

# HORNER FARM, HOLNICOTE, LUCCOMBE, SOMERSET

(NGR SS 89894 45446)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

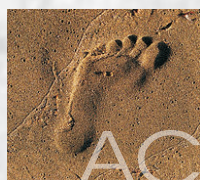
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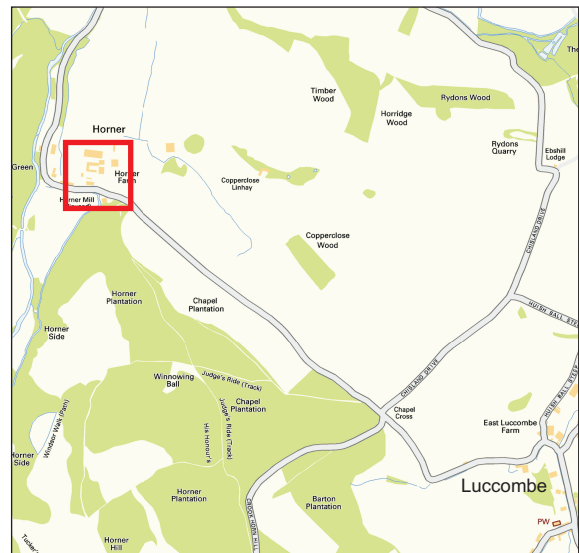
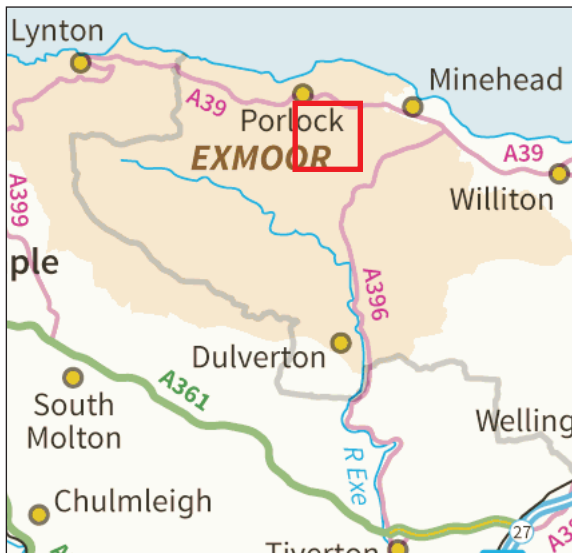


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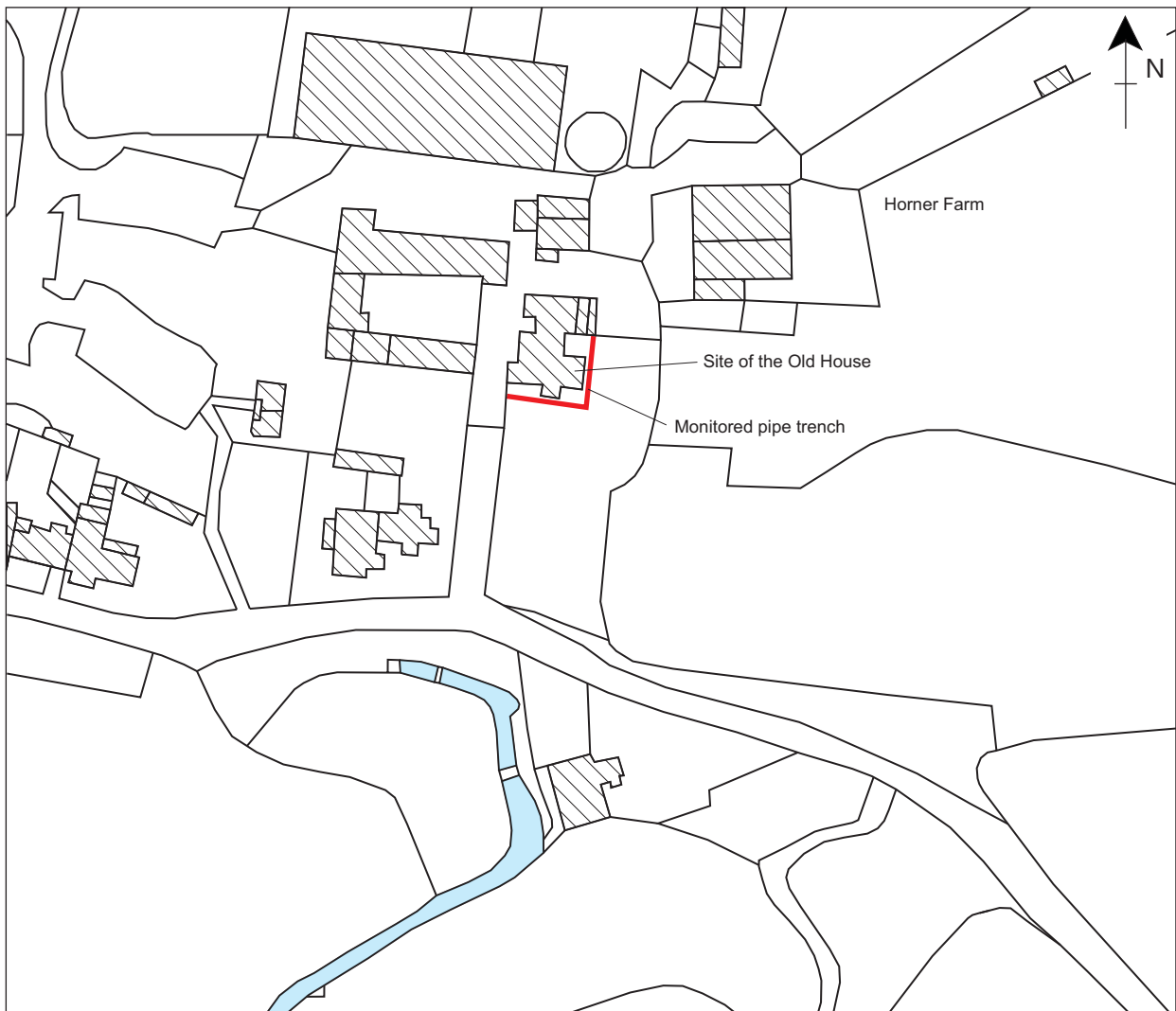
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# National Trust Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Luccombe, Exmoor.	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SS 89894 45446	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Horner Farm, Holnicote, Luccombe, Somerset: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached:</b> Plates 1-3
<b>Planning Application no:</b> N/A	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 279801	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1583	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 16 March 2017	
<p><b>Introduction</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC Archaeology during groundworks associated with the excavation of water pipe trench at Horner Farm, Holnicote, Luccombe, Somerset (SS 89888 45457).</p> <p>Horner Farm is located some 1.5km to the northwest of Luccombe and is part of the Holnicote Estate, which lies to the northeast (Fig. 1). The farm consists of a complex of buildings of which some surviving elements have been dated to the 16th to 17th century. The earlier elements included the site of the Old House, which lay adjacent to the area monitored (Plate 1). Although largely demolished during the 19th century to allow access into the yard to the west and re-built to the east as a store, some of its earlier fabric had been retained in the later structure.</p> <p><b>Description of works</b> The monitored groundworks comprised the machine-excavation of a trench, which measured 0.25m wide and between 0.8m and 1m deep (Fig.1 and Plates 2-3). This extended around the eastern and southern perimeter of the store that replaced the Old House.</p> <p>The section of the trench that was dug along the southern side of the building was excavated into the natural subsoil, which consisted of a mid yellow to mid reddish-brown silty-clay and was exposed at a depth of 0.3m below existing levels. This was overlain by a former hard standing comprised of red sandy-silt with abundant sandstone gravel and cobbles beneath a pea gravel dressing.</p> <p>Natural subsoil along the east side of the old was exposed at a depth of around 0.4m below existing levels. This was overlain by a mixed dark reddish-brown silty-loam topsoil, which contained abundant sandstone rubble and gravel inclusions, with these increasing in density towards the north portion of the trench.</p> <p>No archaeological features were exposed by the works and no pre-modern finds were recovered.</p> <p><b>Discussion</b> The monitoring of the water pipe trench exposed no archaeological features or deposits. The southern portion of the trench cut through deposits that suggested the presence of a former rough yard surface of probable recent date.</p> <p>To the east of the building, the exposed concentration of mixed stone rubble inclusions within the topsoil may have related to the modification of the adjacent building that replaced the Old House, with this deposit perhaps associated with its demolition and subsequent rebuilding.</p>		
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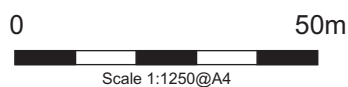


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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored pipe trench





Plate 1: Pre-excitation view of monitored area. Looking north with the site of the Old House to the left



Plate 2: Working view looking south



Plate 3: Showing excavated pipe trench. View to south (scale 1m)

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