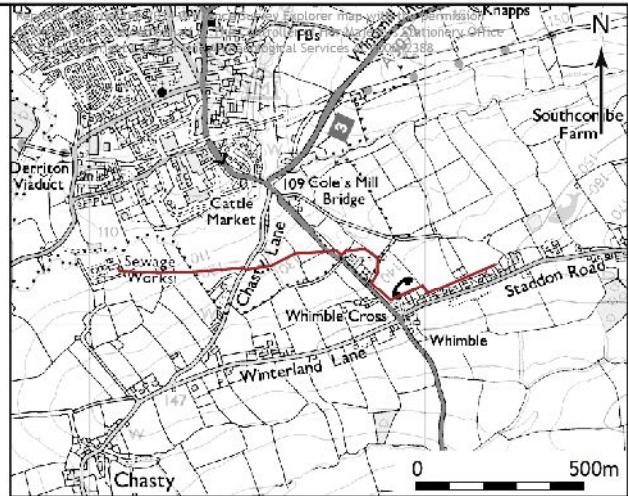
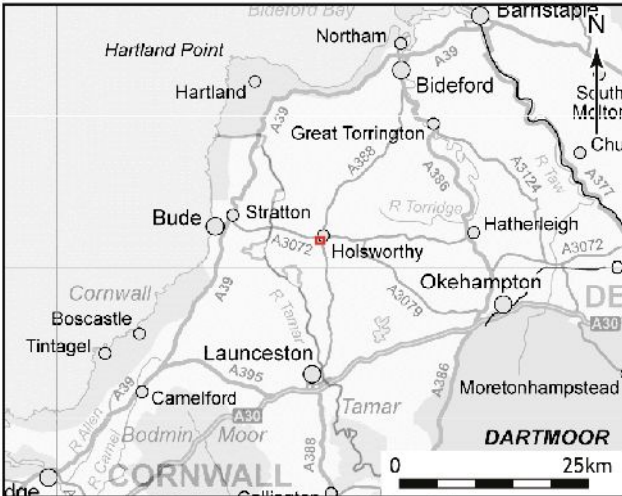


# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Newton Abbot & Teignbridge	<b>National Grid Reference</b> Centred on SS 34660 03170	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank for HES to fill in)
<b>Subject:</b> Whimble Hill, Holsworthy, Devon		<b>Photo attached?</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> N/A	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Museum of Barnstaple & North Devon	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> contexto1-191312	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> NDDMS2014.72	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b>  C1/AMR/14/WHH	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b>  29 <sup>th</sup> July – 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd (COAS) carried out archaeological monitoring and recording at Whimble Hill, Holsworthy, Devon, over 4 days between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The project was commissioned by South West Water plc under a Term Agreement with COAS. The monitoring programme was carried out in relation to the construction of a new sewerage pipeline across the Site. The investigation was advised by Ms Ann Dick (Archaeologist, Devon Historic Environment Team (HET)), following a consultation request by Mr James Field (Ecologist and Environmental Planner, South West Water (SWW)), on the potential archaeological impact of the scheme. In a brief for archaeological desk-based assessment and monitoring and recording during excavations for trenching and associated groundworks, Ms Dick stated:</p> <p><i>"The principal objectives of the programme shall be to provide an Impact Assessment of the scheme, and to observe, investigate, excavate and record any surviving below-ground archaeological artefacts and deposits across any archaeologically sensitive areas affected by construction of the pipeline route.</i></p> <p><i>The pipeline route passes through an area which is described by the Devon Historic Landscape Characterisation Project (HLC) as 'medieval enclosures based on strip fields'. The Devon Historic Environment Record (HER) records the discovery of Bronze Age tools in the vicinity."</i> (para 1.2 and 1.3, BRIEF FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RECORDING (HET REF. ARCH/UT/TO.22282).</p> <p>The first phase of archaeological work consisted of a desk-based appraisal of archaeological and historical data recorded within an 800m radius of the Site. The data was assembled in a digitised pack and included map regression incorporating Tithe and Ordnance Survey maps.</p> <p>Groundworks were carried out over c. 687m of agricultural land. This included c. 325m of open cut combined sewer, c. 95m of trenchless combined sewer, c. 145m of open cut surface water sewer, c. 100m of trenchless surface water sewer and c. 22m of surface water collection channel / gully system (<b>Figure 1, Plate 1</b>).</p> <p>No visible features or deposits of archaeological interest were encountered during the monitoring programme and no finds were observed. Development excavations demonstrated a similar deposit sequence across the Site and four profile were recorded to illustrate this (<b>Figure 1, Plates 2, 3, 4 and 5</b>). The stratigraphic sequence consisted of:</p> <p>0 – 0.15m Dark brown topsoil          0.15 – 0.30m Mid brown silty subsoil          0.30 – 1.60m Sandy clay natural with mudstone/siltstone inclusions</p>		
<p><b>A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.</b></p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> Orlando Prestidge  <b>Context One Archaeological Services Ltd.</b>	<b>Date sent to HER:</b>  21.04.2015	



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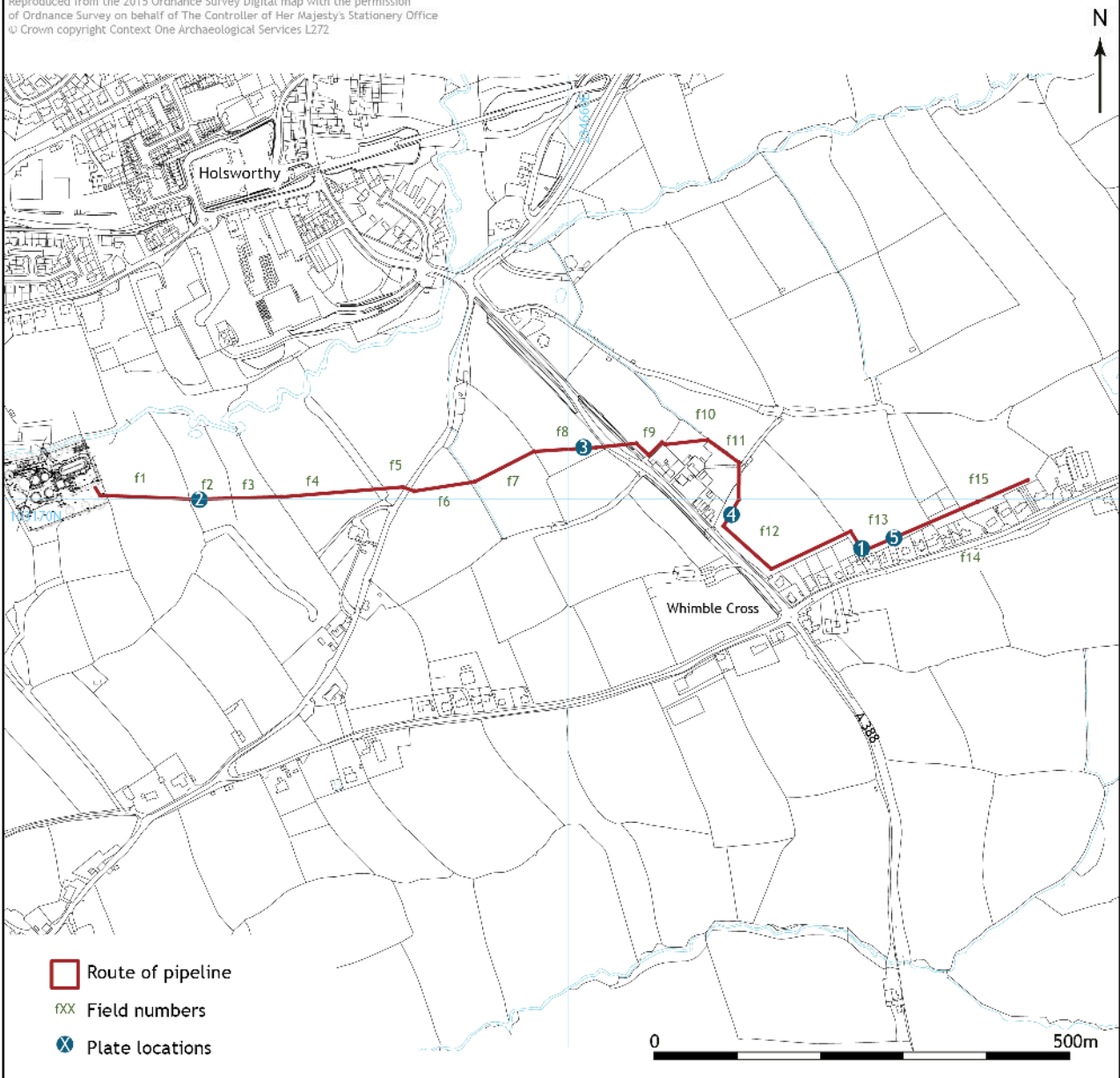


Figure 1: Detailed site setting showing location of profiles



Plate 1. Stripping and excavation along pipeline route (from NW)



Plate 2. Profile 1 (from S; 1m scale)



Plate 3. Profile 2 (from S; 1m scale)



Plate 4. Profile 3 and sewer trench (from NW; no scale)





Plate 5. Profile 4 (from N: no scale)

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