

LAND AT BULLEIGH BARTON FARM, IPPLEPEN, DEVON

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Results of an archaeological trench evaluation

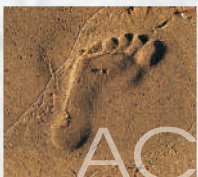
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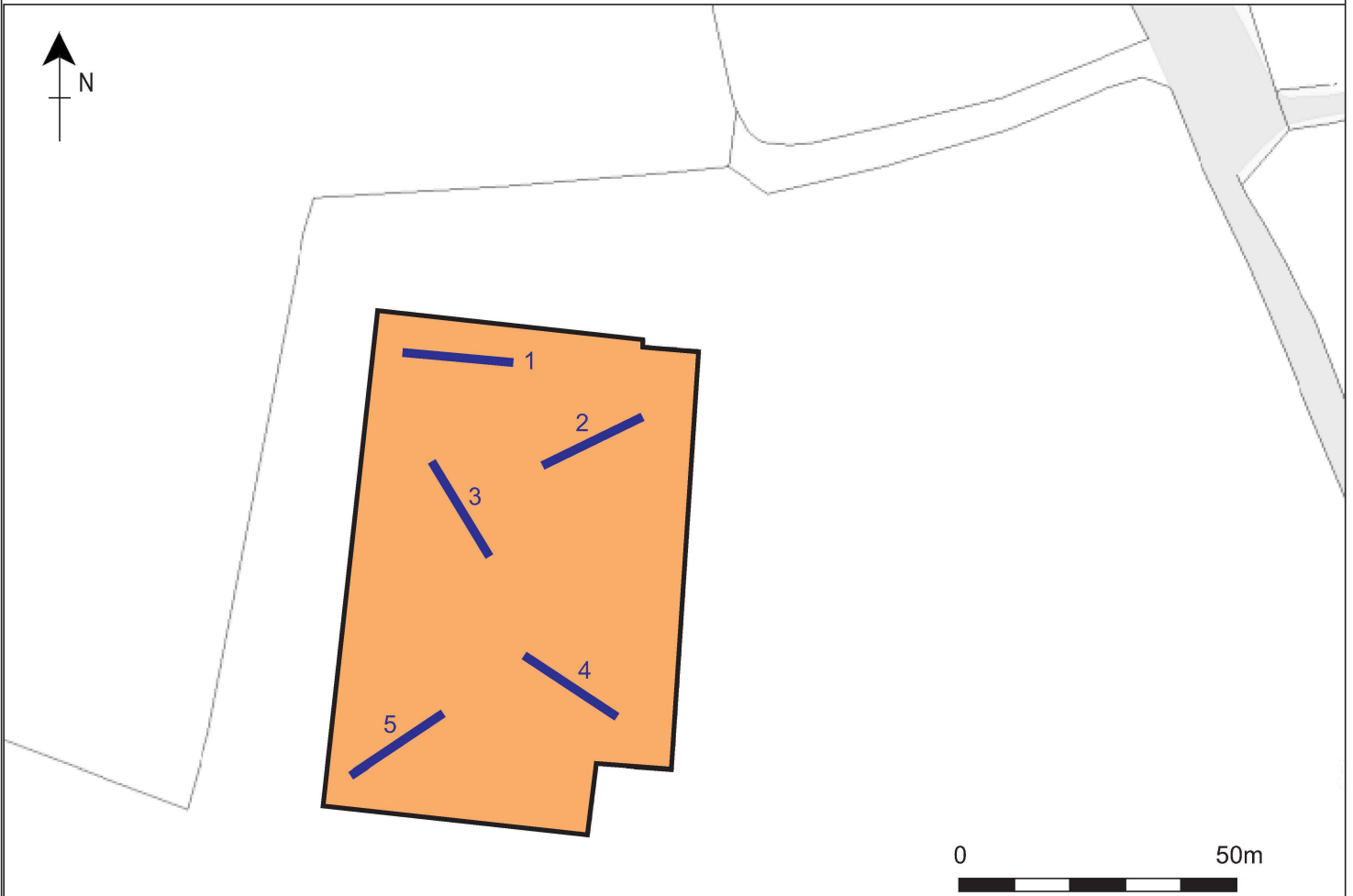
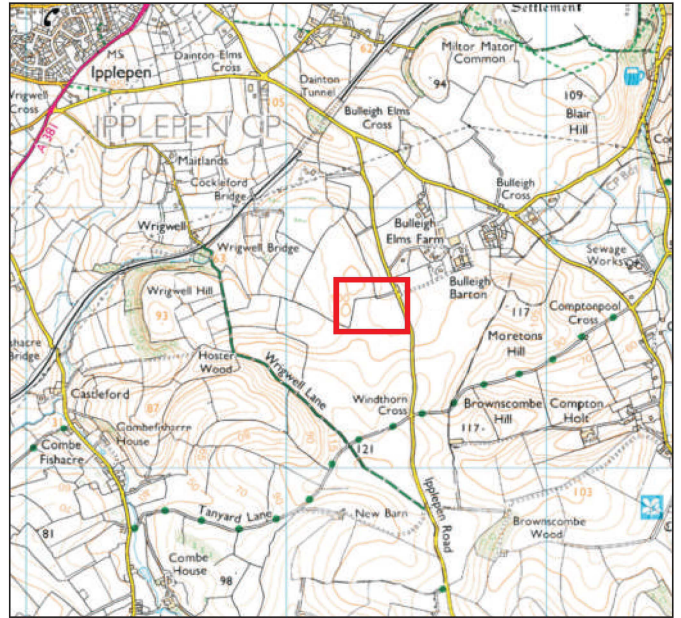
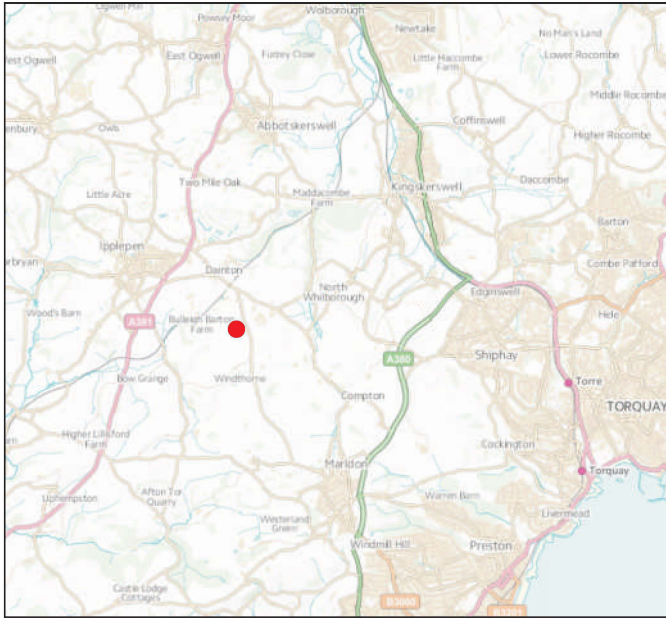
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1) An archaeological trench evaluation was carried prior to the construction of a beef rearing unit on land at Bulleigh Barton Farm, Ipplepen, Devon. The work was commissioned by Tony Brooks-Daw and carried out by AC archaeology in fulfilment of condition (5) of planning permission granted by Teignbridge District Council. The scope of works was set out in a brief provided by the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (Reed 2013).</p> <p>The site lies around 2km south of the centre of Ipplepen and 400m to the southwest of Bulleigh Barton Farm. The proposed development covers an area of approximately 3,750m² and is situated north side of a wider arable field bounded to the east by Ipplepen Road. It lies on a fairly elevated position, on ground that slopes gradually to the north at around 93m aOD, with the underlying solid geology comprising the Torbay Breccia Formation and Ogwell Limestone Formation.</p> <p>Results (Plate 2) The archaeological trench evaluation consisted of the machine-excavation of five trenches totalling 100m in length, with each trench measuring 1.80m wide. This represents an approximate 3% sample of the available area within the proposed development. It was carried out in accordance with an approved project Design (Hughes 2014).</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were encountered in any of the excavated trenches, and no artefacts of any date were recovered from any of the deposits. The layer sequence recorded in the excavated trenches is described below. Trenches 1 and 3 contained 0.35-0.40m of pale orange red silty clay loam topsoil with sparse sub-angular gravels (>35mm) directly overlying the natural subsoil. Trenches 2 and 5 contained 0.28-0.36m of pale orange grey/red clay loam topsoil with sparse sub-angular limestone and shale gravels overlying 0.08-0.12m of red/reddish-brown, very compact silty clay loam agricultural subsoil. This in turn overlay a 0.11-0.18m thick pale orangey-yellow or mid orangey-grey silt or clay loam colluvium, which overlaid the natural subsoil. Trench 4 contained 0.28m of pale orange-grey clay loam topsoil with sparse poorly sorted sub-angular to angular limestone and shale gravels overlying a 0.10m thick pale orange-grey clay loam agricultural subsoil with common angular and sub-angular moderately sorted limestone gravels. In this trench the agricultural subsoil deposit directly overlaid the natural subsoil.</p> <p>Comments The differences in the observed layer sequence in the trenches may be explained by modern ploughing activity across the site. For example, in trenches 1 and 3 any subsoil or colluvial deposits that may have been present have been incorporated into the ploughed topsoil. In those trenches where the natural subsoil was encountered at a greater depth, modern ploughing has had less of an effect on the layer sequence allowing the deeper deposits to be preserved intact.</p> <p>No archaeological features, deposits or artefacts were recorded during this evaluation. The potential for buried archaeological deposits across the site is therefore considered to be very low.</p> <p>Sources Consulted Hughes, S., 2014, <i>Land at Bulleigh Barton Farm, Ipplepen, Devon, NGR SX 85310 65595, Project Design for a Programme of Archaeological work, Teignbridge District Council Planning Reference 13/02501/MAJ</i>, AC archaeology document no. ACD863/1/1</p> <p>Reed, S., 2013, <i>Brief for a staged programme of archaeological investigation and mitigation</i>. DCHET ref. ARCH/DM/TE/21364</p>		
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 Trench locations

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Fig. 1: Site location and trench location plan





Plate 1: The site viewed from the southeast.



Plate 2: Representative soil section, trench 5, viewed from the southeast. 1m scale.

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