

LAND AT BUTSFORD BARTON, COLEBROOKE, DEVON

(NGR SS 76561 00595)

Results of an archaeological trial trench evaluation

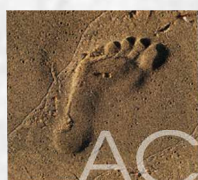
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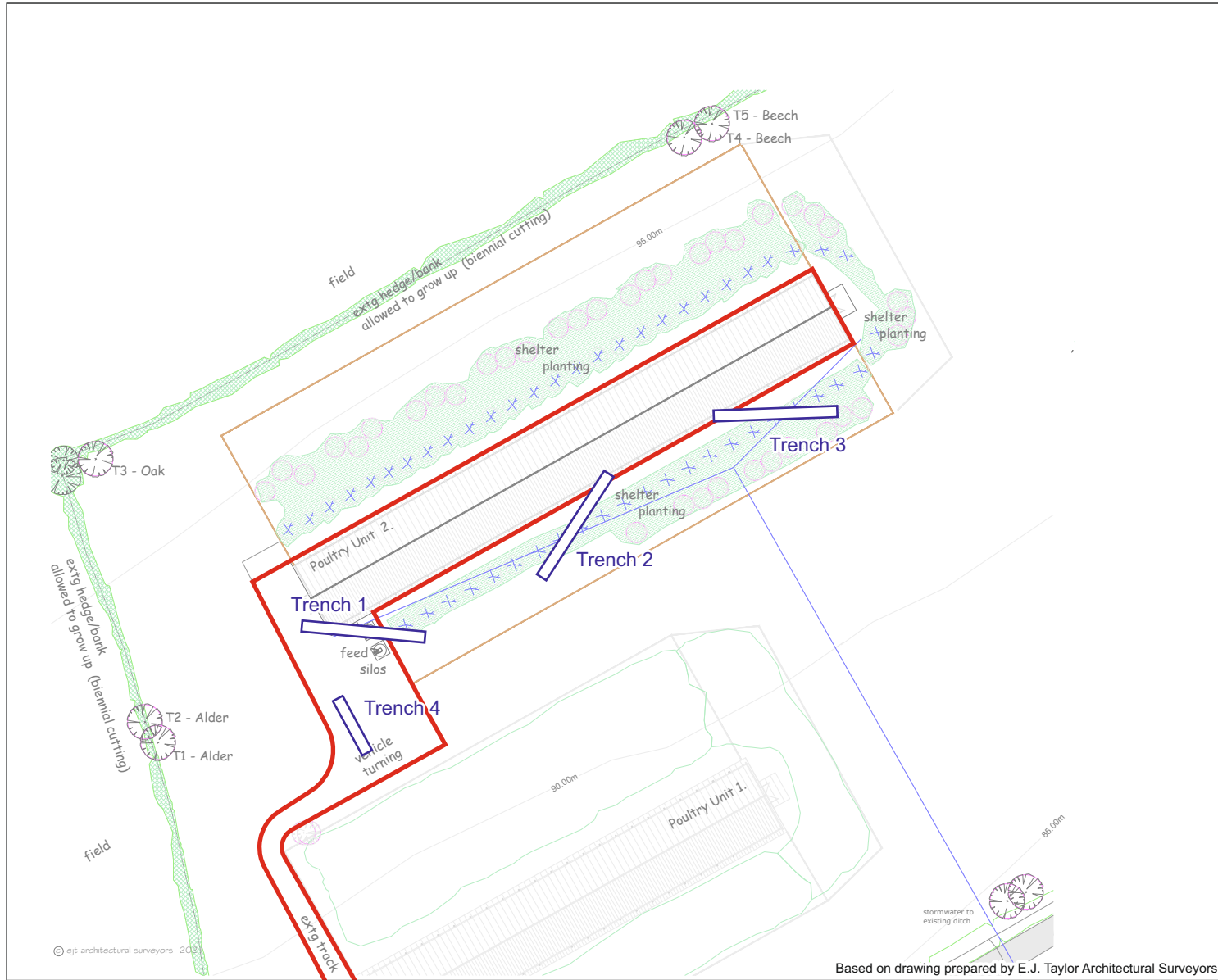
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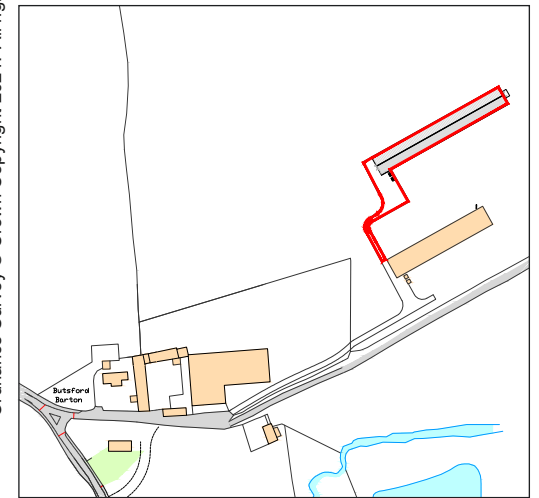
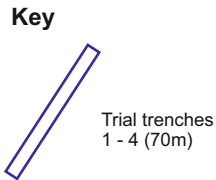
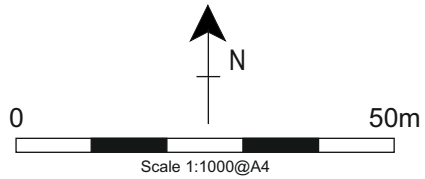
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| Civil Parish & District: Colebrooke, Mid Devon District Council | National Grid Reference SS 76561 00595 | Number: |
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| <p>Introduction (Fig. 1; Plate 1) An archaeological trial trench evaluation was undertaken by AC archaeology ahead of a new poultry unit on land at Butsford Barton, Colebrooke, Devon (SS 76561 00595). The site lies immediately to the northeast of Butsford Barton farm complex, which is situated some 600m to the northwest of Colebrooke and 6km west of Crediton. It comprises part of a pasture plot occupied by an existing poultry unit immediately to the south. The site is situated at 90m aOD on ground that slopes gradually southeast towards Butsford Lane trackway and a watercourse beyond. Its underlying solid geology comprises breccia of the Crediton Breccia Formation.</p> <p>The site lies in an area containing several cropmark sites interpreted from aerial photographs as representing evidence for possible prehistoric to Romano-British activity. These are located within the field to the northwest of the site and include possible double-ditched D-shaped and rectangular enclosures situated on more elevated ground. To the southwest of these and close to Butsford Barton are further crop mark sites. These comprise a possible oval enclosure and two ring ditches representing possible plough levelled barrows.</p> <p>Results (Fig. 1; Plates 2-3) The evaluation comprised the machine-excavation of four trial trenches totalling 70 metres in length, with each trench 1.8m in width. These were positioned to provide a sample coverage of the site. The trenches were excavated into the natural subsoil, which comprised mid-reddish-brown sands and gravels. It was exposed between 0.5m and 0.6m below existing levels. The natural subsoil was overlain by an approximately 0.2m thick dark reddish brown silty sandy loam subsoil and a mid-reddish brown silty loam topsoil.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were exposed within the trenches and no finds were recovered.</p> <p>Comments The results of the trial trenches exposed a simple agricultural soil sequence overlying the natural subsoil. Despite the location of the site near probable prehistoric to Romano-British activity, no associated activity or finds were present.</p> <p>This report represents the archive for the project.</p> | | |
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**Fig. 1: Location of site and trial
 trenches in relation to development
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Plate 1: General view of site looking northeast with Trench 4 in foreground



Plate 2: Trench 1 representative section of soil cover. View to north (scale 1m)



Plate 3: Trench 2, view to southwest (scale 1m)

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