

# Land at Aller Farm, Stockland, Devon

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Results of an archaeological watching brief

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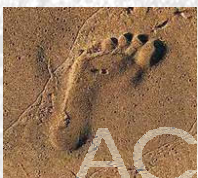
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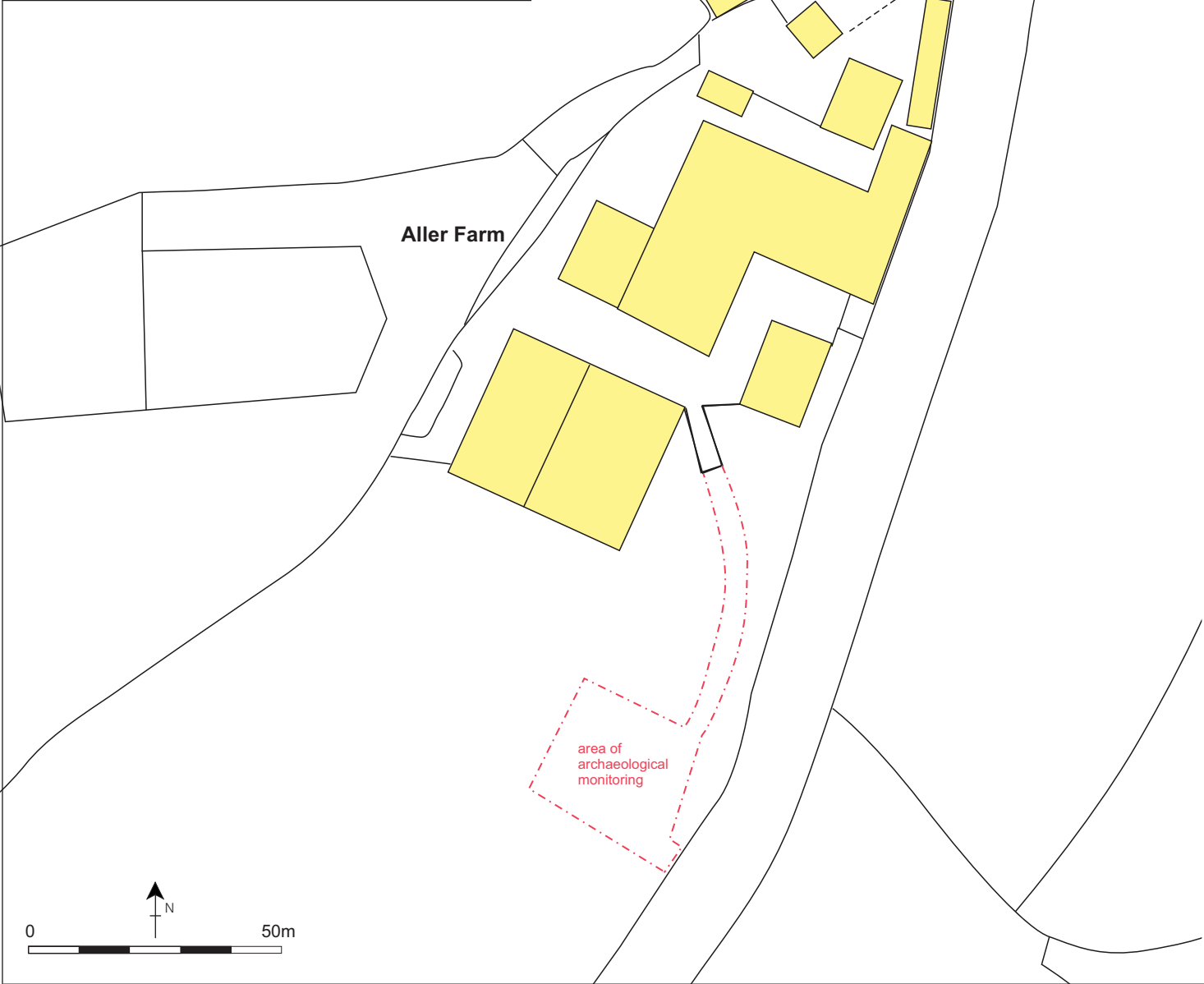
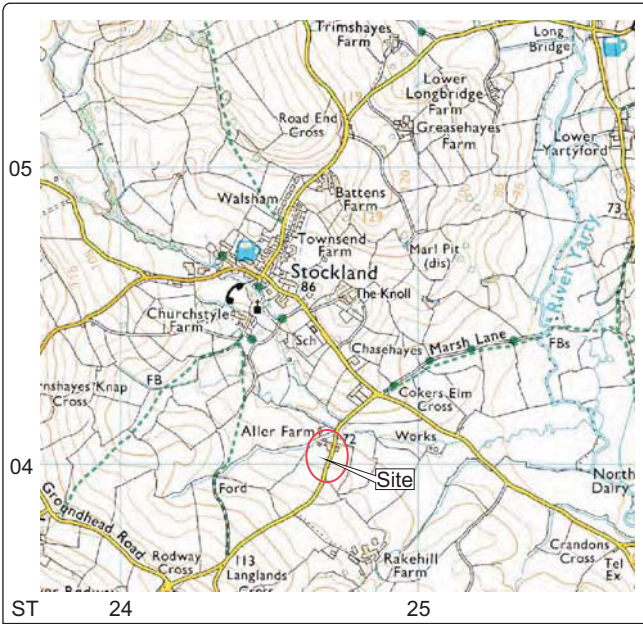


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# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Stockland, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST2465603948	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> An archaeological watching brief on land at Aller Farm, Stockland		<b>Photo attached:</b> Plates 1 and 2
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 09/1312/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> RAMM, Exeter	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> 69418	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> 361/2009	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  ACD98	<b>Date fieldwork undertaken:</b>  15 December 2009	
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by AC archaeology on land at Aller Farm, Stockland, Devon, during groundworks associated with the construction of a replacement dwelling. The work was commissioned by the site owners, Nigel and Emma Parris. The locations of the site and area monitored are shown on Fig. 1.</p> <p>Aller Farm is situated c. 1km south of the village of Stockland, with the new dwelling situated in an agricultural field immediately to the south of the current farm complex. The site lies at around 85m OD and is on undulating pasture land that slopes moderately down to the northeast.</p> <p>Two prehistoric flint scatters are recorded in the field containing the new dwelling (DCHER refs 50413 and 33071). As well as a small quantity of later prehistoric material (50413), a total of 7835 Mesolithic pieces was also recovered from an area adjacent to a stream (33071), including microliths and cores. This area close to the stream also contained well-preserved peat deposits. There are also other flint scatters recorded nearby (eg. 59722, 50537, 50414 and 50415).</p> <p><b>Methodology</b></p> <p>Groundworks comprised the removal of soil overburden within the footprint of the house and garage, as well as the new access track (Fig. 1), an area of c. 1250m<sup>2</sup>. All excavations were carried out by using a mechanical excavator equipped with a toothless grading bucket and working under constant archaeological supervision. The site recording was undertaken in accordance with AC archaeology's <i>General Site Recording Manual, Version 1</i>.</p> <p><b>Results (Plates 1 and 2)</b></p> <p>Natural subsoil (context 102) was present at a depth of 0.25m below ground level, with this comprising red clay with patches of weathered greensand. The natural subsoil was overlain by a 0.07m thick deposit of mid brownish-red silty clay subsoil (101), which was below a 0.18m thick topsoil layer (100).</p> <p>One late prehistoric chert waste flake and four sherds of post-medieval lead-glazed earthenware pottery were recovered from topsoil 100. In addition, three sherds of lead-glazed earthenware were recovered from subsoil 101. All the pottery sherds are small and abraded and were probably deposited during episodes of manuring in the field.</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were present.</p>		
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Fig. 1: Location of site and area of archaeological monitoring



Plate 1: General view of site. Looking southwest



Plate 2: Northeast facing representative section of area strip (scale 0.3m)

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