

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Combeinteignhead, Teignbridge	National Grid Reference: SX 9018 7153	Number:
Subject: Archaeological monitoring and recording at All Saints Church, Combeinteignhead, Devon.		Photo attached: Y
Faculty no: n/a	Recipient museum: n/a	
OASIS ID: oakforda1-504362	Museum Accession no: n/a	
Contractor's reference number: OA1686	Dates fieldwork undertaken: 07/03/2022	
<p>Description of works:</p> <p>An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in March 2022 at All Saints Church, Combeinteignhead, Devon (SX 9018 7153). The site (Fig. 1) lies within the graveyard to the northwest of the church. The work was commissioned by the Parochial Church Council as part of remedial works to the west boundary wall. The current church grade II* listed church contains fabric dating to the 13th century, while the font is 12th century in date.</p> <p>A watching brief (Fig. 2, Pls. 1-3) was maintained during works associated with the construction of a new retaining wall. The works entailed the complete removal of the collapsed section of graveyard wall and the excavation of a safe working area to allow work on the new foundations. This impacted on an area within the graveyard approximately 12m x 0.5m in an area where there was no evidence of surface-marked graves.</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>Removal of the collapsed section of graveyard wall exposed the remains of a cobbled surface (100), level with the existing path, and extending over a distance of approximately 3.6m. This was overlain by a 0.25m thick layer of mid-dark reddish brown loamy sand (101). This was overlain by 0.1m thick layer of oyster shell (102) and both were in turn sealed underneath a 0.5m thick layer of mid-dark reddish brown loamy sand (103). This was in part overlain by a 0.1m thick layer of white lime mortar (104) at the eastern end and a 0.15m thick layer of roofing slate (105) at the western end. The former deposit was sealed underneath a 0.2m thick layer of mid-dark reddish brown loamy sand (106). This was overlain by a further lime mortar deposit (107), sealed underneath a 0.25m thick layer of mid-dark reddish brown loamy sand (108). This was overlain by a 0.2m thick layer of grey roofing slate (109) along the eastern edge of the trench, while a 0.1m thick layer of slate (110) was exposed at the western end. Both were sealed underneath a 0.15m thick layer of mid-dark reddish brown loamy sand (111), which was in turn overlain by a mid to dark brown silty sand (112) topsoil.</p> <p>The initial removal of the collapsed section of wall was monitored for any architectural fragments that might have been re-used in the construction of the wall. None were recovered and the finds assemblage consists of a small collection consisting of 77 sherds of late 19th-20th century industrial whitewares, 1 sherd from a marmalade jar with partial rim (19th-early 20th century), 3 sherds blue and green salt glaze ware (early 20th century); 1 complete octagonal clear aqua ink bottle glass bottle (19th century); 2 English green bottle glass bases (late 19th century); 2 sherds yellow-green English glass, including vessel base (late 19th century); 1 complete glass "Shippams" fish paste bottle (early to mid-20th century); 2 sherds of a complete earthenware bottle (20th century); 4 sherds of 19th -20th century roof tile, including 1 with partial makers stamp RD. B.WATER (Bridgewater manufacturer, possibly John Board); 75 clay pipe stems (19th century) and 3 clay pipe fragments with partial bowls all with evidence of decoration including leaves up the moulding lines and 1 with evidence of words on side of bowl. All 3 have I and F moulded initials on the sides of the heel although the maker is currently unknown.</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).

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Fig. 1 Location of site.

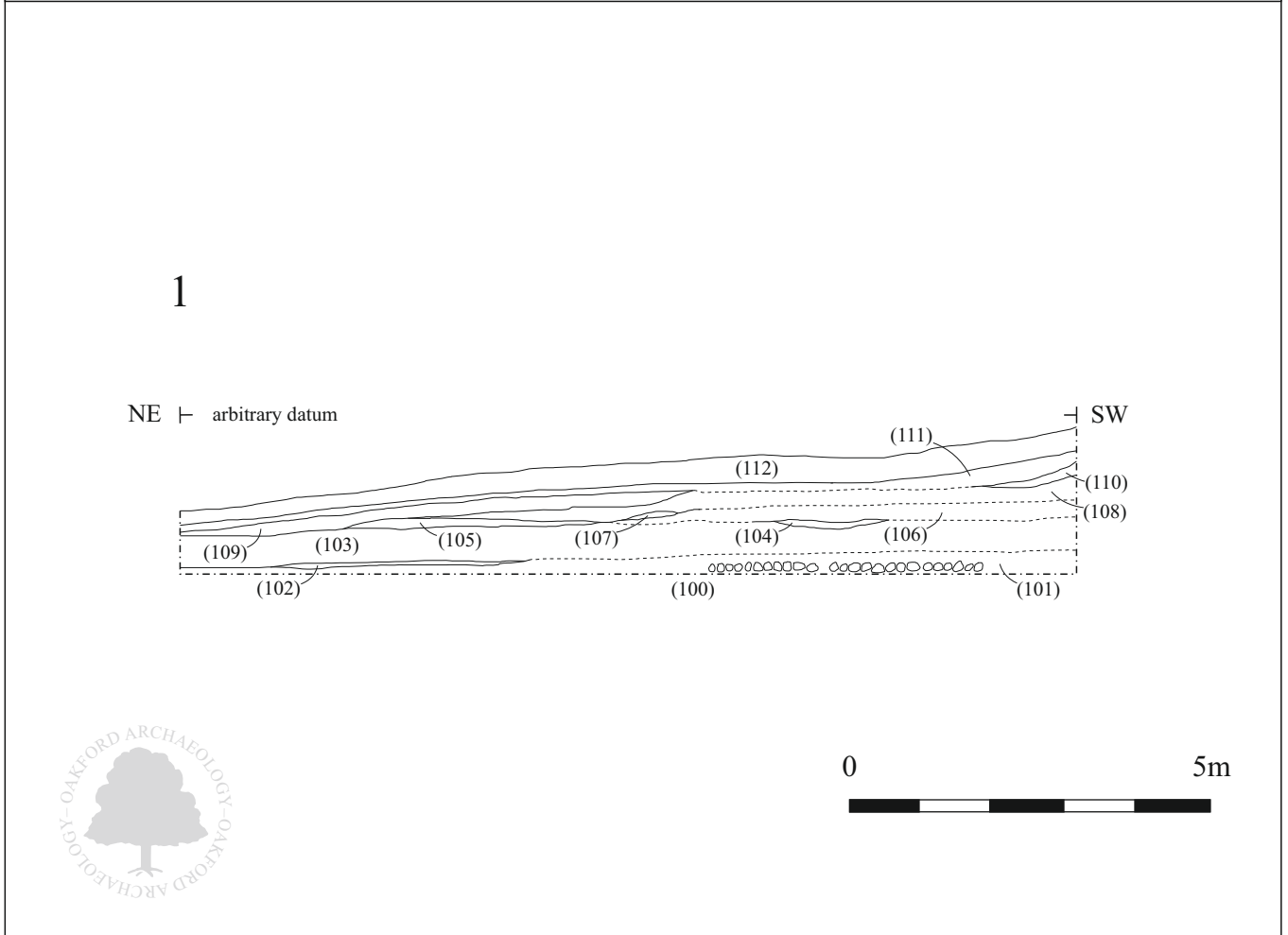
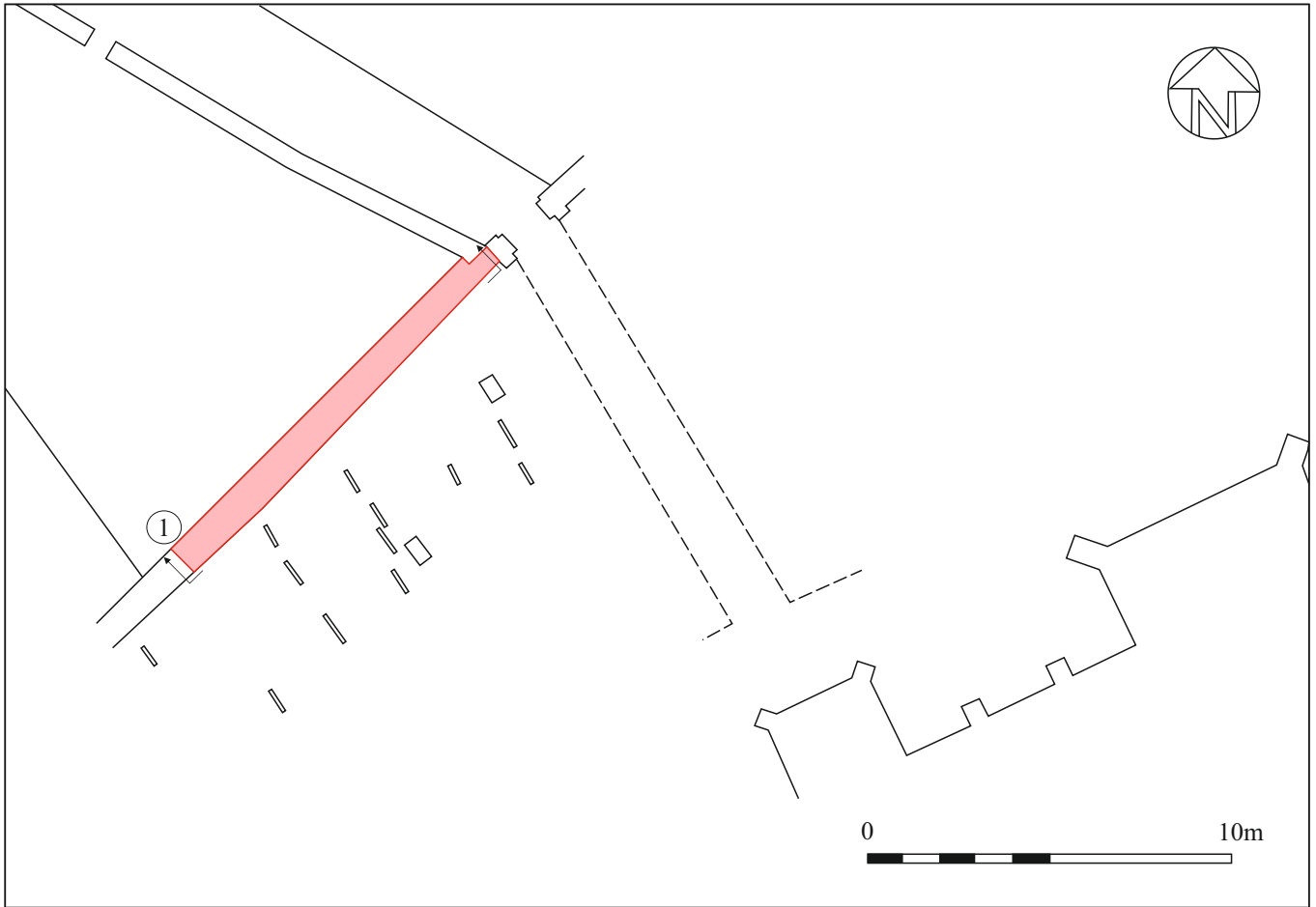


Fig. 2 Plan and section.



Pl. 1 General view of graveyard section showing successive dumps of material (101-112) against the former boundary wall. 2m scale. Looking southwest.



Pl. 2 General view of graveyard section showing successive dumps of material (101-112) against the former boundary wall. 2m scale. Looking northeast.



Pl. 3 Close-up showing possible remains of cobbled surface (100) at base of section. 1m scale. Looking southeast.