

# LAND AT CUTWELLCOMBE FARM, AVONWICK, SOUTH BRENT, DEVON

NGR SX 6943 5853

## Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

---

Prepared by:  
Chris Caine

On behalf of:  
Mr Widdicombe

Report No: ACD1288/2/0

Date: December 2015

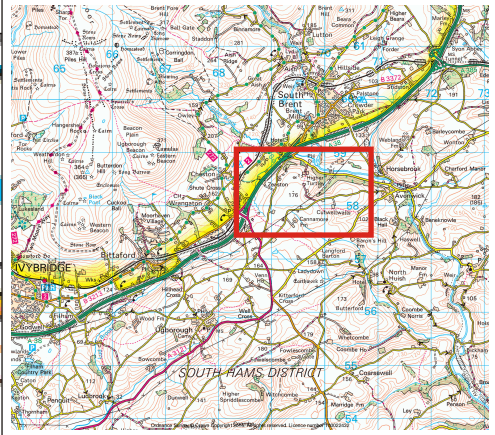
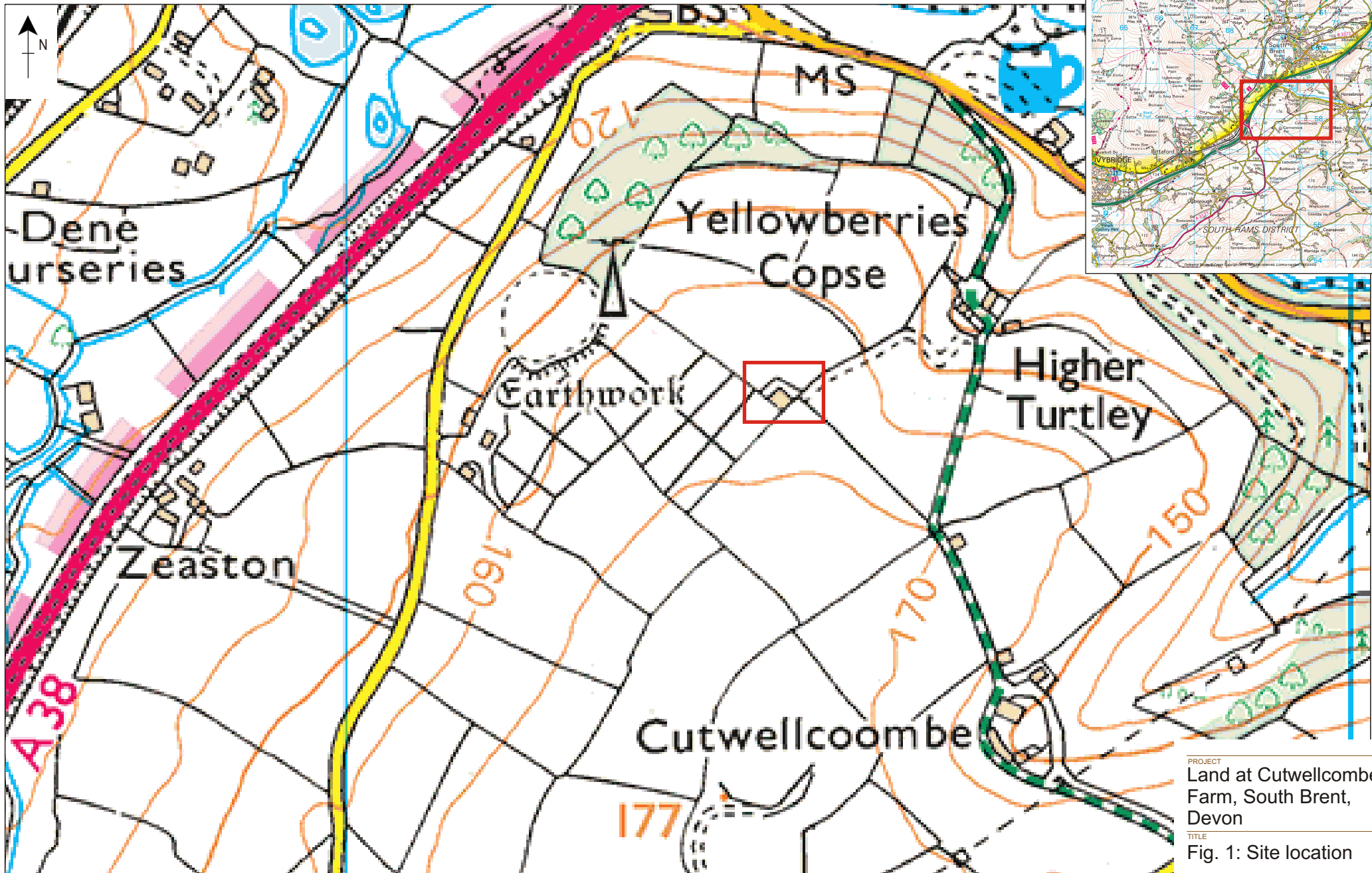


AC archaeology

---

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Ugborough, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SX 6943 5853	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land at Cutwellcombe Farm, Avonwick, South Brent, Devon. Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached?</b> Yes
<b>Planning Application no:</b> South Hams District Council 57/2358/15/F	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 235132	<b>Temporary Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1288	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2015	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC Archaeology during ground works associated with the construction of two new barns on land at Cutwellcombe Farm, Avonwick, South Brent, Devon (SX 6943 5853).</p> <p>The site lay 1.8km to the west of Avonwick, 1km southwest of South Brent and some 350m northwest of Cutwellcombe Farm (Fig 1). It comprised the southern corner of a wider rectangular pasture plot occupied by an existing agricultural building and yard (Plate 1). The site of the proposed new buildings lay at 164m aOD (above Ordnance Datum) on ground that sloped gradually towards the northwest. The underlying solid geology comprised slates of the Middle Devonian Slates Formation (British Geological Survey Online Viewer).</p> <p>The site was 150m 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).</p> <p><b>Description of works</b></p> <p>The monitored groundworks consisted of the bulk reduction of topsoil within the footprints of the two new buildings. For Building 1; this comprised a 1.2m wide strip alongside an existing concrete yard surface, which was retained <i>in situ</i> (Plate 2); while for Building 2, this involved the stripping of a rectangular area measuring approximately 15m by 20m (Plate 3).</p> <p>Both areas were excavated onto natural subsoil, which comprised a mid brownish-red silty-clay with common slate inclusions. This was exposed at a depth of between 0.14m and 0.23m below existing levels and 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 within the two areas investigated for any pre-modern activity.</p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> Chris Caine, AC Archaeology		<b>Date sent to HER:</b> 22 December 2015

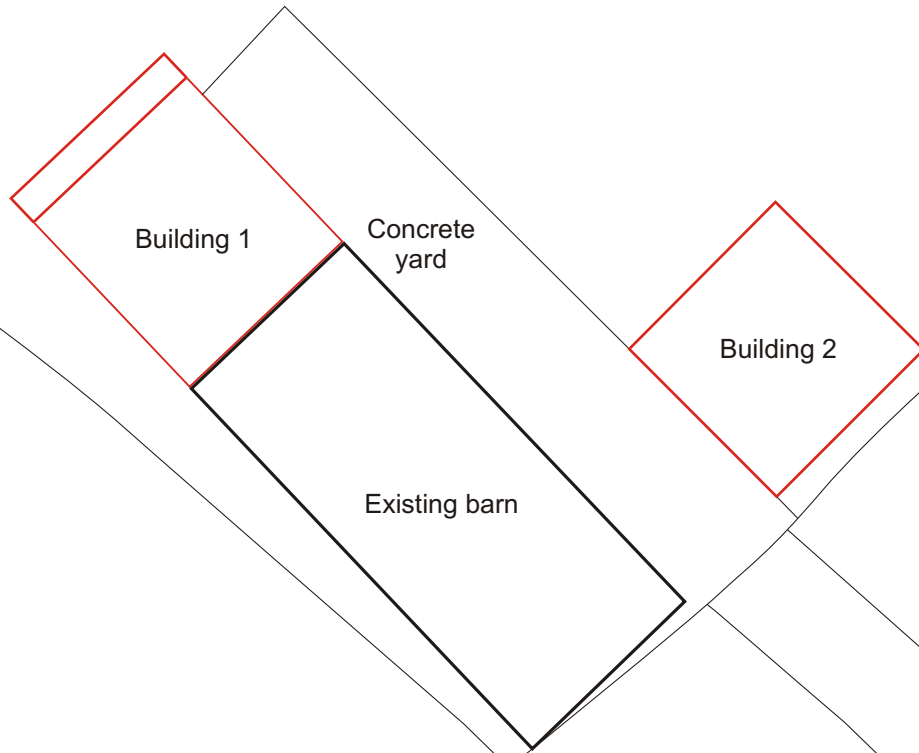



PROJECT  
 Land at Cutwellcombe  
 Farm, South Brent,  
 Devon

TITLE  
 Fig. 1: Site location

Ordnance Survey © Crown Copyright 2015. All rights reserved. Licence number 100022432





 Areas monitored

PROJECT  
Land at Cutwellcombe  
Farm, South Brent, Devon

TITLE  
Fig. 2: Site plan with  
monitored areas shown

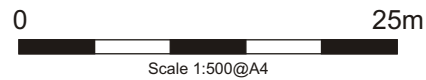




Plate 1: View of site, looking south



Plate 3: Showing stripped area for Building 2. View to west (scale 1m)



Plate 2: Showing stripped area for Building 1. View to southwest (scale 1m)

### Devon Office

AC archaeology Ltd  
Unit 4, Halthaies Workshops  
Bradninch  
Nr Exeter  
Devon  
EX5 4LQ

Telephone/Fax: 01392 882410

### Wiltshire Office

AC archaeology Ltd  
Manor Farm Stables  
Chicklade  
Hindon  
Nr Salisbury  
Wiltshire  
SP3 5SU

Telephone: 01747 820581  
Fax: 01747 820440

[www.acarchaeology.co.uk](http://www.acarchaeology.co.uk)