

# LAND AT HIGHER COXES FARM, WESTON, SIDMOUTH, DEVON

(NGR SY 17324 88938)

## Results of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording

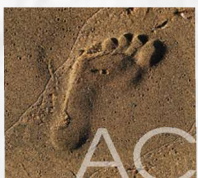
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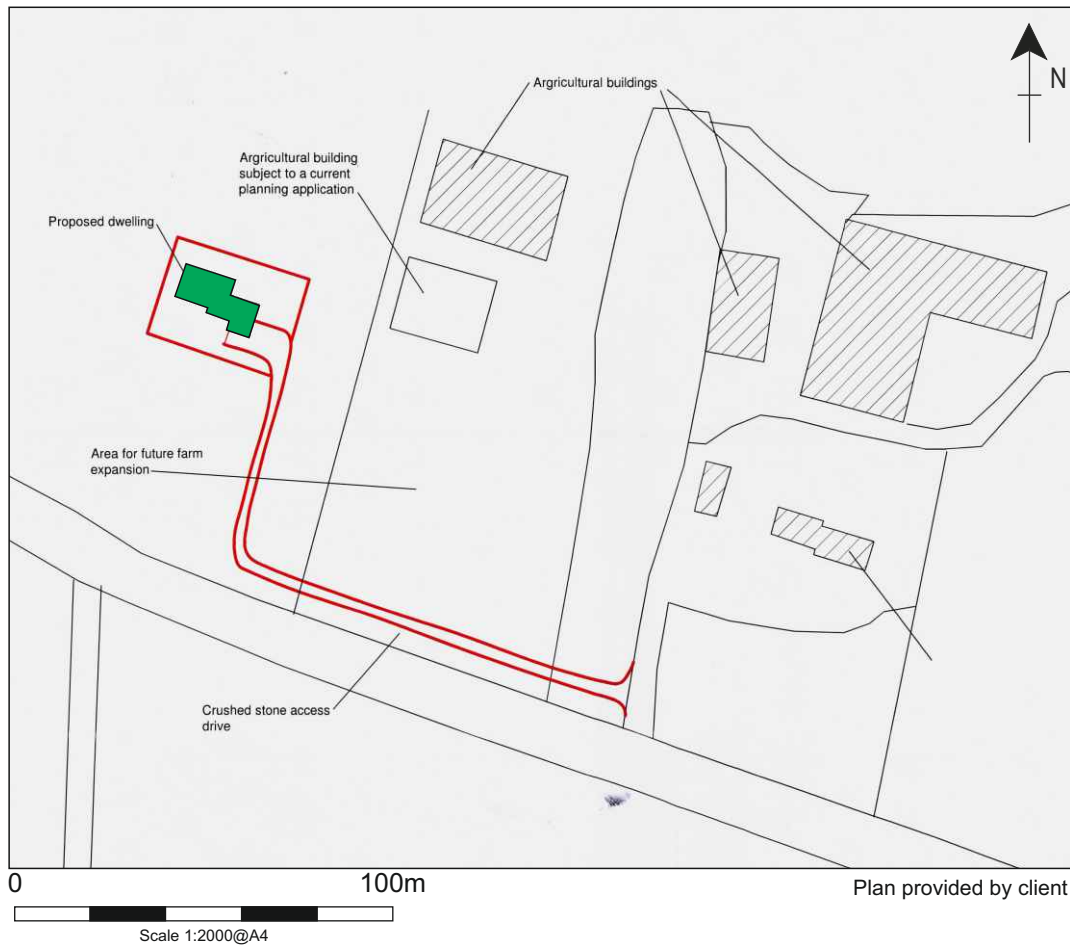
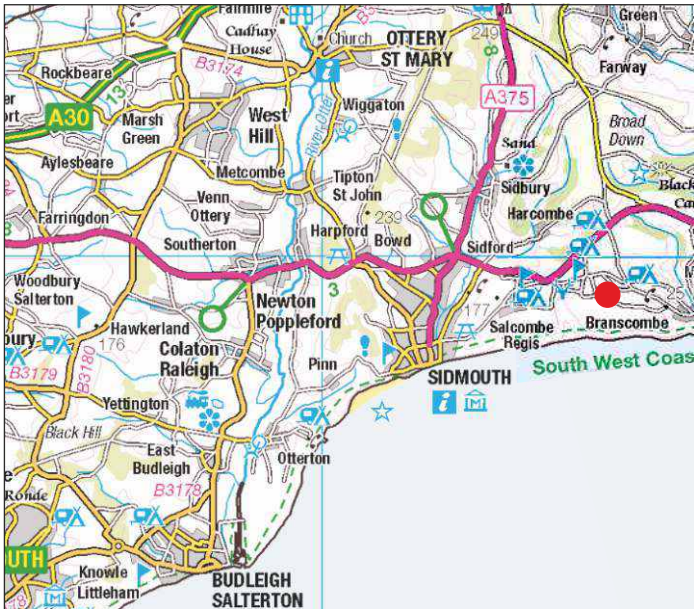


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Branscombe, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 17324 88938	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Land at Higher Coxes Farm, Weston, Sidmouth, Devon: Results of archaeological monitoring and recording		<b>Photo attached?</b> Plates 1-2
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 17/3060/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 348597	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  ACD2027	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  10 February 2021	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Archaeological monitoring and recording during groundworks associated with construction of a new agricultural worker's dwelling was undertaken by AC archaeology on land at Higher Coxes Farm, Weston, Sidmouth (Fig. 1). The archaeological work was required as a condition (7) of planning consent given by East Devon District Council, as advised by the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team. The work was commissioned by the site landowner.</p> <p>Higher Coxes Farm lies approximately 600m to the east of Weston on land north of Berry Hill Road. The position of the proposed new agricultural worker's dwelling lies to the southwest of the farmyard complex, within what is currently a pasture plot. It lies on flat ground at 166m above Ordnance Datum. The underlying solid geology comprises sandstone of the Upper Greensand Formation, which is overlain by a Clay with flints Formation superficial deposit (British Geological Survey Online Viewer).</p> <p>The site lies in an area where numerous scatters of prehistoric worked flints have been recorded. Nearby examples of these are located in the plots to the east and southwest of the farm (Devon County Council Historic Environment Record references MDV59685 and MDV74344). A stone coffin thought to be of Roman date was excavated from a field to the south of the farm and Berry Hill Road (MDV10904). This is now in the churchyard at Branscombe.</p> <p><b>Results.</b></p> <p>The site archaeologist was present for the groundworks which was conducted by tracked machine and comprised the digging of the foundation trenches for the footprint for the new building. The foundation trenches measured 0.55m wide by 0.72m deep. The deposit sequence comprised topsoil (context 100) composed of mid greyish brown silty loam to a depth of 0.42m and overlying subsoil (101) which was 0.16m thick and composed of mid greyish brown clayey silt containing common angular flint pebbles and cobbles. The natural subsoil (102) was exposed at a depth of 0.48m below ground surface and was composed of mid greyish brown clay which contained abundant angular flint pebbles and cobbles. The flint in the overlying deposits was checked for evidence of working for artefacts.</p> <p>No features, deposits or finds of archaeological interest were exposed during the watching brief.</p> <p>This report comprises the archive for the project.</p>		
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 Monitored area

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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored area





Plate 1: General view of the site, looking northwest

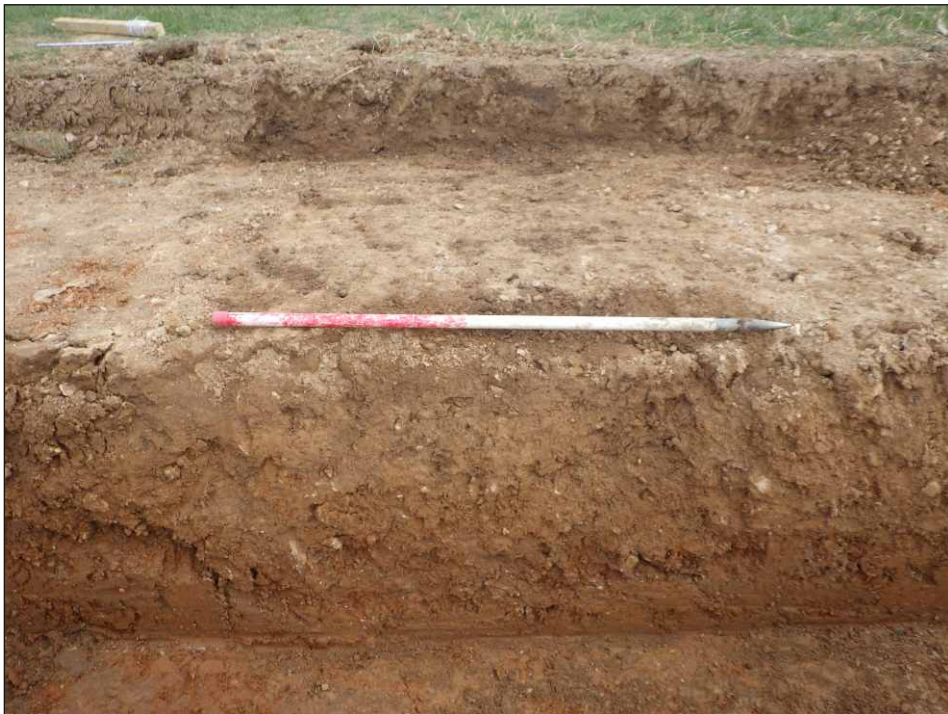


Plate 2: Representative section, looking east (1m scale)

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