

# LAND AT SUNGARTH, BOWDEN HILL, YEALMPTON, DEVON

(Centred on NGR SX 57844 51901)

Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief

Planning Reference: South Hams District Council  
0868/19/FUL (Condition 8)

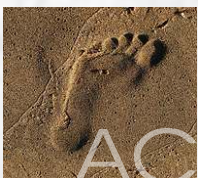
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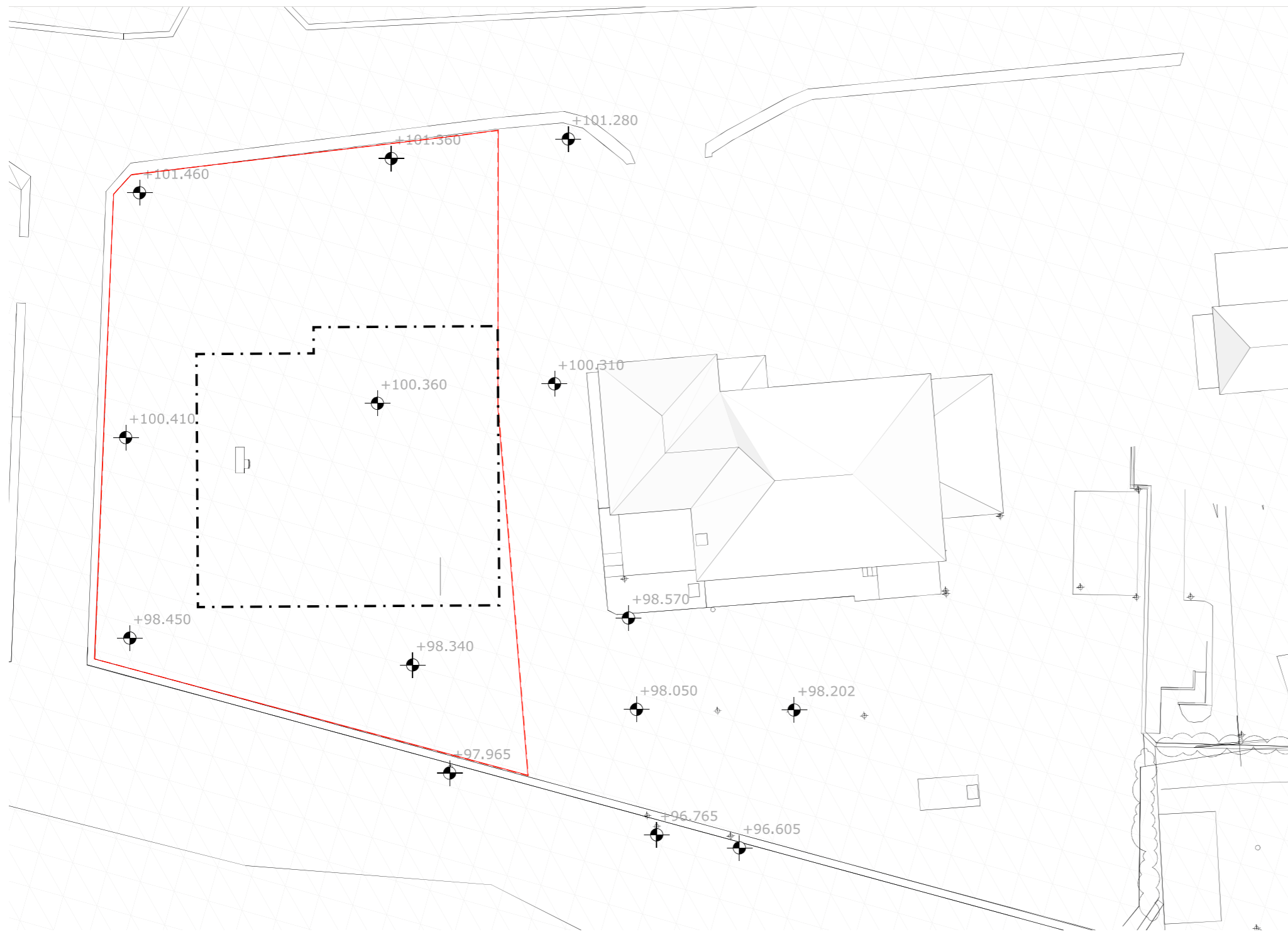
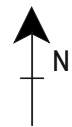


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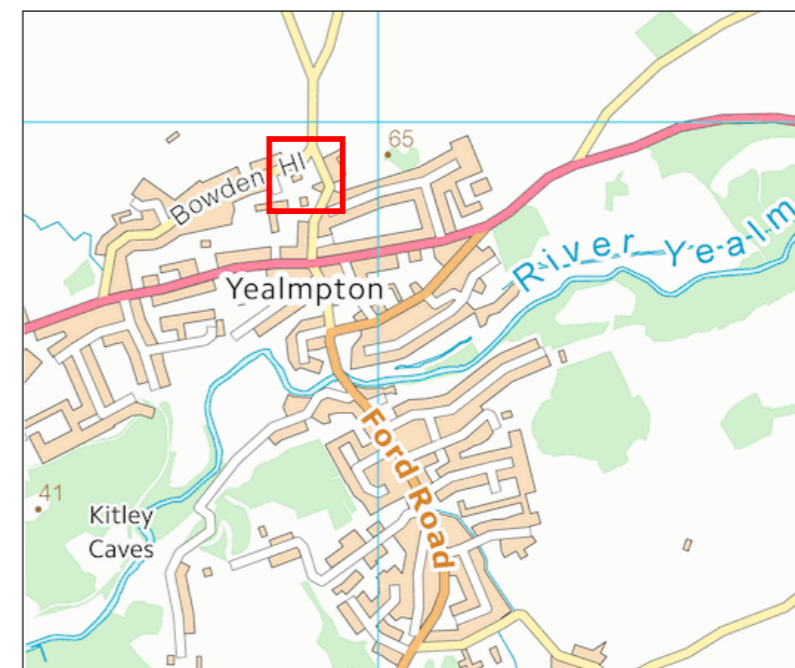
<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Yealmpton, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 57844 51901	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Land at Sungarth, Bowden Hill, Yealmpton, Devon		<b>Photo attached:</b> Plates 1-3
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 0868/19/FUL (Condition 8)	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 364892	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> ACD2076	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 06 August 2019	
<p><b>Description of works</b></p> <p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was conducted during groundworks associated with the construction of a new 3-bed house with integral garage on land at Sungarth, Bowden Hill, Devon (Fig. 1). The site was formerly a garden within the curtilage of Sungarth, located on the northern edge of Yealmpton on the western side of Yealmbury Hill on the junction with Bowden Hill. The site lies at around 60m aOD (above Ordnance Datum) on ground sloping gently down to the south, with the underlying solid geology comprising Middle Devonian Slates.</p> <p><u>Archaeological background</u></p> <p>The main archaeological interest for the site is that it is located within a possible circular enclosure visible in boundaries and road to north of church in Yealmpton. A field within its bounds is named as Yealmbury on the 19th century Tithe Apportionment, with the 'bury' element possibly referring to a former defended settlement. (Devon County Council Historic Environment ref. MDV120263). An archaeological watching brief to the west of the site at Milzac Close (EDV6349) identified low-level results.</p> <p><u>Results and comment</u></p> <p>The monitored groundworks consisted of the reduction of an area measuring 14.5m by 15.5m. The area was reduced by 0.40-0.48m. This exposed topsoil consisted of a firm, mid brown silty clay loam that was 0.24-0.30m thick. This directly overlay natural subsoil consisting of a mid yellow compact clay.</p> <p>No archaeological features, deposits or finds were present.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored groundworks





Plate 1: View of site, looking southwest (1m scale)



Plate 2: View of monitored groundworks, looking northwest (1m scale)



Plate 3: View of monitored groundworks, looking east (1m scale)

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