

Callywith Gate, Bodmin, Cornwall

Watching Brief

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1 Site location and project background

CAU was commissioned by Cormac Contracting to undertake an archaeological watching brief during ground works associated with a road enhancement scheme at Callywith Gate, Bodmin (SX 08399 67905; Fig 1 below).

An archaeological assessment had identified a number of archaeological sites in the broader area (Lawson Jones 2015). The watching brief was undertaken as part of 'best practice' as there was no requirement for archaeological recording (no archaeological planning condition was placed upon the development by the Local Planning Authority).

Fieldwork was undertaken on Monday 23rd January and covered approximately 0.26ha in the southern half of the small triangular field being stripped (see Fig 1).

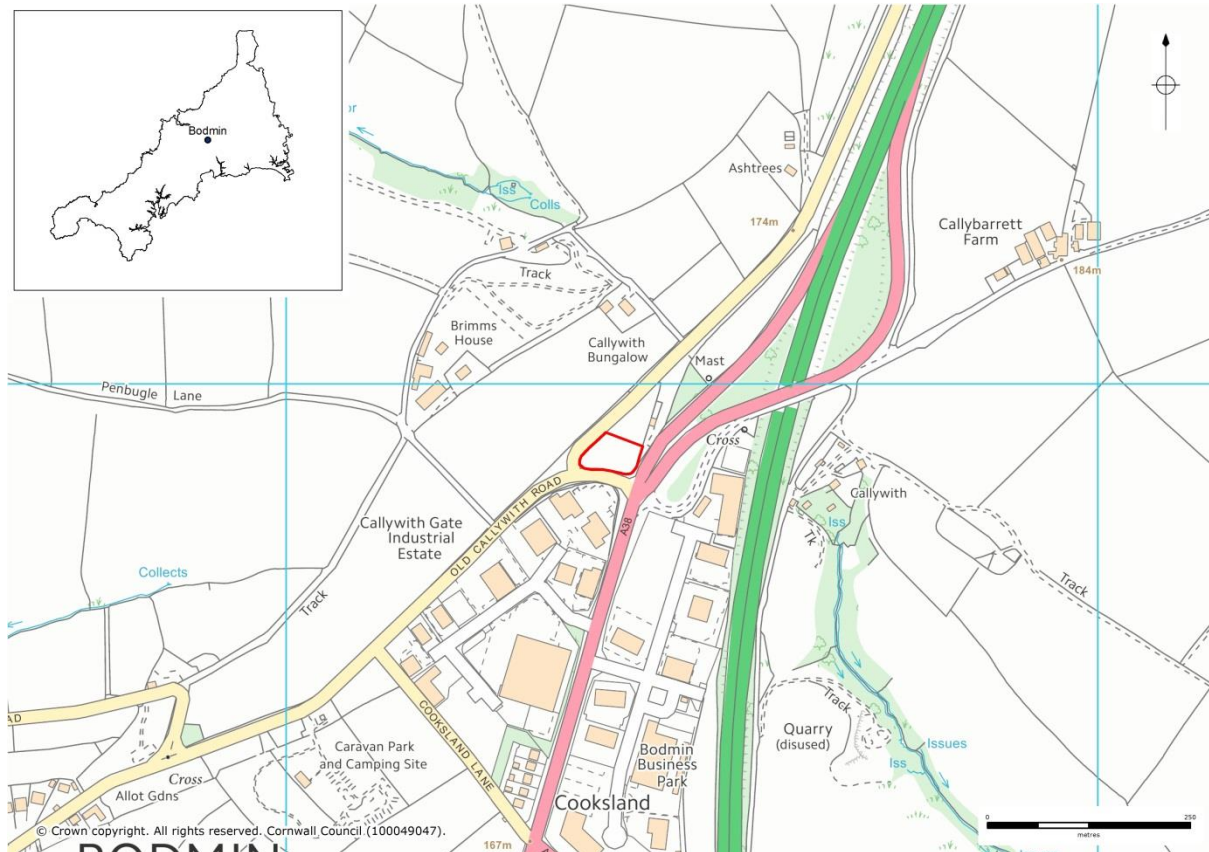


Fig 1 Location and extent of watching brief (outlined in red).

2 Results

No archaeological sites or features were uncovered during fieldwork.

A swing shovel with a grading bucket removed all topsoil which was a pale-orange brown, silty clay, 0.20m to 0.25m deep. Towards the northern eastern edge of the area *in situ* fractured bedrock outcropped 0.25m below the surface.

Following the results of fieldwork it was agreed that the team on site would alert CAU if any archaeological features were uncovered during the remaining topsoil stripping (to cover the remaining 30% of the small field). Due to the pale colour of the subsoil any large scale archaeological features would have been clearly visible. No archaeological sites or features were reported.

3 Project archive

The CAU project number is **146179**

The project's documentary, digital, photographic and drawn archive is maintained by Cornwall Archaeological Unit, Cornwall Council, Fal Building, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY.

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