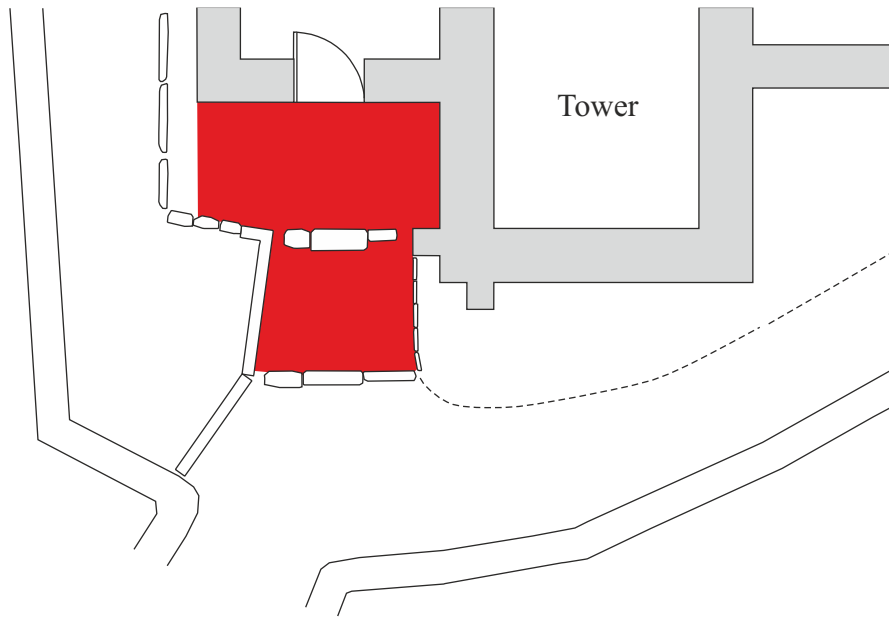


## Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Dartmouth, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 8865 5031	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording at the Church of St Petrox, Dartmouth, Devon.		<b>Photo attached:</b> Y
<b>Planning Application no:</b> n/a	<b>Recipient museum:</b> n/a	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> oakforda1-327425	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> OA1473	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 05/06 and 08/06/2018	
<p><b>Description of works:</b> An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in June 2018 at the Church of St Petrox, Dartmouth, Devon (SX 8865 5031). The site (Fig. 1) lies immediately to the northwest of the tower. The church is grade I listed with late 12<sup>th</sup> century origins, although the current building largely dates to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the structure was extensively rebuilt and enlarged. 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 construction of new drainage and alterations to the existing path to the northwest of the tower (Fig. 2). The work involved the excavation of an area approximately 5m long, 4.5m wide and c. 0.3m deep.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> Inspection of the work exposed a 0.1m thick concrete path (100) overlying a mid-yellowish-brown silty clay deposit (101) containing frequent shale and fragments of disarticulated human bone. This deposit has been interpreted as a charnel soil.</p> <p><b>Finds:</b> by John Allan</p> <p>A small assemblage of archaeological material was recovered from the work. The pottery consists of a single fragment of Totnes-type unglazed ridgetile with a low crest and incised cross-hatching dating to the 16<sup>th</sup>-early 17<sup>th</sup> century; 4 sherds of 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century industrial whitewares; 2 sherds of 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century English stoneware; 5 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century clay pipe stems; 2 Fe coffin handles; 3 Fe coffin nails; 3 fragments of 19<sup>th</sup> century cbm and 2 modern brick fragments.</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>		
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Fig. 1 Location of site.



0 5 metres



Fig. 2 Plan showing location of observations and photos showing top of charnel soil.