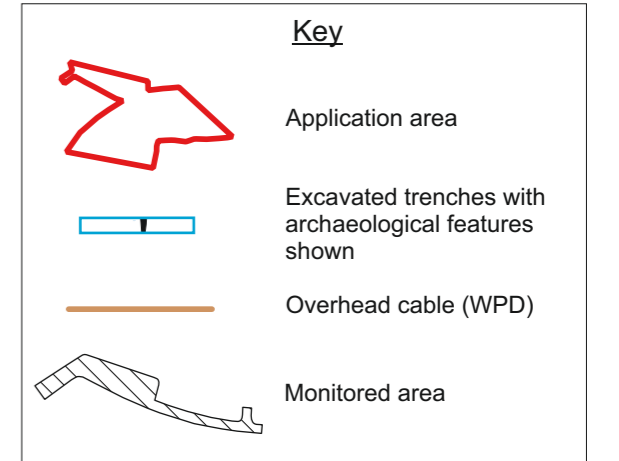
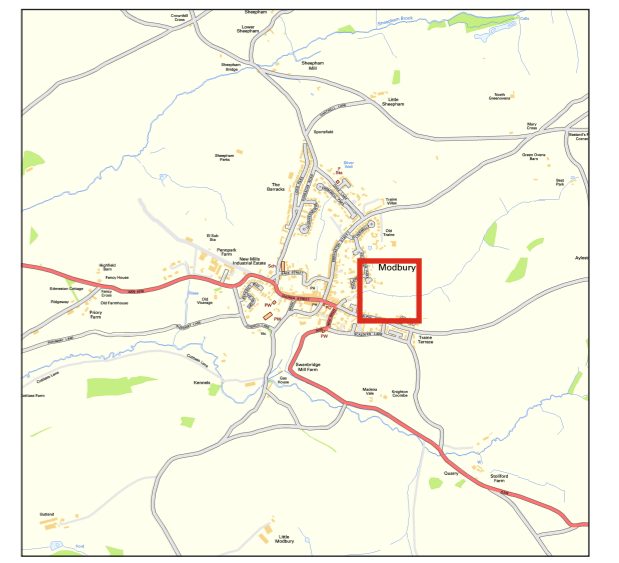
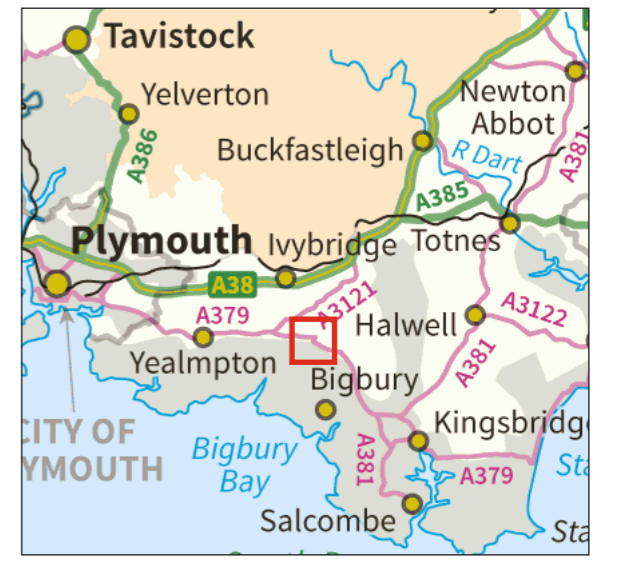
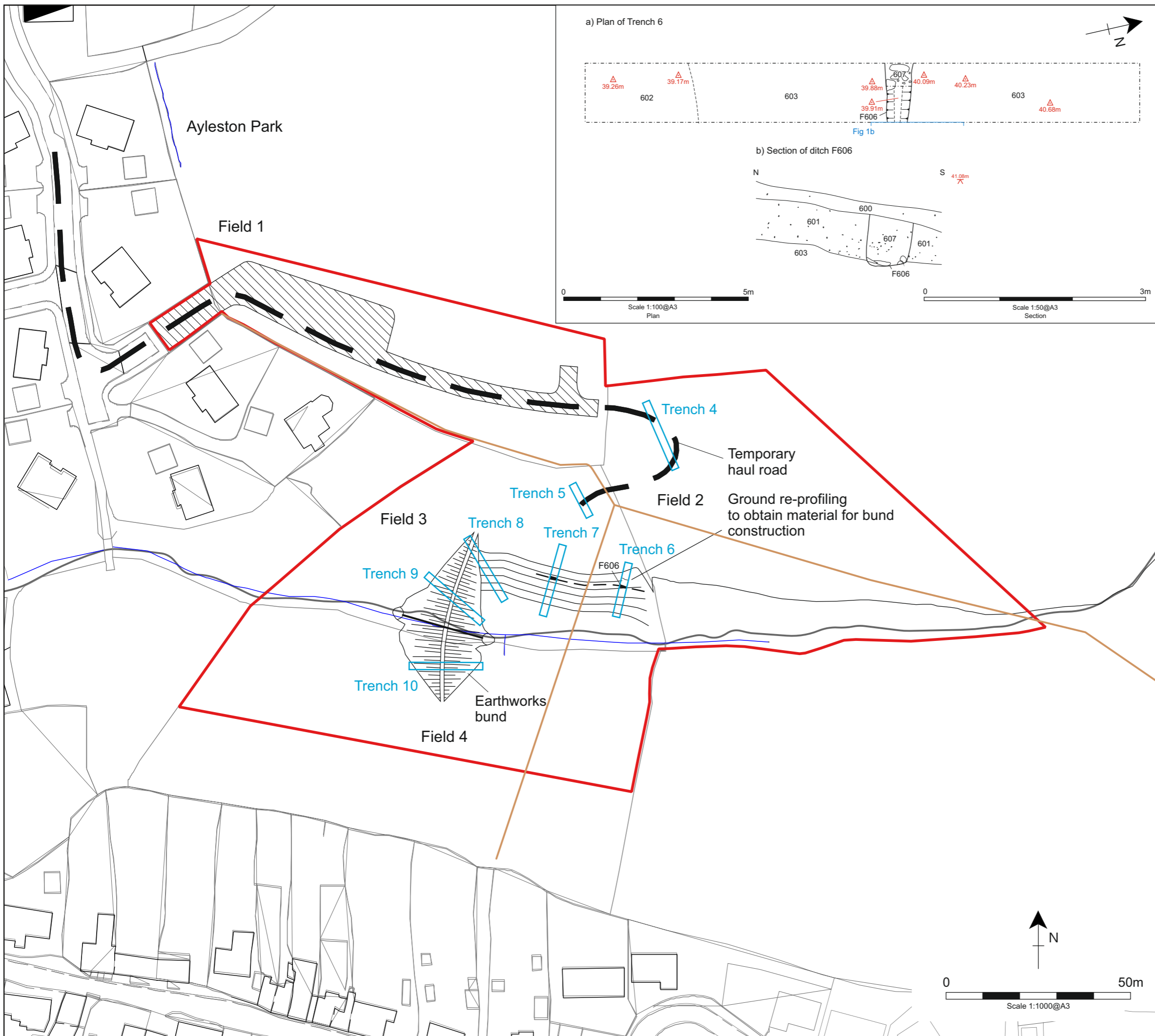


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| Civil Parish & District: Modbury, South Hams District Council | National Grid Reference SX 6615 5163 | Number: |
| Subject: Modbury Flood Risk Management Scheme, Devon (Area 2): Results of archaeological trench evaluation and monitoring | | Photo attached: Plates 1-4 |
| Planning Application no: Devon County Council 3974-2017 (Condition 6) | Recipient museum: N/A | |
| OASIS ID: 318057 | Museum Accession no: N/A | |
| Contractor's reference number/code: ACD1715 | Dates fieldwork undertaken: 8th to 14th May 2018 | |
| <p>Introduction</p> <p>An archaeological trench evaluation and monitoring and recording (controlled watching brief), on behalf of Devon County Council Engineering Design Group, was carried out before and during groundworks associated with a new flood risk management scheme (Area 2) at Modbury, Devon (Fig. 1). Area 2 of the scheme covers an area of approximately 1.3 ha and is currently agricultural land within parts of four fields (Fields 1-4) to the southeast of Aylestone Park, northeast of Burns Lane and north of Galpin Street. It is situated on undulating ground, although with a general trend of sloping down from north to south, between approximately 55m and 40m above Ordnance Datum.</p> <p>Area 2 is located 400m to the northwest of a Civil War battle site (as marked on the Ordnance Survey map), as well as immediately to the south and west of a cropmark originally interpreted as a possible Roman fort (Devon HER no. MDV38736), although it could just be former field boundaries.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>The first field (Field 1) off Ayleston Park was monitored during the stripping of overlying deposits and seven trenches (Trenches 4-10) totalling 125m long by 1.5m wide were excavated in the fields along the temporary haul road (Plates 1 and 2) and within the area of the earthwork bund and the ground reduction area (see Fig.1).</p> <p>In Fields 1 and 2 and northeast of Field 3 (the monitored area and in Trenches 4 and 5), the overlying deposits were shallow, with natural subsoil exposed at a depth of 0.36m below existing ground levels; this comprised a light yellowish-grey silty clay. This was overlain by an agricultural subsoil of light yellow silty clay, which in turn was below a topsoil of light yellowish-brown silty clay. Trenches 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (in Fields 3 and 4) generally had deeper overlying deposits, from 0.8m to 1.4m, and this is due to their location at the base of a shallow valley (Plate 3); they also exposed a slightly different natural subsoil deposit (602/702) close to the stream, which consisted of a light grey silty sand, and likely to represent a natural river deposit. It was overlain by the same agricultural subsoil and topsoil as the other trenches. Further up the valley side in the same trenches the natural subsoil (603/703) matched that described in the previous trenches.</p> <p>In Trenches 6 and 7, a linear cut feature was identified (F606), which was aligned approximately east-west, with steeply-sloping straight sides and a flat base. It contained a mid brown silty clay fill (607) with abundant sub-angular pebbles to cobbles. The feature was cut from the level of the subsoil (601) and measured 0.60m wide by 0.69m deep (Figs 1a-b; Plate 4). It is likely to be a land drain of modern date.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>No pre-modern archaeological features, deposits or finds were identified or recovered. The area does not appear to have been historically or anciently occupied other than for agricultural purposes.</p> | | |
| Recorder: Chris Caine, AC archaeology | Date sent to HER: 01-06-2018 | |



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Fig. 1: Location of site, trench plan and Trench 6, plan and section

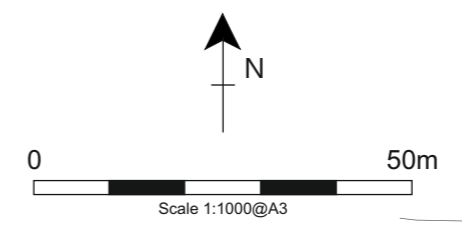




Plate 1: Field 1 off Alyeston Park, stripped compound and access road, view from west (1m scale)



Plate 2: Field 1, access off Ayleston Park, haul road, view from northeast (1m scale)



Plate 3: Field 3, trenches 5 to 9, view from southeast



Plate 4: Oblique view of land drain F606, view from northwest (1m scale)