

LAND SOUTHWEST OF FARWAY FOREST, FARWAY, EAST DEVON

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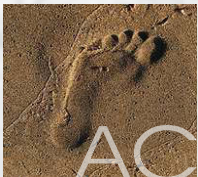
Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief

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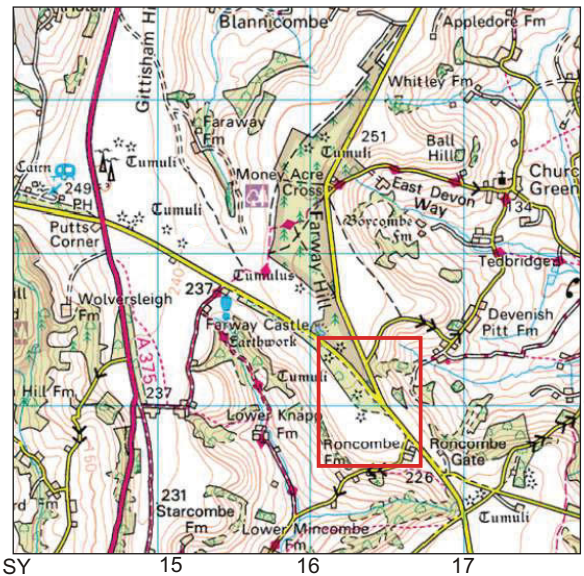
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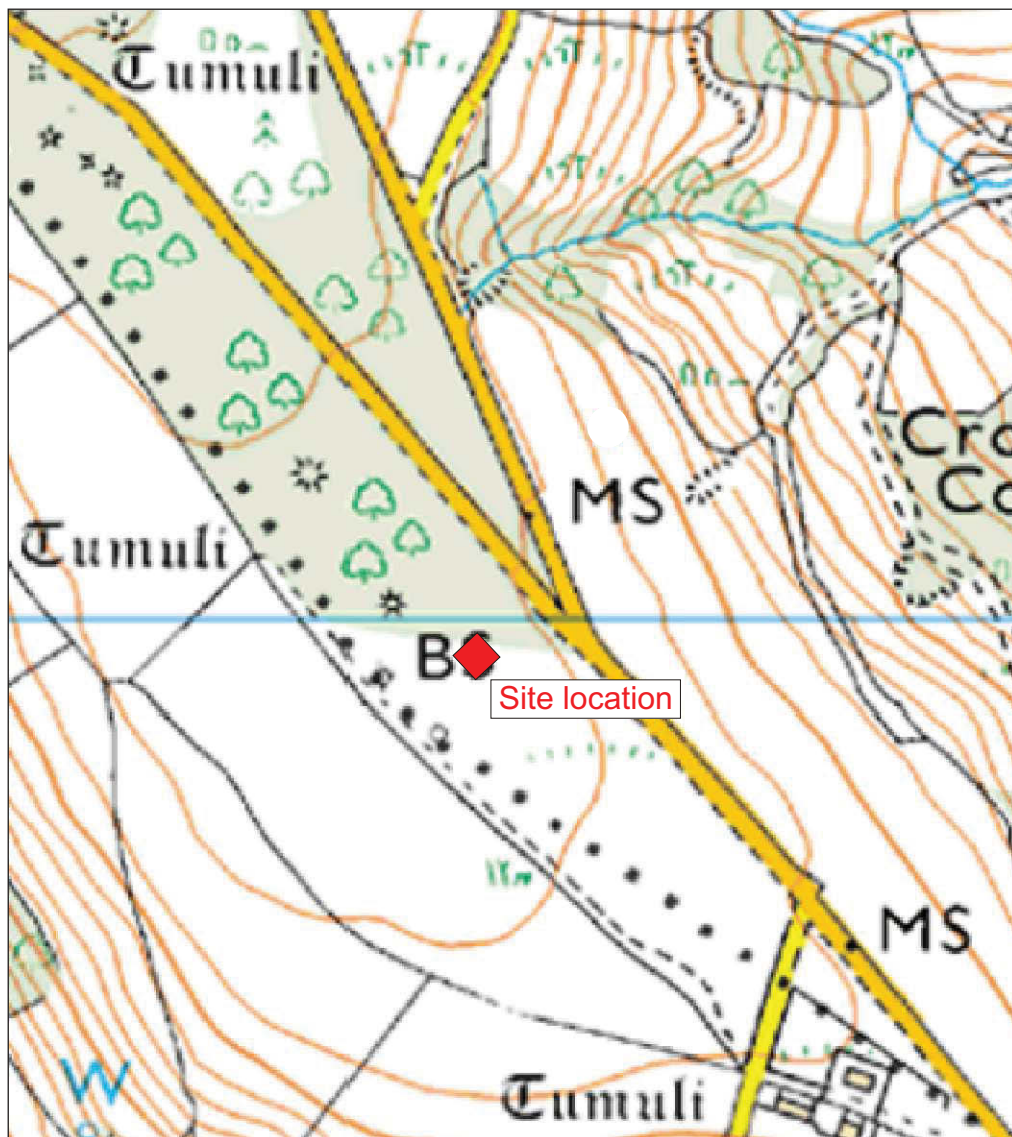
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<p>Introduction.</p> <p>An archaeological Watching brief was undertaken by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of an agricultural building on land southwest of Farway Forest, Farway, Devon (Fig 1). The site lies at around 235mOD on ground that slopes gradually to the east, with the underlying solid geology comprising of Upper Greensand Formation with overlying superficial deposits of clay with flints.</p> <p>It is located within a rich prehistoric funerary and settlement context, principally comprising the extensive scheduled remains of Farway Barrow cemetery which comprises at least 100 monuments arranged in a number of distinct clusters along an elevated ridge, and Farway Castle, a large earthwork enclosure identified as an Iron Age farmstead.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Groundworks were undertaken using a small tracked machine fitted with a toothless grading bucket. The topsoil was initially stripped from the footprint measuring 22m x 22m and was bunded around its perimeter. A total of 20 stanchion pits were excavated within the building footprint (Fig. 2). The stanchion pits measured approximately 1m² and were excavated to a depth of between 0.80m deep (western corner of the site) to 0.30m deep (eastern corner of the site), reflecting the drop in topography to the east.</p> <p>Natural subsoil was exposed in each of the stanchion pits at a depth of approximately 0.4m below current levels and comprised a mottled light reddish-brown sandy clay with flints. This was overlain by a 0.15-0.2m thick layer of mottled mid greyish brown sandy clay with flints, which comprised the weathered and bioturbated surface of the natural geology.</p> <p>No archaeological feature or deposits were exposed within the footprint of the new structure. No finds were recovered.</p>		
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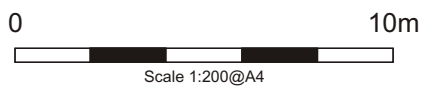
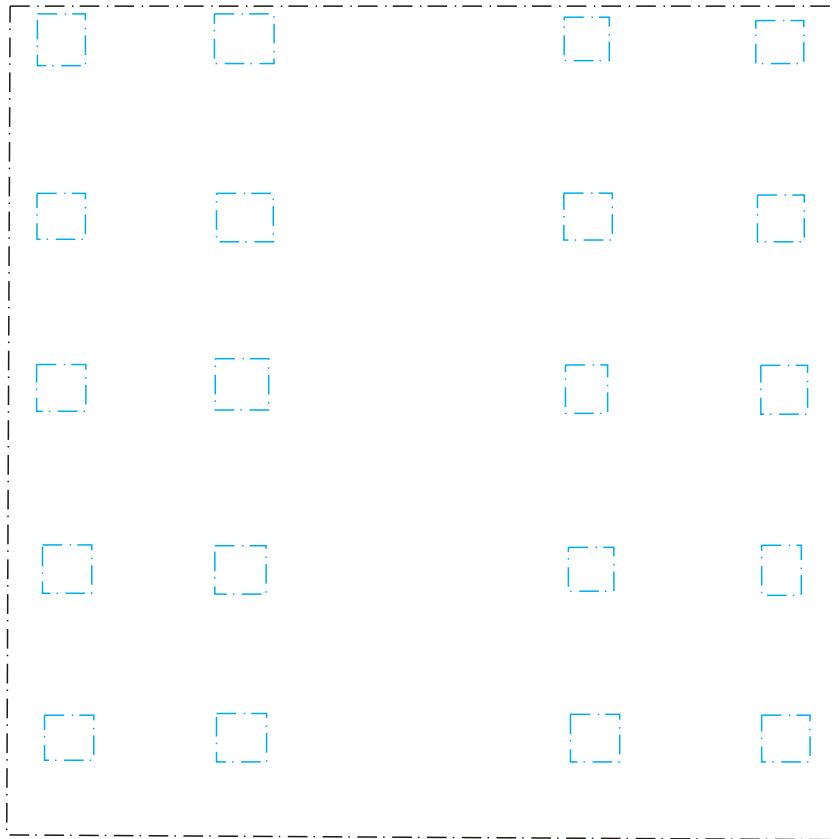
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Fig. 1: Location of site





Stanchion pits, 1-20

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Fig. 2: Location of stanchion pits





Fig. 3: General view, facing north

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