

LAND TO THE EAST OF MOOR FARM, UPTON PYNE, EXETER, DEVON

(Centred on NGR SX 9125 9844)

Results of archaeological monitoring and recording

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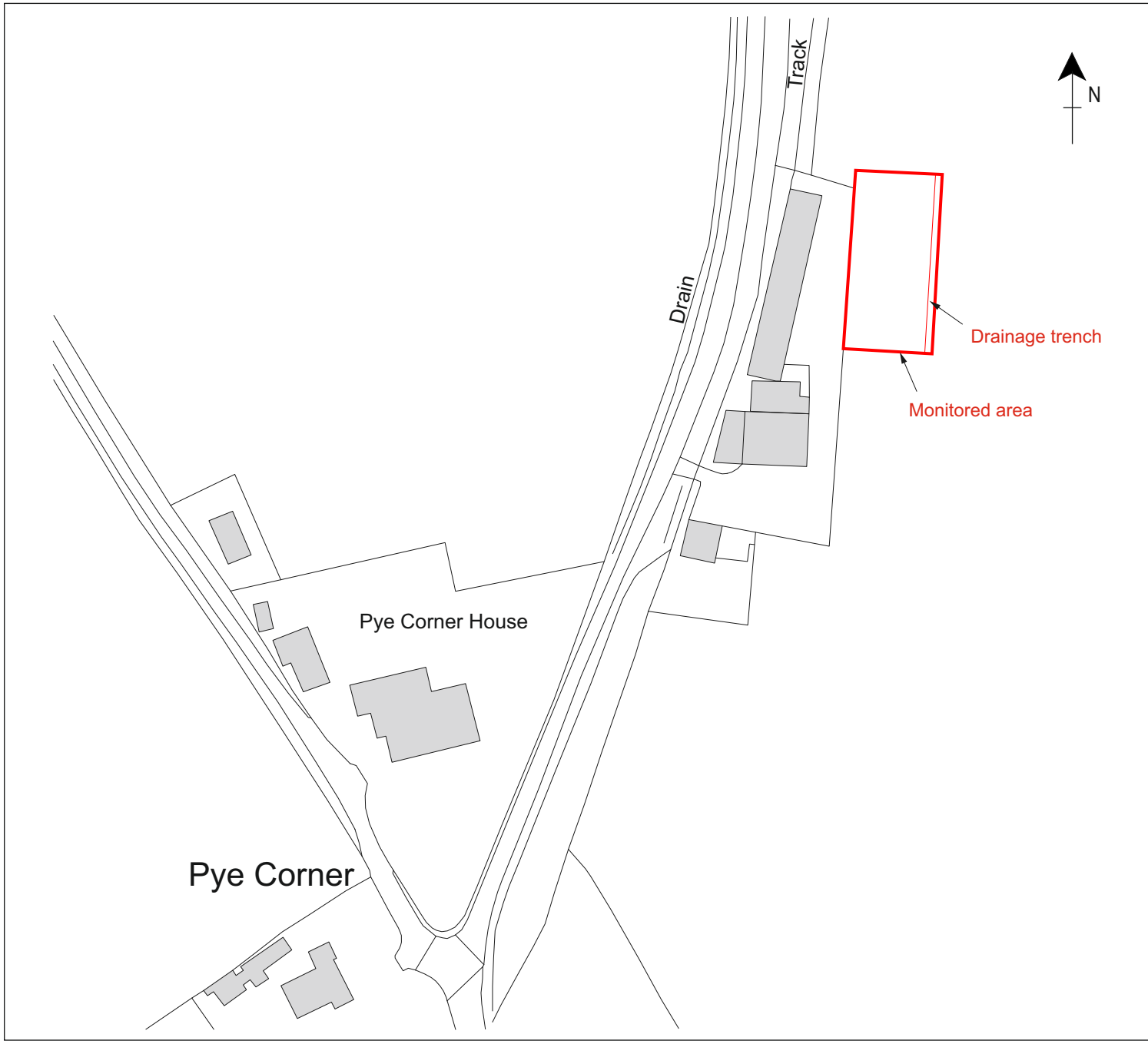
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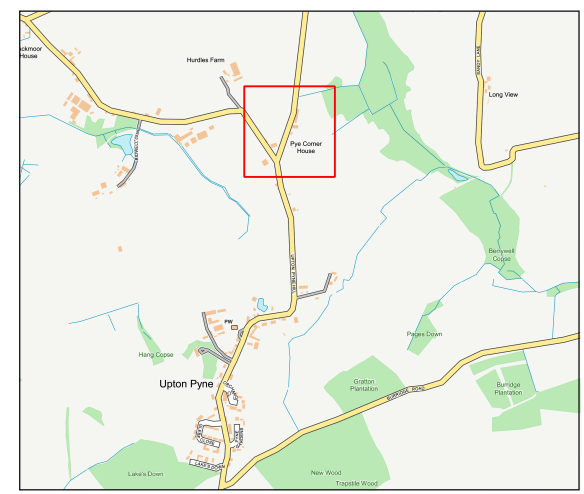
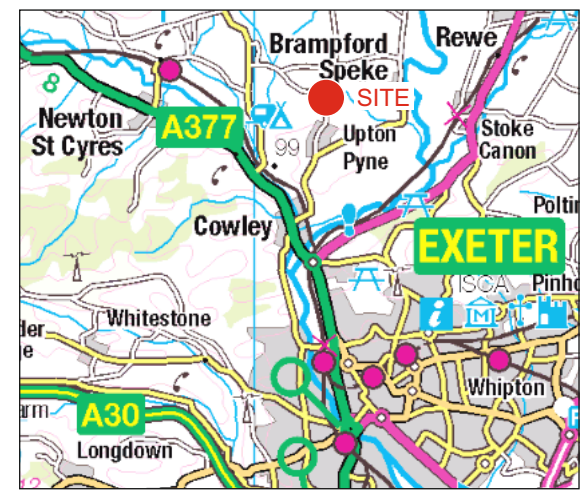
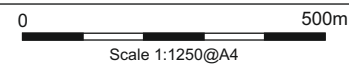
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<p>Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1) Archaeological monitoring and recording was carried out by AC archaeology during groundworks associated with the construction of a new ménage on land to the east of Moor Farm, Upton Pyne, Exeter, Devon (NGR SX 9125 9844). The site is located immediately east of Moor Farm in what is part of a larger agricultural field to the north of Upton Pyne and close to Pye Corner (Fig. 1). Moor Farm is situated within a landscape containing extensive evidence for prehistoric settlement and funerary archaeology. To the north of the site is a Bronze Age barrow cemetery, many of which survive as upstanding (scheduled) monuments, while others have been ploughed out with only the ring ditches surviving. To the southeast there is a settlement-type cropmark enclosure of prehistoric form, adjacent to which is a ring ditch from a former barrow. Furthermore, a Palaeolithic hand axe has been found immediately to the south of the site.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 1-3) Monitored groundworks comprised the machine stripping of soil from an area measuring 40m by 20m. Along the east side of the area a 1.5m wide drainage trench was excavated to a depth of 0.35m below existing levels. In this, the natural subsoil, which consisted of a mid-brownish red sand with gravel, was exposed beneath a 0.08m thick weathered natural subsoil interface. This was overlain by a 0.25m thick dark brown sandy loam topsoil. Elsewhere the area was stripped to a depth of approximately 0.1m; a depth that was maintained within the topsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed. A small assemblage of finds was recovered from the topsoil, which are described below.</p> <p>The finds by Naomi Payne A small quantity of finds was recovered from the topsoil including four lithics (68g), 18 sherds (97g) of post-medieval pottery, four fragments (14g) of post-medieval green bottle glass and six stem fragments (27g) of clay tobacco-pipe. The pottery is of 18th-19th century or later date and comprises mostly small and abraded body sherds. There are three sherds of South Somerset-type earthenware, three sherds of transfer-printed table wares, eight sherds of Staffordshire white ware, three sherds of stoneware including a shoulder sherd from an ink bottle and a small piece of porcelain. The lithics include a secondary flint flake with nodule cortex, a broken secondary flint flake with pebble cortex and a large secondary chert flake with some retouch along the lateral edges.</p> <p>Comments The results from the monitoring were negative with no archaeological features or deposits exposed. Due to the generally shallow depth of the groundworks, the potential for exposing archaeological remains was limited to the deeper drainage trench. Otherwise, the area monitored was maintained within the topsoil. Nevertheless, the recovery of worked lithics from the overlying topsoil reflects the known background of prehistoric activity in the vicinity of the site.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored area





Plate 1: General view of site, looking northwest



Plate 2: Showing drainage trench along east side of site. View to south (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Representative section of drainage trench. View to east (scale 1m)

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