

# LAND SOUTH OF LUTON LANE FARM, PAYHEMBURY, DEVON

(NGR ST 0801 0286)

## Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

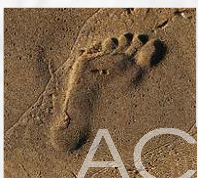
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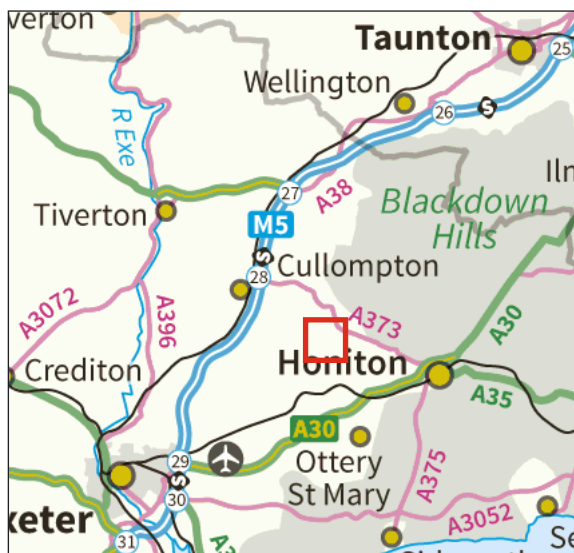


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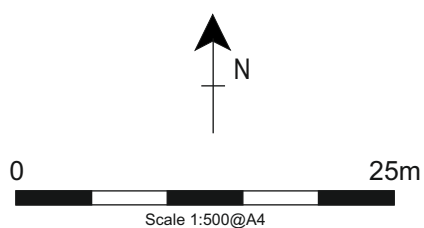
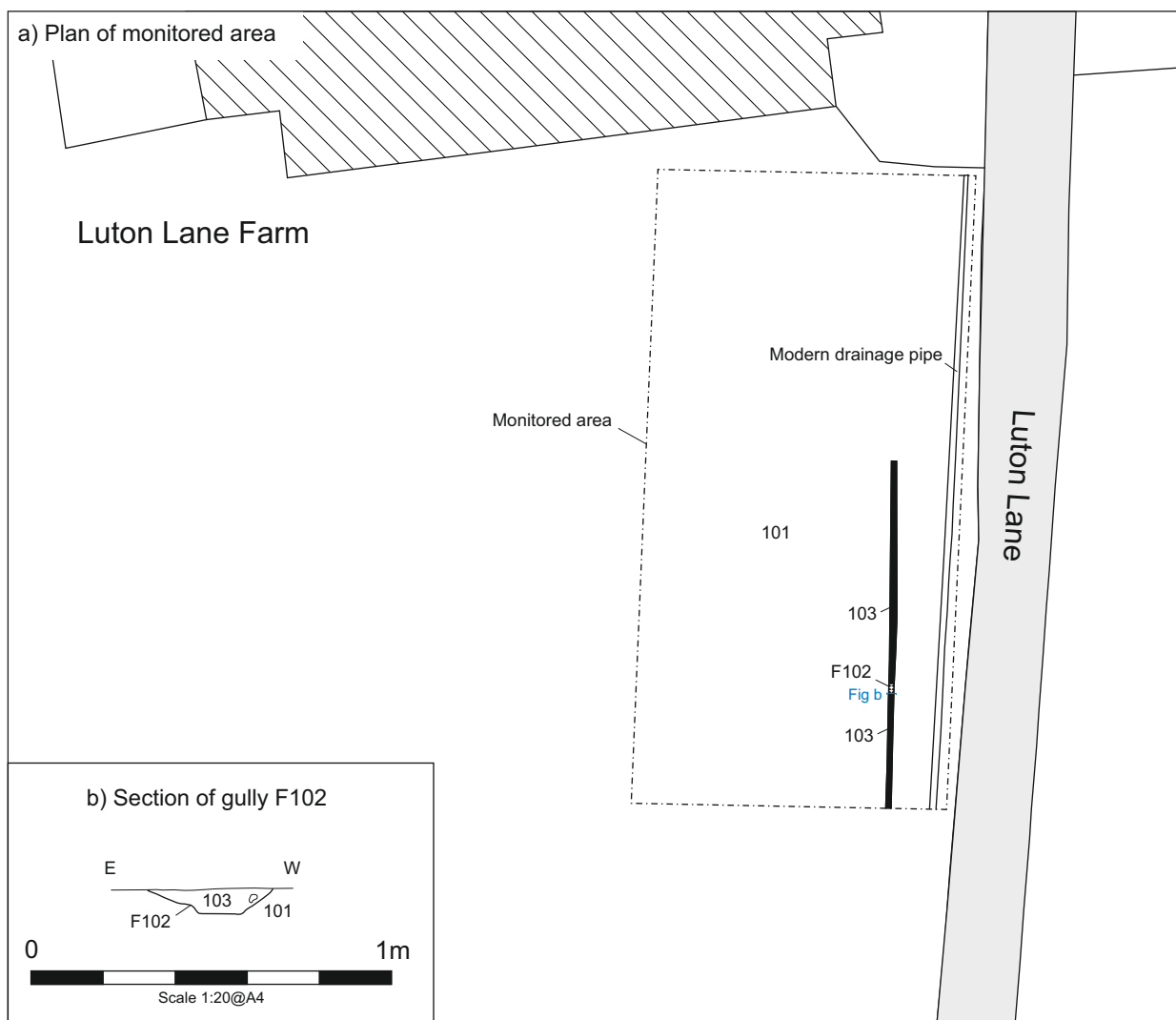
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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Payhembury, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST 0801 0286	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land South of Luton Lane Farm, Payhembury, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached?</b> Plates 1-3
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 17/2513/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 338334	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD1773	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 4th -7th January 2019	
<p><b>Introduction</b> (Fig 1; Plate 1) Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology on land south of Luton Lane Farm, Payhembury, Devon (ST 0801 0286). The monitored groundworks consisted of bulk ground reduction of an area associated with the construction of an equine arena.</p> <p>Luton Lane Farm lies to the west side of Luton Lane and on the periphery of Luton hamlet; some 1.2km to the northwest of Payhembury. The position of the new equine arena was located on elevated flattish ground to the south of the farm at around 95m aOD (above Ordnance Datum).</p> <p>The principal archaeological interest was its close proximity to sites of probable prehistoric to Romano-British occupation. These were based on interpretations of crop marks shown on aerial photographs; consisting of a possible mortuary enclosure approximately 100m to the east, and a possible settlement or small field enclosures to the northwest.</p> <p><b>Results</b> (Fig 1 Plates 2-3) An area measuring 44m by 22m was monitored during bulk reduction. Natural subsoil (context 101), which consisted of a mid brownish-red silty-clay with common gravel inclusions, was exposed a depth of between 0.2m in the west and 0.29m in the east. It was overlain by a mid brown sandy-loam topsoil (100). One sherd of 19th century pottery was recovered from the topsoil.</p> <p>A north to south aligned gully (F102) was exposed on the eastern side of the site. It measured 0.35m wide and 0.07m deep with moderately steep sloping sides and a flat base. The gully contained mid brown sandy loam fill (103), with occasional gravel inclusions. No finds were recovered.</p> <p><b>Finds</b> <i>by Naomi Payne</i> A single sherd of pottery was recovered from topsoil. This is a rim sherd from a blue-on-white transfer print plate or dish of 19th century date.</p> <p><b>Comments</b> The groundworks exposed a shallow topsoil overlying the natural subsoil. Gully F102 represented the only feature. This is likely to have comprised a small drain or plough furrow. Although undated, its alignment as parallel to the road may suggest a relatively recent origin.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site, plan of monitored area and section of gully F102



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Plate 1: General view of site,  
looking south



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



Plate 3: Gully F102, view to south (0.3m scale)

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