

LAND AT HOLSOME PARK, DIPTFORD, DEVON

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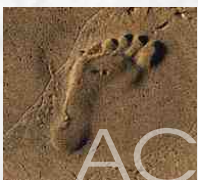
Results of an archaeological watching brief

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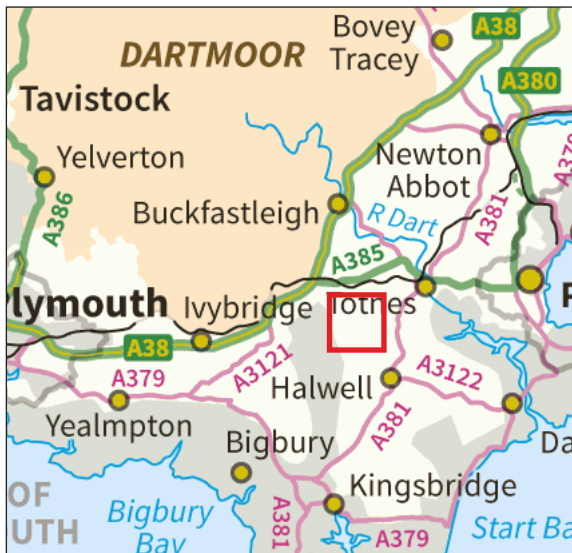
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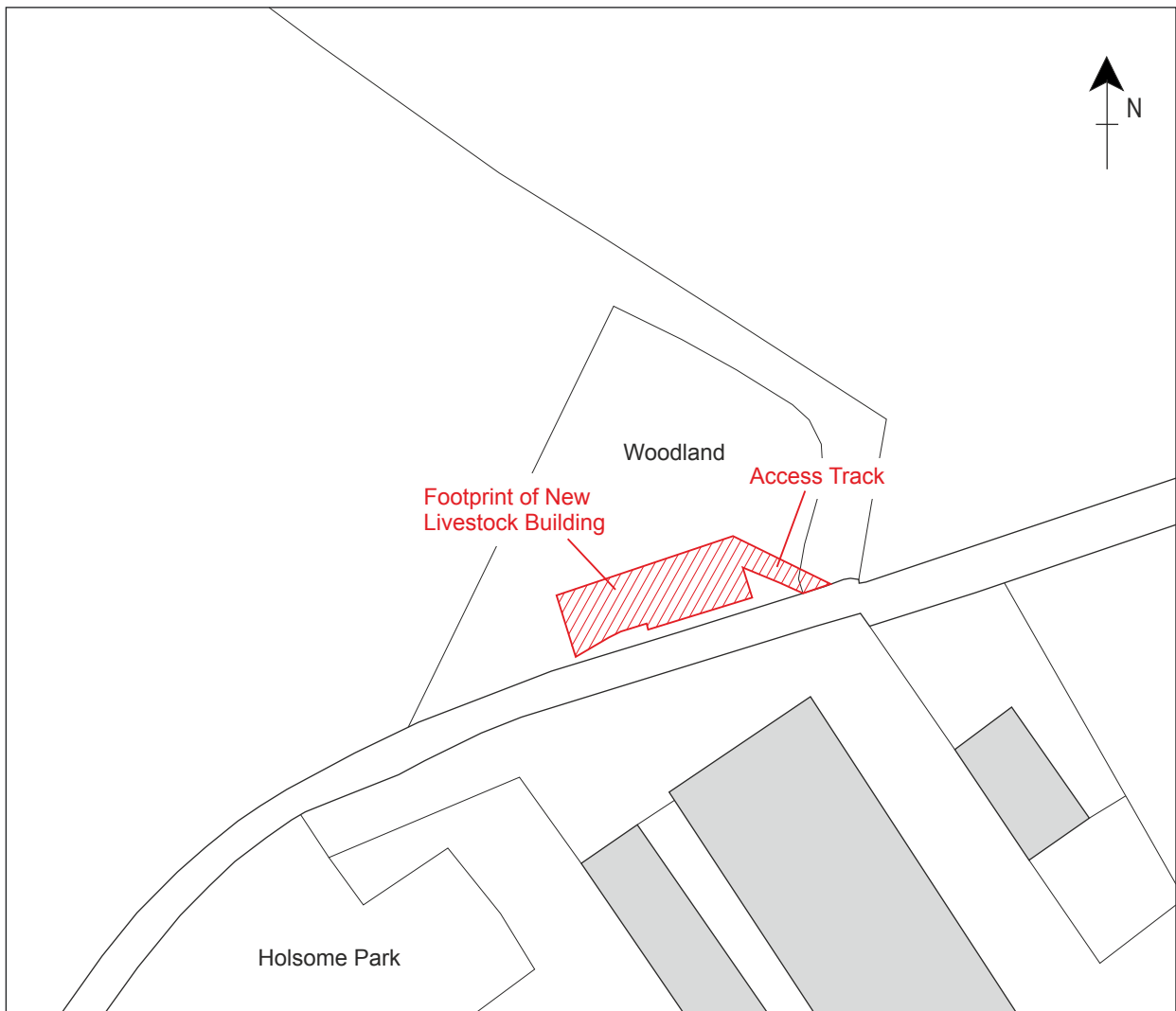
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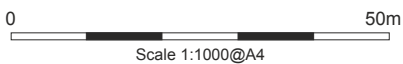
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1) An archaeological watching brief was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new agricultural livestock building on land at Holsome Park, Diptford. The site was located 550m to the southeast of the village of Diptford (Fig. 1), and was located within part of an early 21st-century woodland.</p> <p>The site is located approximately 65m to the south of a probable complex of enclosures and linear features identified as cropmarks through aerial photograph transcription (Devon County Historic Environment Record entry 29031). They are likely to be of late prehistoric or Romano-British date.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1 and 2) The monitored groundworks consisted of the removal of topsoil (using a tracked machine fitted with a toothless bucket) from the footprint of the new building measuring 26m (east-west) by 9m (north-south), as well as an access track to the east measuring up to 15m long by 3m wide.</p> <p>The deposit sequence consisted of 0.3m mid reddish-brown soft silty-loam topsoil overlying natural subsoil of mid yellowish-brown silty-clay with abundant natural slate inclusions.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed; some modern plough marks and tree throws associated with the recently felled trees were present within the natural. No finds were present within the topsoil.</p> <p>Comments The results from the archaeological monitoring were negative; no archaeological features or deposits were exposed. The shallow deposit sequence reflects the topographical position on the top of the site close to the top of the hill, and is indicative of extensive historic and modern ploughing.</p> <p>This report and the associated OASIS entry represent the archive for the project.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Site location





Plate 1: The access track looking northwest (1m scale)



Plate 1: The footprint of the building looking east-northeast (2m scale)

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