

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish:</b> Membury	<b>National Grid Reference</b> 328142 104424 (ST)	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank)
<b>Subject:</b> Challenger Farm, Membury, Axminster, Devon		<b>Plan/Photo attached?</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 15/1768/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> contexto1-295448	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> RAMM: 17/53	
<b>Contractor's reference code:</b> C1/AMR/17/CMD	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 08/09/17 and 10/01/19	
<p><b>Description of works.</b> Context One Heritage and Archaeology (C1) carried out an archaeological investigation as a condition of granting planning permission for the construction of an agricultural dwelling at Challenger Farm (<b>Figure 1</b>). In the event, the dwelling was constructed up to ground floor level without monitoring and recording having taken place. Following consultation with Stephen Reed, Senior Historic Environment Officer, DCC, it was agreed that three small compensatory trenches would be cited in areas undisturbed by the groundworks. The trenches measured c. 5m long x 1.6m wide and were excavated archaeologically using a 360-degree tracked machine equipped with a toothless (grading) bucket.</p> <p>The topsoil in all three trenches was identical: 0 – 0.20m Topsoil (100) - Brown (7.5 YR 4/4) firm sandy silty clay with frequent angular chert fragments &lt;0.20m</p> <p>The remaining stratigraphic sequence consisted of:</p> <p><b>Trench 1 (Plate 1)</b> 0.20-0.60m Subsoil (101) - Strong brown (7.5 5/6) firm sandy silty clay with moderate angular chert fragments &lt;0.20m</p> <p>0.60m – &gt;0.80m Natural (102) - Strong brown (7.5 5/8) firm sandy silty clay with frequent angular gravel &lt;0.05m</p> <p><b>Trench 2 (Plate 2)</b> 0.20-0.60m Subsoil (201) - Light brown (7.5 6/3) firm sandy silty clay with moderate angular chert fragments &lt;0.20m</p> <p>0.60m – &gt;0.65m Natural (202) - Reddish brown (7.5 6/8) firm sandy silty clay with frequent angular gravel &lt;0.06m and occasional angular chert fragments &lt;0.30m</p> <p><b>Trench 3 (Plate 3)</b> 0.20-0.60m Subsoil (101) - Strong brown (7.5 5/6) firm sandy silty clay with moderate angular chert fragments &lt;0.20m</p> <p>0.60m – &gt;0.65m Natural (102) - Strong brown (7.5 5/8) firm sandy silty clay with frequent angular gravel &lt;0.05m</p> <p>No archaeological features or deposits were observed and no artefacts or ecofacts were seen or collected.</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>		
<p><b>Recorder:</b> Tara Fairclough Context One Heritage and Archaeology.</p>		<p><b>Date sent to HER</b> 28/01/19</p>

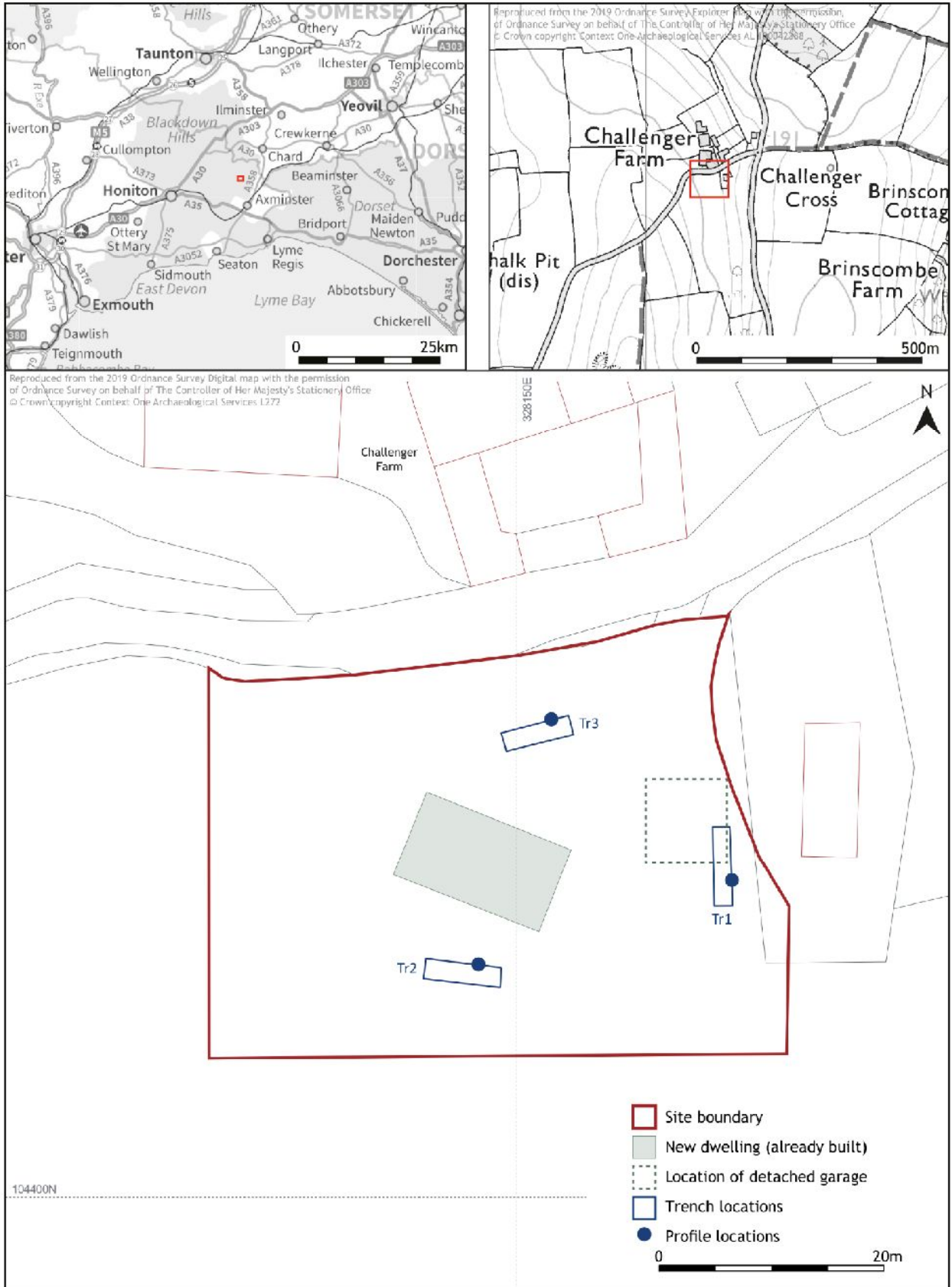


Figure 1. Site setting with trench and profile locations



Plate 1. Trench 1 (facing N; 2 x 1m scale)



Plate 2. Trench 2 (facing W; 2 x 1m scale)



Plate 2. Trench 3 (facing W; 2 x 1m scale)

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