

# LAND AT CUTWELLCOMBE, AVONWICK, SOUTH BRENT, DEVON

Centred on SX 69127 58349

Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief

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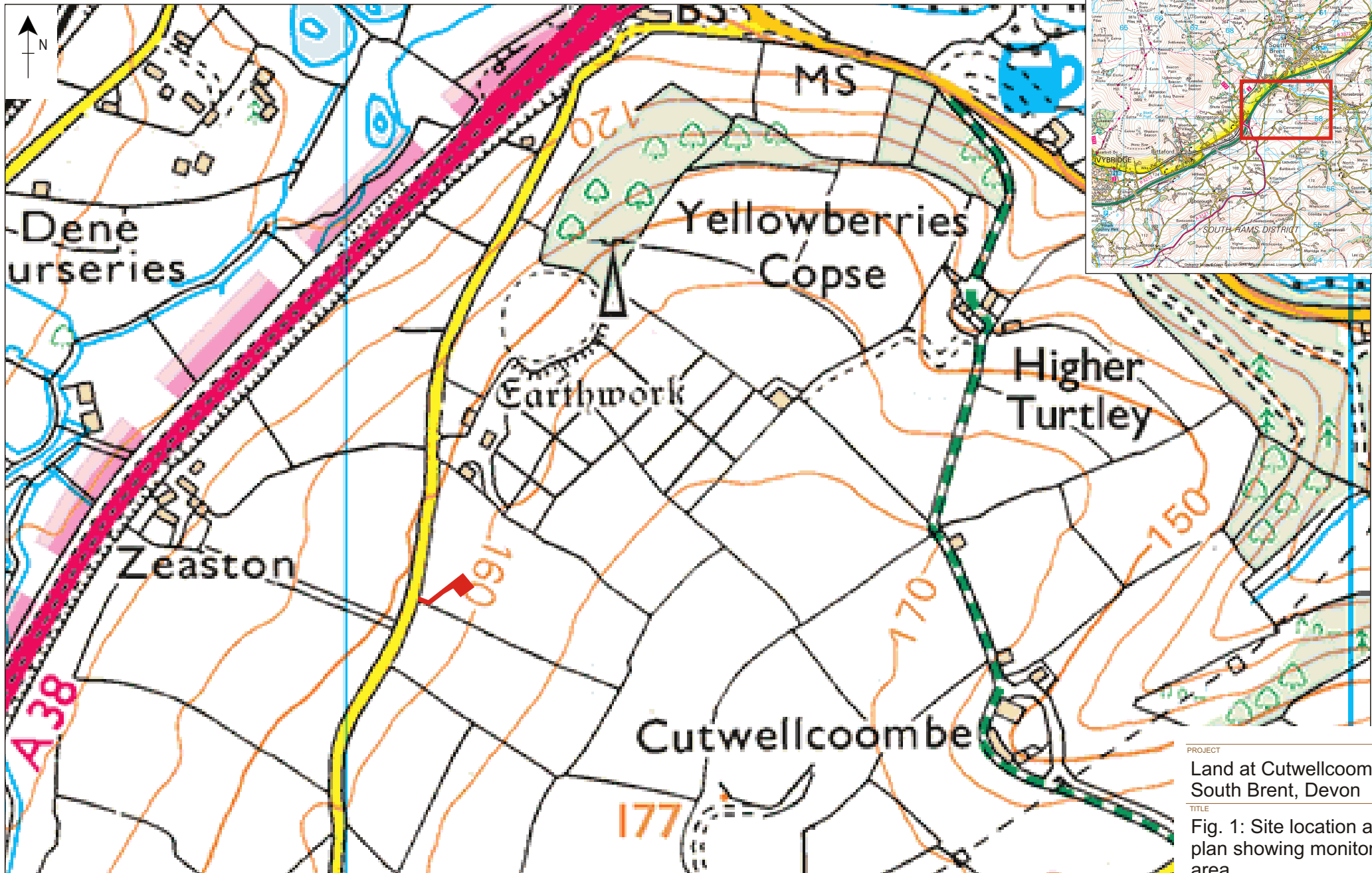


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Ugborough, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX 69127 58349	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land at Cutwellcombe, Avonwick, South Brent, Devon. Results of an archaeological watching brief.		<b>Photo attached?</b> Yes
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 57/1628/15/F	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAMM	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 225526	<b>Temporary Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1234	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC Archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a stable and associated trackway on land at Cutwellcombe, Avonwick, South Brent, Devon (SX 69127 58349)</p> <p>The development site lay 2km to the west of Avonwick and 1.7k southwest of South Brent (Fig 1). It comprised part of a wider rectangular pasture plot located some 500m west of Cutwellcombe Farm. The site of the proposed new stable block lay at 160m aOD (above Ordnance Datum) on ground that sloped moderately-steeply towards the northwest, with the underlying solid geology comprising slates of the Middle Devonian Slates Formation (British Geological Survey Online Viewer).</p> <p>The site was two-hundred metres to the south of, and positioned on, the same topographic ridge as a hilltop enclosure at Yellowberries Copse, also known as Turtley Hill Fort, which is a Scheduled Monument (Heritage England List for England ref. 1019325). The 1842 Ugborough Parish tithe map depicts the wider plot in which the site was located, as comprising of two fields at this date, with this remaining the case as shown on the Ordnance Survey first and second edition 6-inch maps.</p> <p><b>Description of works</b></p> <p>The monitored groundworks consisted of the bulk reduction of topsoil within a square area the new stable block measuring 16m across for as well as the route for an associated access track, which measured 4.5m wide (Plates 1 and 2).</p> <p>Natural subsoil, which comprised a mid brownish-red silty-clay with common weathered slate inclusions, was exposed at a depth of between 0.21m and 0.25m below existing levels. This was overlain by a mid greyish-brown silty-loam topsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed and no finds were recovered.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>There was no evidence for prehistoric activity present within the stripped area, with no other features exposed or residual finds from the topsoil recovered.</p>		
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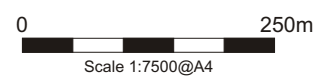
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 Monitored area

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Fig. 1: Site location and  
plan showing monitored  
area





Plate 1: Showing area stripped for yard and stable block. View to southwest (scale 1m)



Plate 2: Showing stripped trackway route. View to northeast (scale 1m)

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