

# LAND NORTH OF NORTHERN LANE, BRANSCOMBE, DEVON

(Centred on NGR SY 1758 8970)

## Results of an Archaeological Watching Brief

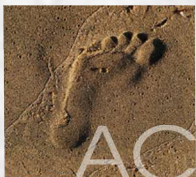
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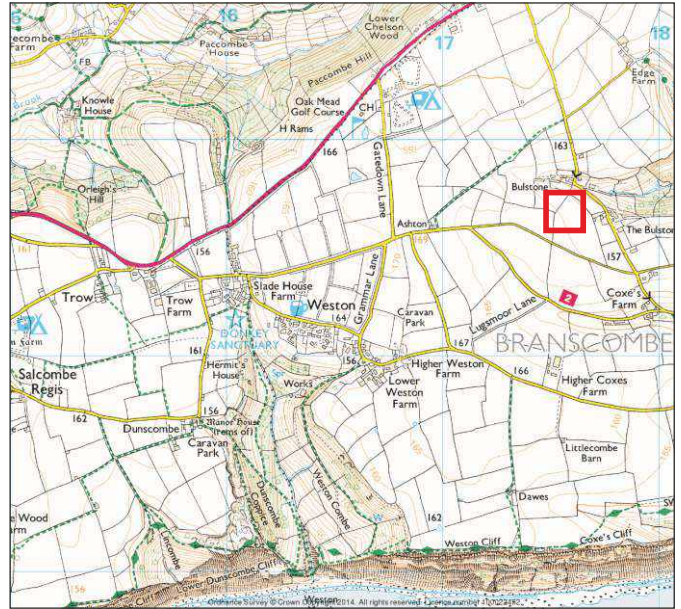
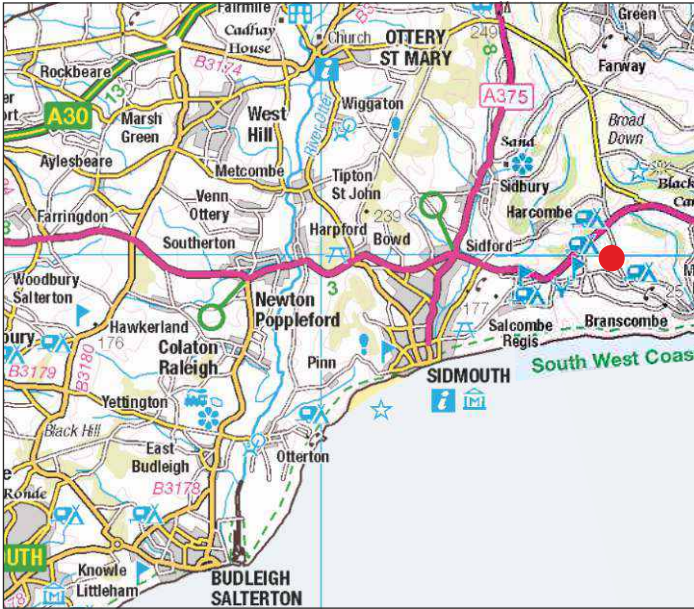


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Branscombe, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> SY 1758 8970	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Land north of Northern Lane, Branscombe, Devon: Results if an archaeological watching brief		<b>Photo attached?</b> Plates 1-2
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 17/1273/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> N/A	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 416734	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> N/A	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  ACD1799	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  23 February 2021	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief during groundworks associated with construction of a new agricultural building was undertaken by AC archaeology on land north of Northern Lane, Branscombe (Fig. 1). The archaeological work was required as a condition (3) of planning consent given by East Devon District Council, as advised by the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team. The work was commissioned by Emmlec Construction.</p> <p>The new agricultural building will be situated on the north side of Northern Lane on elevated ground at around 160m above Ordnance Datum (Plate 1). The current land-use is pasture, with the underlying solid geology comprising sandstone of the Upper Greensand Formation (British Geological Survey Online Viewer).</p> <p>The main archaeological interest in the site is that it is in a location where a number of prehistoric worked flint scatters have been identified by systematic fieldwalking, including one where the new agricultural building is to be located (Devon HER ref. MDV24145). Here, 71 flints were collected, including a number of tools and cores. Further flint scatters have been recorded in fields immediately to the east, west and south of the site.</p> <p><b>Results.</b></p> <p>The site archaeologist was present for the groundworks which was conducted by tracked machine and comprised the removing of overlying deposits within the area of the footprint for the new building. The deposit sequence comprised topsoil (context 100) composed of mid greyish brown clayey loam to a depth of 0.27m and overlying subsoil (101) which was 0.11m thick and composed of light greyish brown clayey silt containing common sub-angular flint pebbles and cobbles (Plate 2). The natural subsoil (102) was exposed at a depth of 0.38m below ground surface across the footprint and was composed of orangey 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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Plan supplied by the client



Monitored area

PROJECT

Land north of Northern Lane, Branscombe, Devon

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Fig. 1: Location of site and monitored area





Plate 1: General view of the site, work in progress, looking north



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



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