

# Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish:</b> Yarcombe	<b>National Grid Reference</b> ST 326720 107765	<b>Number:</b> (Leave blank)
<b>Subject:</b> Hares Farm, Yarcombe, Honiton, Devon. Field evaluation through trial trenching		<b>Plan/Photo attached?</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> 17/2627/FUL Condition 7	<b>Recipient museum:</b> Royal Albert Memorial Museum	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> contexto1-320804	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> RAMM: 18/35	
<b>Contractor's reference code:</b> C1/EVA/18/HYD	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 04/07/2018	
<p><b>Description of works.</b></p> <p>Context One Heritage and Archaeology (C1) carried out an archaeological investigation as a condition of planning permission being granted for the construction of a stable building at Hares Farm, Yarcombe, (<b>Figure 1</b>). The project was commissioned by the site owner, Mr Simon Peniston-Bird. The monitoring programme was requested by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), East Devon District Council (EDDC) on the advice of the county Historic Environment Service (HES). In a reply to a consultation response, Mr Stephen Reed, Senior Historic Environment Officer, Devon County Council (DCC) stated on 2 January 2018:</p> <p>“The proposed development lies in an area where examination of aerial photographs and Lidar images has identified the presence of earthworks associated with earlier agricultural and settlement in the vicinity of Hares Farm. The date of these earthworks is unknown but they may be associated with prehistoric or later activity here. Groundworks for the construction of the proposed building and menage have the potential to expose and destroy archaeological and artefactual deposits associated with this early activity.”</p> <p>And:</p> <p>“I would envisage a suitable programme of work as taking the form of the archaeological supervision of all groundworks associated with the construction of the proposed development to allow for the identification, investigation and recording of any exposed archaeological or artefactual deposits. The results of the fieldwork and any post-excavation analysis undertaken would need to be presented in an appropriately detailed and illustrated report.”</p> <p>In order to assist the construction programme, and on behalf of Mr Penniston-Bird, C1 put forward a proposal to Mr Reed to carry out an evaluation through trial trenching as a first stage of investigation as an alternative to monitoring and recording during groundworks. This strategy was approved by email on 20 June 2018 on the understanding that if archaeological remains/deposits were encountered then appropriate mitigation in consideration of the construction methodologies/landscaping for the scheme would be required to fulfil the planning condition.</p> <p>A Written Scheme of Investigation for the trial trenching was approved by Marrina Neophytou</p>		

Historic Environment Officer, Devon Historic Environment Team on 28 June 2018.

The archaeological investigation consisted of two trenches, each measuring 10m long x 1.6m wide situated across part of the two long sides of the stable building, and the area of its interior. A 360-degree tracked machine equipped with a toothless (grading) bucket was used to remove topsoil/overburden under the constant supervision of COAS archaeological staff.

The stratigraphic sequence consisted of:

**Trench 1 (Plate 1)**

0 – 0.30m Topsoil (100) - Very dark grey (7.5 YR 3/1) friable sandy silt with occasional angular chert fragments <0.10m

0.30-0.50m Subsoil (101) - Reddish yellow (7.5 6/6) friable clayey sand with frequent large angular chert nodules <0.20m

0.50m – >0.80m - Reddish yellow (7.5 6/8) friable sand with patches of greensand

**Trench 2 (Plate 2)**

0 – 0.30m Topsoil (100) - Very dark grey (7.5 YR 3/1) friable sandy silt with occasional angular chert fragments <0.10m

0.30-0.50m Subsoil (101) - Reddish yellow (7.5 6/6) friable clayey sand with frequent large angular chert nodules <0.20m

0.50m – >0.80m - Reddish yellow (7.5 6/8) friable sand with large angular chert fragments >0.10m

No archaeological features or deposits were observed and no artefacts or ecofacts seen or collected.

**A plan as well as any other relevant drawings must be attached showing the location and extent of site, areas investigated and features exposed.**

**Recorder:**

Dr Clare Randall MClfA, FSA

Context One Heritage and Archaeology.

**Date sent to HER**

12/7/18

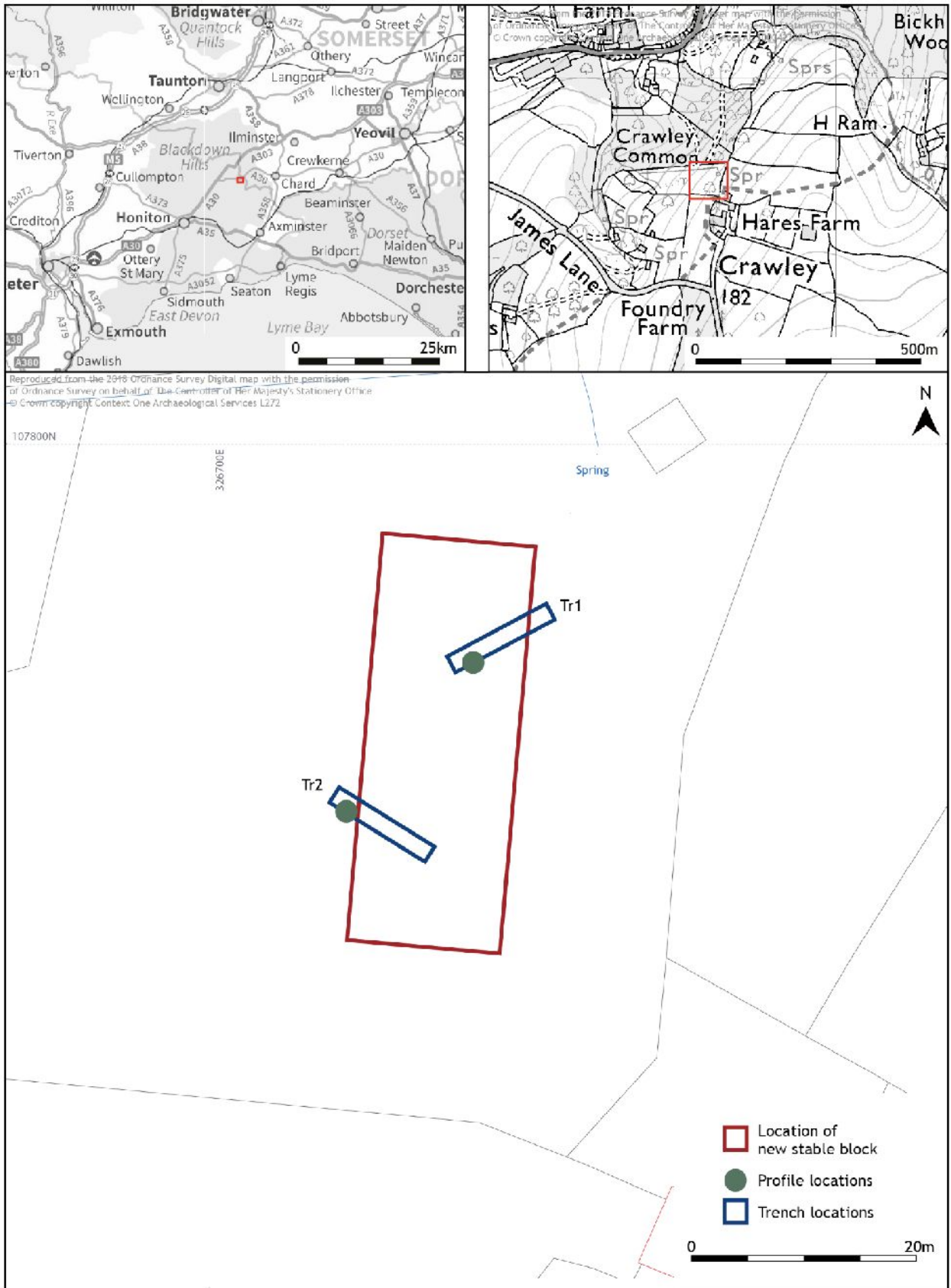


Figure 1. Site setting with feature locations



Plate 1. Trench 1 (facing E; 1m scale)



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

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