

# POOL FARM, PORLOCK, EXMOOR, SOMERSET

(NGR SS 8728 4431)

## Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

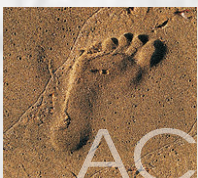
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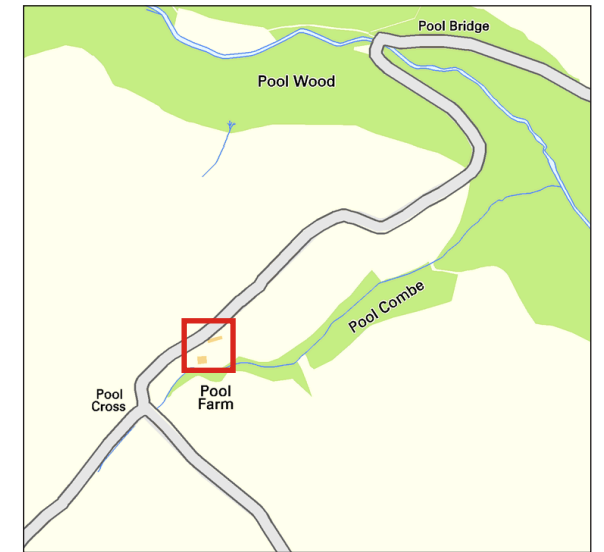
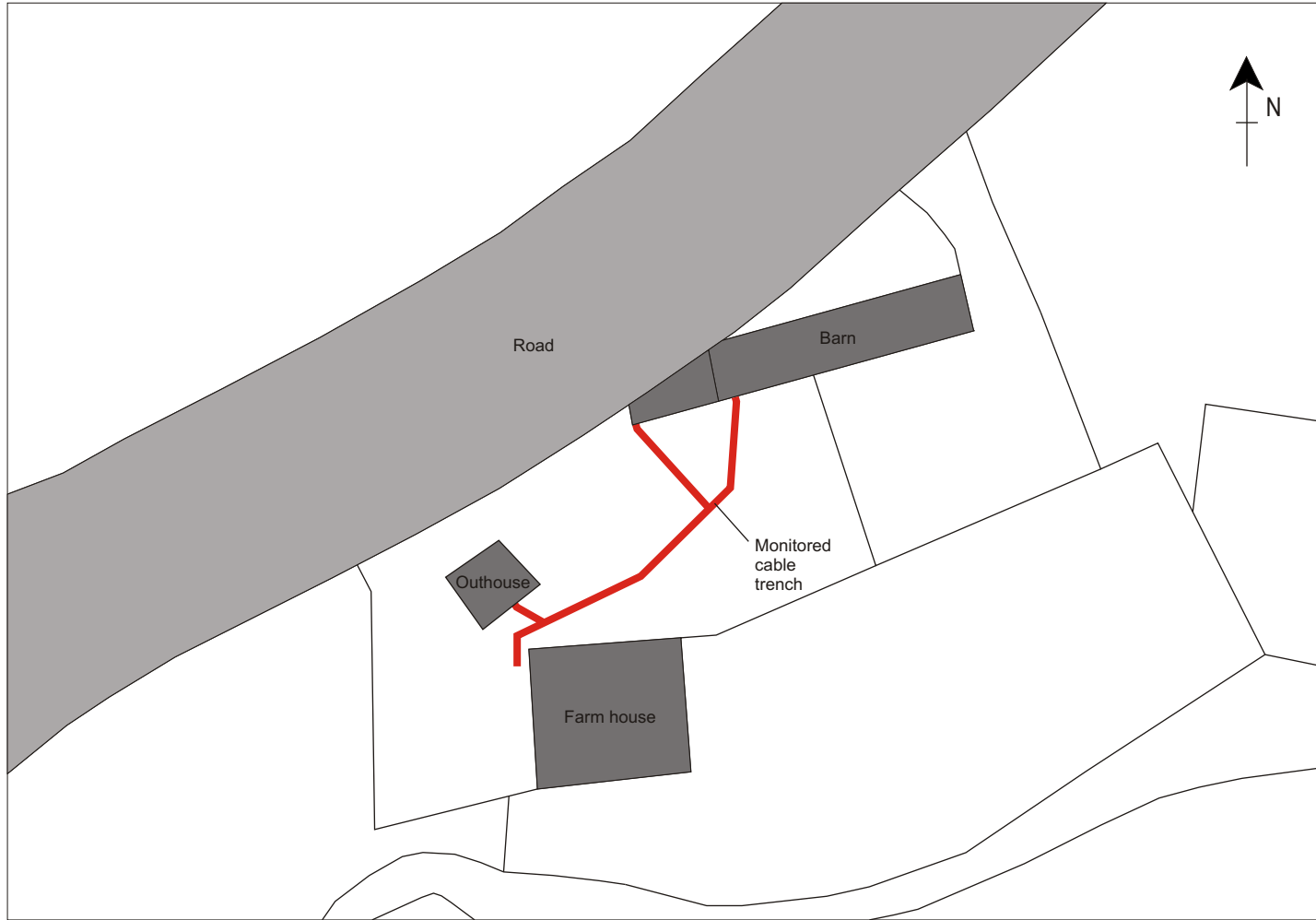


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# Exmoor National Park Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Luccombe, Exmoor.	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SS 8728 4431	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Pool Farm, Porlock, Exmoor, Somerset: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached:</b> Plates 1-3
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<p><b>Introduction</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC Archaeology during ground works associated with the excavation of electricity cable trenches at Pool Farm, Porlock, Somerset (SS 8728 4431).</p> <p>Pool Farm is located 2.7km to the southwest of Porlock and comprises a farmhouse, barn and a modern outbuilding arranged around a terraced courtyard (Fig. 1 and Plates 1-2). It was located at a height of 315m aOD (above Ordnance Datum), with the underlying solid geology comprising sandstone of the Hangman Sandstone Formation (British Geological Survey Online Viewer). The farm is named on the 1841 tithe map of the historic Stoke Pero parish as "Ley Pool" and depicts the farmhouse and barn. The house is thought to have 17th century origins, while the barn was probably originally used for threshing.</p> <p><b>Description of works</b> The monitored groundworks consisted of the machine-excavation of cable trenches, which measured 0.3m wide and 0.6m deep (Fig.1). These extended between the farmhouse and two positions along the barn. An additional trench also linked the modern outbuilding (Plates 1-2).</p> <p>The trenches were excavated into the natural subsoil, which was exposed at a depth of between 0.1m to 0.25m below existing levels and consisted of weathered sandstone in a mid brownish-red silty-sand matrix. This was overlain by a dark reddish-brown silty-sand levelling layer (Plate 3).</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed by the works and no finds were recovered.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> The monitoring of the cable trenches exposed no archaeological features or deposits. The limited depth of material overlying the natural subsoil corresponded with the terraced nature of the courtyard.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored cable trenches



Plate 1. General view of courtyard, looking southwest towards farmhouse.



Plate 2. View of cable trench with barn in the background. Looking northeast



Plate 3. Representative section of cable trench (scale 1m)

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