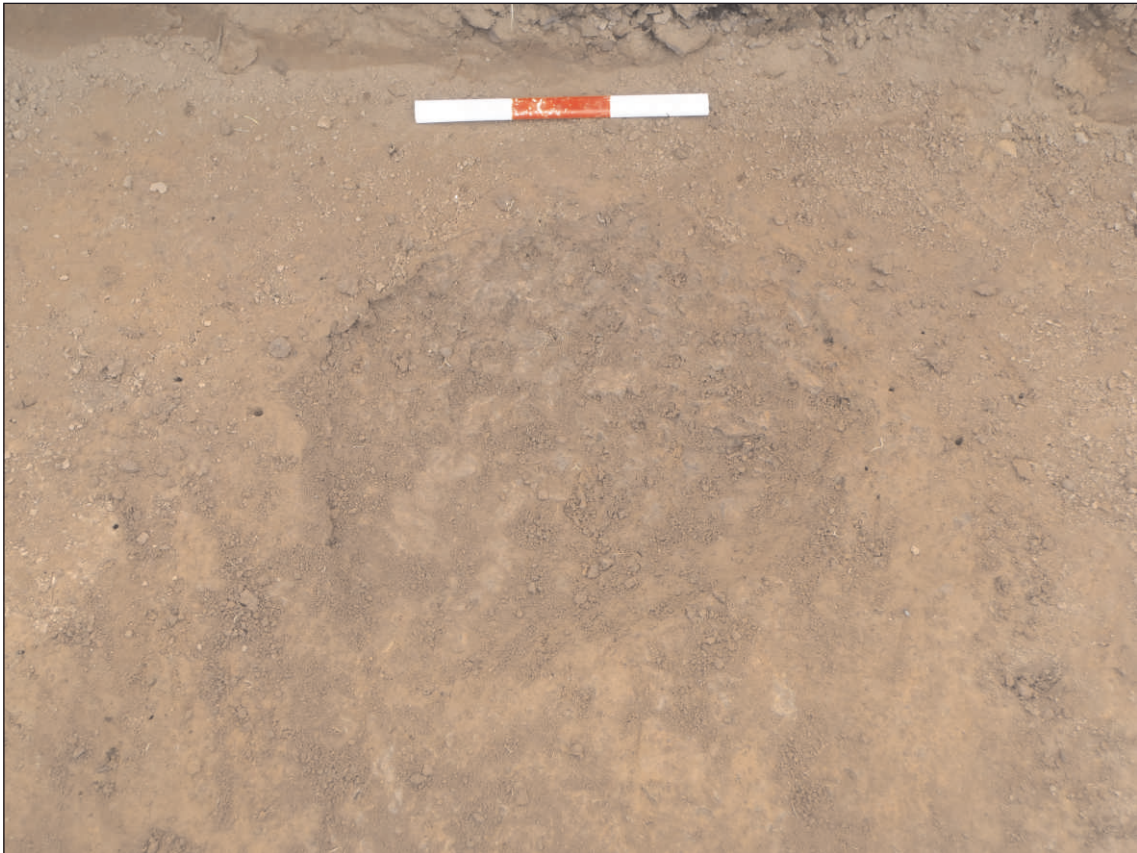


Plate 3: Post-excavation view of pit F101, view to northeast

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