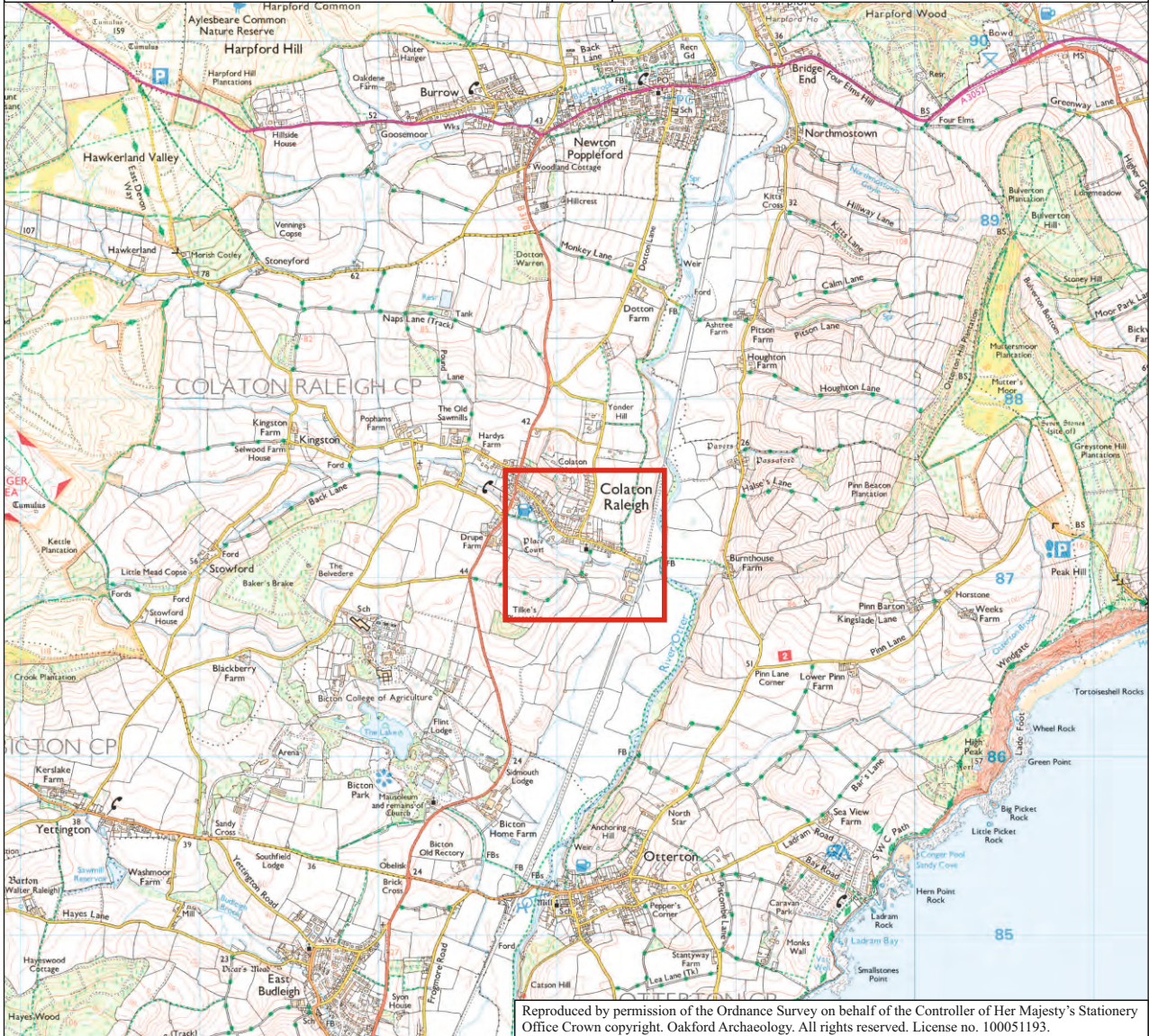
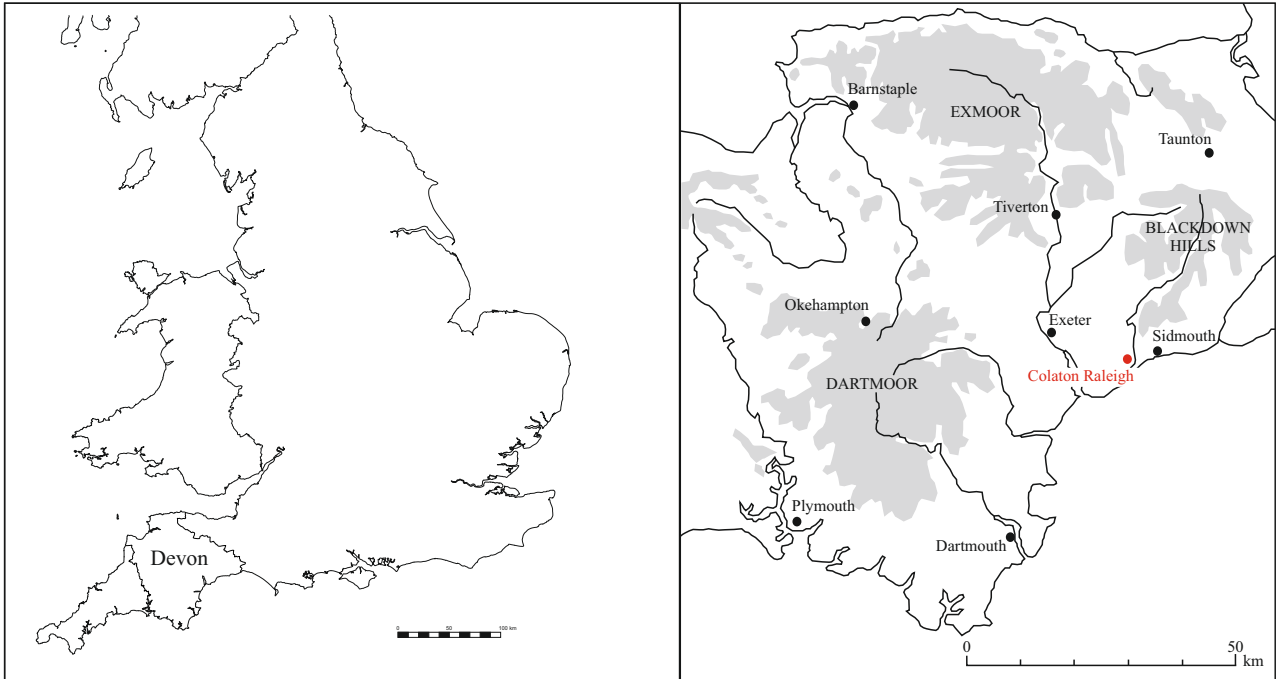


Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Colaton Raleigh, East Devon	National Grid Reference: SY 0816 8716	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at St John the Baptist, Colaton Raleigh, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Faculty no: 2020-046150	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-432019	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number/code: OA1862	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 12-13/10/2021	
<p>Description of works: An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in October 2021 at St John the Baptist, Colaton Raleigh, Devon (SY 0816 8716). The site (Fig. 1) lies in an area of high archaeological potential within the graveyard. The church is a grade II* listed building with a late 12th or early 13th century north arcade and font. The west tower was built in the late 15th-early 16th century in date, with the upper levels rebuilt in 1975. The rest of the nave, north and south aisles, and the chancel were rebuilt in 1875 by the local architect R. M. Fulford. It was therefore considered possible that significant remains or deposits might survive within the footprint of the proposed groundworks.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the installation of a new water supply immediately to the south of the tower along the church path (Fig. 1, Pls. 1-3). The work involved the excavation of 8 access pits, each 1m long, 0.4m wide and excavated to a maximum depth of 0.7m.</p> <p>Results: The works exposed a mid reddish brown friable sandy clay (101) occasional shillet inclusions. A total of 22 fragments of human bone were recovered from pits 5-6 and this deposit has been interpreted as a charnel soil. This deposit was in turn sealed underneath a 0.15m thick mid to dark brown sandy clay (100) topsoil.</p> <p>A small collection of archaeological material consisting of 11 sherds of late 18th-19th century industrial whitewares was recovered from the topsoil (100).</p> <p>Project archive and OASIS entry 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>		
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Fig. 1 Location of site.

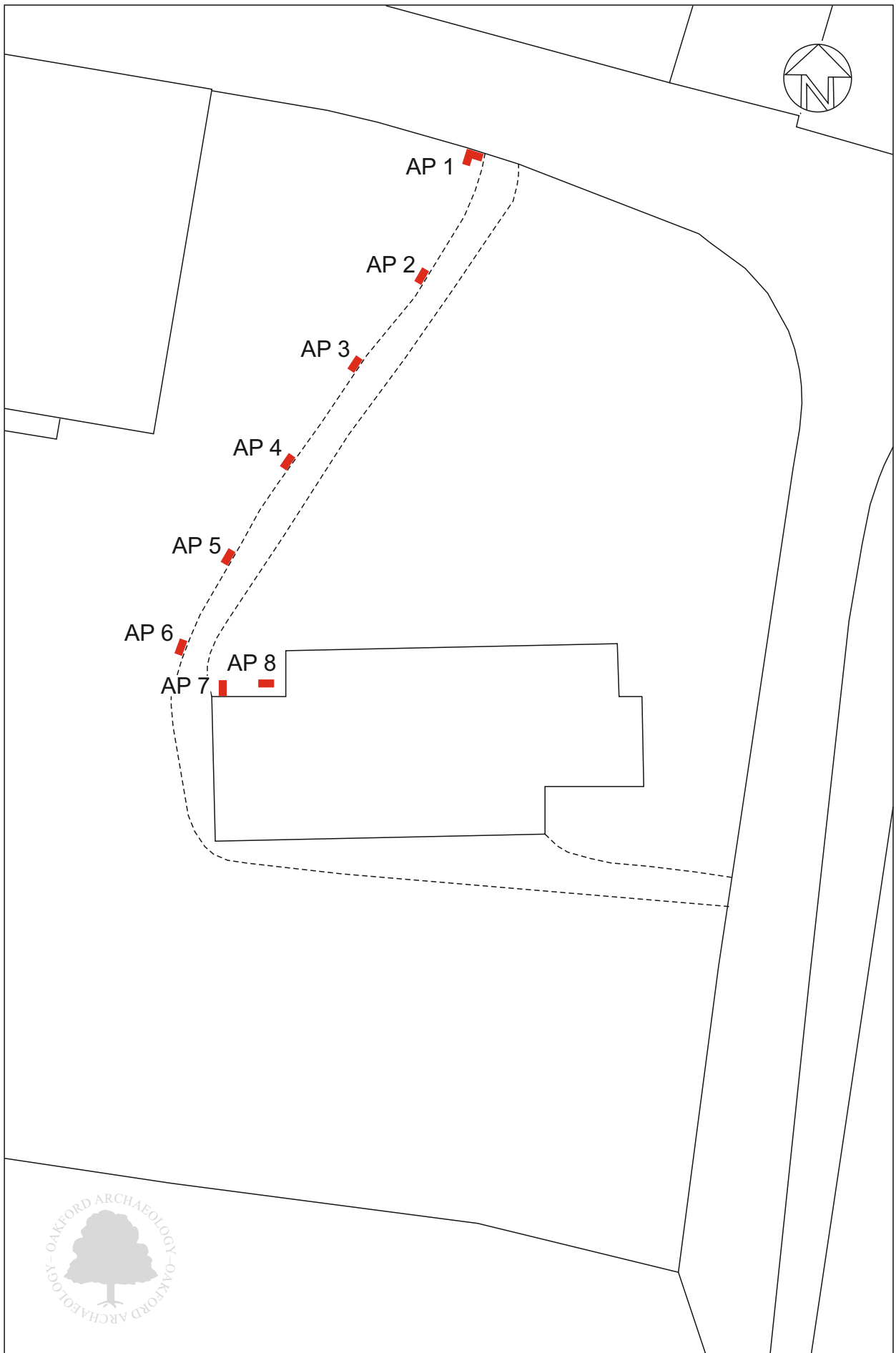


Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations.



Pl. 1 General view of access pits 2, 4 and 6 along path. Looking southwest.



Pl. 2 General view access pits 7-8. Looking east.



Pl. 3 General view of access pit showing 3 showing deposit sequence. 1m scale. Looking west.