

## Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Southleigh, East Devon	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SY 1714 9292	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Monitoring and recording on land near Wiscombe Grange, Southleigh, Devon.		<b>Photo attached:</b> Y
<b>Planning permission no:</b> 21/0904/FUL	<b>Recipient museum:</b> n/a	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> oakforda1-423551	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> OA1810	<b>Date fieldwork undertaken:</b> 21-22/09 and 21/10/2021	
<p><b>Description of works:</b> An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology between September and October 2021 on land near Wiscombe Grange, Southleigh, Devon (SY 1714 9292). The site (Fig. 1) an area of high archaeological potential, at the southern end of an extensive Bronze Age barrow cemetery, while recent archaeological investigations in the vicinity have recovered large quantities of prehistoric worked flint. The work was therefore required by East Devon District Council (EDDC), as advised by the Devon County Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p><b>Results:</b> A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of a manege (Fig. 1, Pls. 1-2) and associated service trenching. The work involved an area of cut-and-fill excavation approximately 42m long, 30m wide and excavated to a maximum depth of 1m. In addition, a 16.5m long, 2m wide and 1.5m deep soakaway was also monitored at the southwestern end of the development area.</p> <p>The work exposed a simple deposit sequence of light to mid red clay (101) natural subsoil underneath a 0.3m thick dark black silty clay (100) topsoil.</p> <p>A very small collection of archaeological material was recovered from the topsoil, consisting of two sherds of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries industrial whitewares.</p> <p><b>Conclusion:</b> No deposits, features or dating evidence indicative of archaeological activity was found. The lack of pottery and other artefacts from the site, despite examination of spoil heaps, further indicates that the site is archaeologically sterile. This is the only report on these works.</p> <p><b>Project archive and OASIS entry</b> Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		
<b>Recorder:</b> MFR Steinmetzer (Oakford Archaeology)		<b>Date sent to HER:</b>

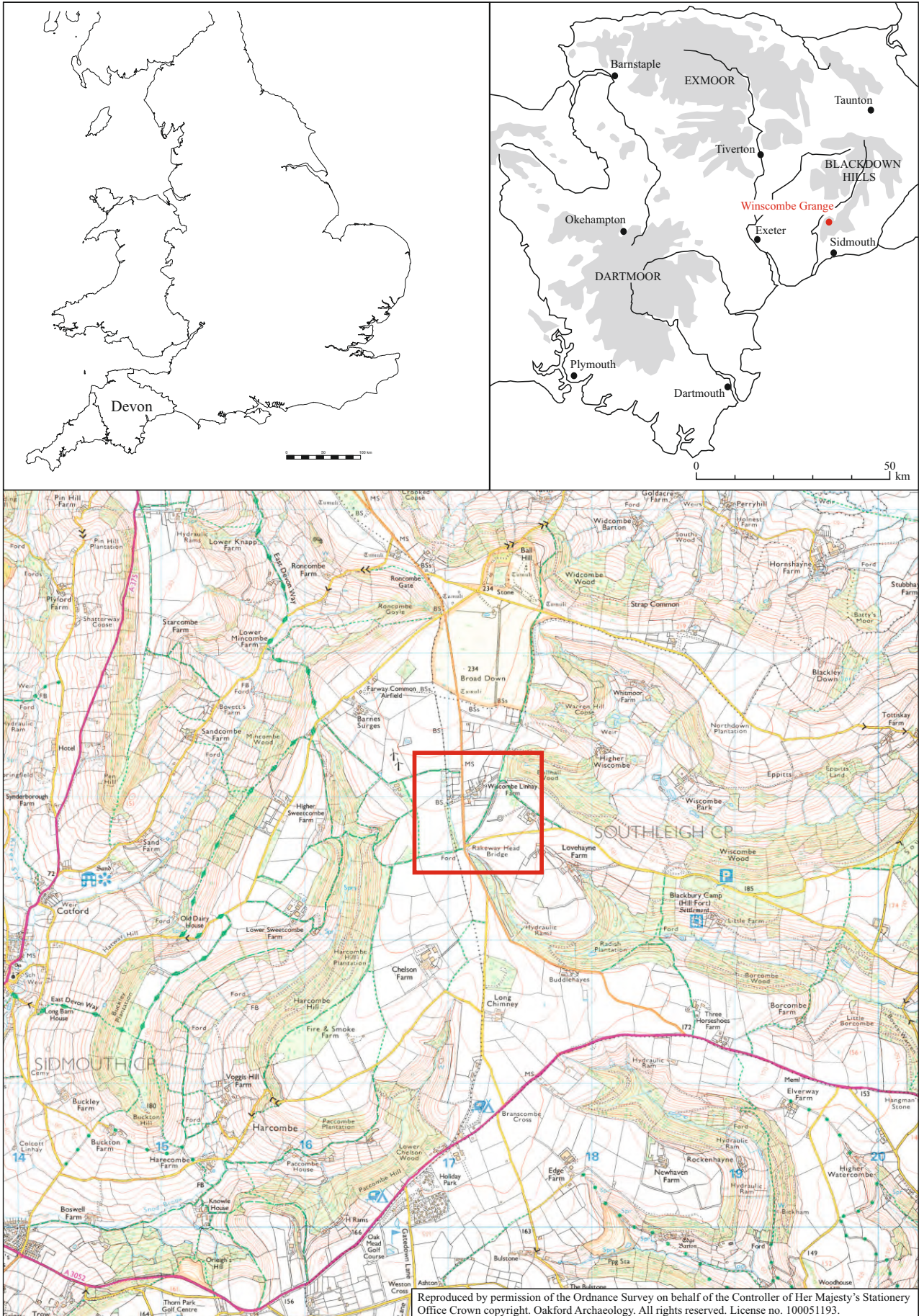


Fig. 1 Location of site.

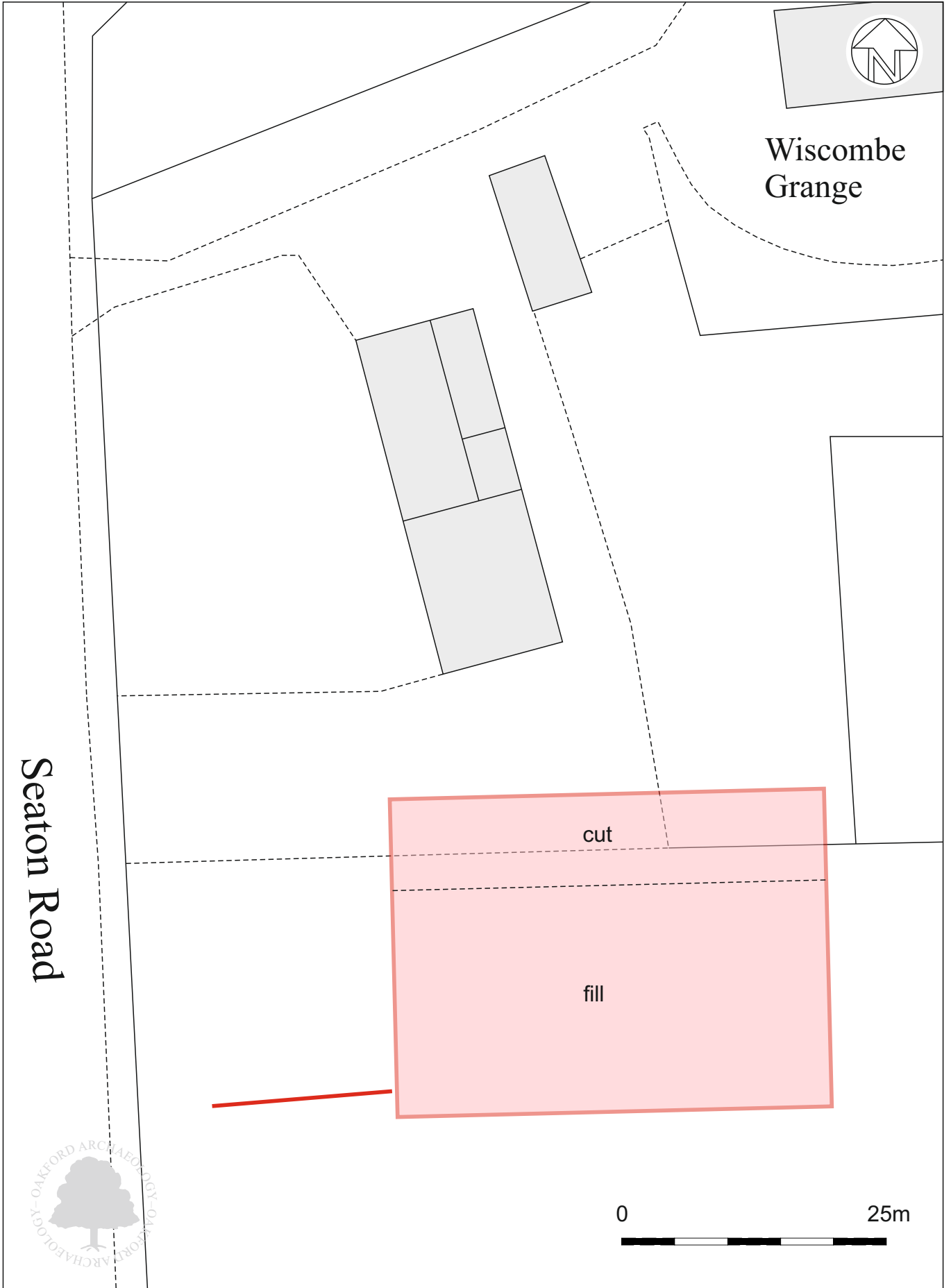
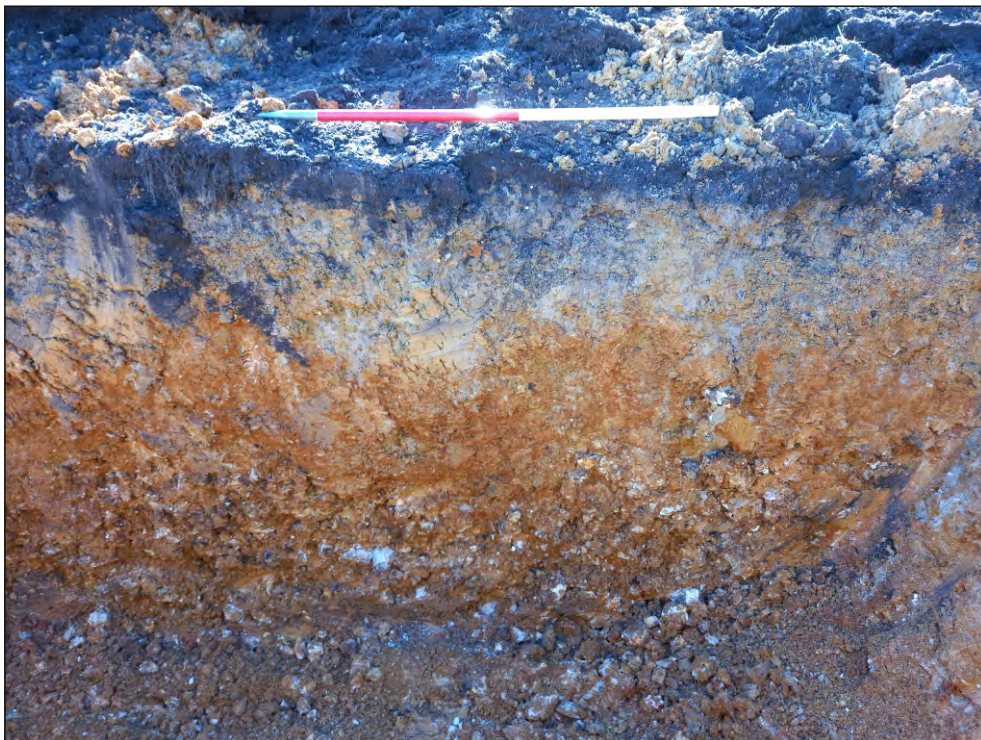


Fig. 1 Location of proposed works.





Pl. 1 General view of the manege. Looking northwest.



Pl. 2 Sample section through soakaway showing deposit sequence of topsoil (100) above natural subsoil (101). Looking south.

