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| GIS shape fil | ESRI standard |
| GIS classificat | Adobe PDF format |
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1.1 Survey

Type: twin-sensor fluxgate gradiometer
Date: $\quad 9$ to 17 November 2015
Area: gradiometer survey: 25ha
Lead surveyor: Mark Edwards BA
Author: $\quad$ Ross Dean BSc MSc MA MIfA
1.2 Client

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1.3 Location

Site: Land at Chapel Gover
Town and Civil Parish: Newquay
County:
Nearest Postcode:
Cornwall
TR8 4NX
NGR:
SW 831610
Ordnance Survey NGR (E/N): 183100,61000 (point)

### 1.4 Archive

OASIS number: substrat1-234564
Archive:
At the time of writing, the archive of this survey will be held by Substrata and will be deposited with the ADS in due course.
1.5 Introduction

This report was commissioned by Cotswold Archaeology on behalf of clients. It is part of a programme of archaeological works undertaken in advance of a proposed residential development at the above site. The survey methodology conformed to a Written Scheme of Investigation (Brown, 2015) in accordance with the guidance of the Cornwall Archaeological Unit. The site location is shown in Figure 1.

### 1.6 Summary

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2 Survey aims and objectives
2.1 Aims

1. The overall aim of the geophysical survey programme is to gather sufficient information to establish the extent, condition, character and date (as far as circumstances permit) of any previously unrecorded archaeological features and deposits within the site area.
2. A further aim of the survey is to obtain information that will contribute to an evaluation of the significance of impact of the scheme upon cultural heritage, and which will enable further evaluation and/or mitigation measures to be designed, as appropriate. If further mitigation measures include intrusive archaeological evaluation or monitoring, any anomalies or potential archaeological features identified through the geophysical will provide targets for evaluation trenching or monitoring during construction.

### 2.2 Survey objectives

1. Complete a magnetometer (gradiometer) survey across agreed parts of the survey area.
2. Identify any magnetic anomalies that may be related to archaeological deposits, structures or artefacts.
3. Within the limits of the techniques and dataset, archaeologically characterise any such anomalies or patterns of anomalies.
4. Accurately record the location of the identified anomalies.
5. Produce a report based on the survey that is sufficiently detailed to inform any subsequent development on the site about the location and possible archaeological character of the recorded anomalies.

## 3 Standards

The standards used to complete this survey are defined by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014a) and Historic England (2010). The codes of approved practice that were followed are those of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014b) and Archaeology Data Service/Digital Antiquity Guides (undated).

## 4 Site description

4.1 Landscape and land use

The development area (the Site) is located on the eastern edge of Newquay, Cornwall, approximately 1.65 km southeast of the town centre in an area earmarked for significant urban expansion, including strategic infrastructure, residential and commercial development. The Site comprises seven agricultural fields, is irregular in shape and extends to approximately 29 hectares. It is bordered by Chapel Stream in the north, the Newquay to Par branch railway line in the south, open agricultural land in the east and land currently being developed for housing by Taylor Wimpey in the west.

The site slopes gently from south to north. The southern boundary adjacent to the railway line sits at approximately 45 m Above Ordnance Datum (AOD) while the northern boundary is at approximately 25 m AOD, adjacent to Chapel Stream. The proposed development area is subdivided by a series of Cornish banks, that form linear fields across part of the Site (Brown, 2015).

### 4.2 Geology

The solid geology across the site is the Devonian Meadfoot Group which typically comprises dark shales and siltstones with sporadic grey-brown sandstones and beds of decalcified shell debris (British Geological Survey, undated).

The superficial geology on the northeast of the site, south of Chapel Stream, comprises Quaternary Head. Head is a polymict deposit of gravel, sand and clay depending on upslope source and distance from source. The poorly sorted and poorly stratified deposits are formed mostly by solifluction and/or hillwash and soil creep. Essentially Head comprises sand and gravel, locally with lenses of silt, clay or peat and organic material. Quaternary alluvium is present in the vicinity of Chapel Stream on the northern boundary of the Site. Alluvium is normally soft to firm consolidated, compressible silty clay, but can contain layers of silt, sand, peat and basal gravel, often with a stronger, desiccated surface zone. Elsewhere within the Site the superficial deposits are in not recorded in the source used (ibid).

## 5 Archaeological background

In April 2014, the Cornwall Archaeology Unit made the following comments in response to an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Consultation related to the current application , 'This site lies within an area particularly rich in historic assets and increasingly well researched as a result of the various urban expansion schemes to the east and south of Newquay.' (Brown, 2015)

### 5.1 Historic landscape characterisation

Name : Farmland, Medieval
The agricultural heartland of Cornwall with farming settlements documented before the 17th century AD and whose field patterns are morphologically distinct from the generally straightsided fields of later enclosure. The fields have either Medieval or Prehistoric origins (Cornwall Council, undated).
5.2 Known heritage assets

Archaeological sites, buildings, historic parks and gardens, conservation areas, registered battlefields and other aspects of the historic environment that are considered significant because of their historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest are considered
 monuments, listed buildings or through their inclusion within conservation areas.


The following is a summary of information provided in the WSI (Brown 2015) and from the Cornwall and Scilly Historic Environment Record (HER) via the Heritage Gateway (Historic England, undated). The heritage assets discussed below are within approximately 1000 m of the site and relevant to the understanding of the geophysical survey.

### 5.2.1 Heritage assets within the site

Recorded heritage assets identified within the site boundary include the extant remains of the linear field system, as well as elements of it now only identified from aerial photographic evidence extending northwards beyond the northern boundary of the Site. The field systems within the site are likely to represent a former Medieval 'open field'. Historic maps suggest that a 'three field' system operated around the Medieval settlement of Trencreek. These fields which would have comprised individual narrow and unenclosed strips held and farmed in common are likely to have been gradually enclosed into the current narrow units in the later Medieval and Post-medieval period (Brown, 2015).
5.2.2 Heritage assets within 1000 m of the site

The recorded heritage assets comprise Bronze Age ( 2200 BC to 701 BC ), Iron Age ( 800 BC to 42 AD), Romano-British ( 43 AD to 409 AD), Early-medieval ( 410 AD to 1065 AD), Medieval ( 1066 to1539 AD) and Post-medieval ( $1540 \mathrm{AD}-1900 \mathrm{AD}$ ) monuments, settlements and field systems. Little is known about the Mesolithic ( 8000 BC to 4001 BC) and Neolithic ( 4000 BC to 2501 BC) periods apart from a Mesolithic find spot to the North West of the site (Historic Environment Record (HER) 173094.10 at National Grid Reference (NGR) SW 8276 6169) and a Neolithic greenstone axe (HER 4637 at NGR SW 84 62) discovered to the northeast of site at Rialton Moor.

Three possible Bronze Age barrows at Treloggan (HER 55442 at NGR SW 8240 6058) and another at possible barrow at Trencreek (HER 4558.20 at NGR SW 828 608) lie to the southwest of the survey area.

A possible Iron Age/Romano-British hillfort (HER 4564.10 at NGR SW 84 62) may have existed to the northeast as evidenced by the place name 'Caskeys'. Vertical aerial photos show faint traces of a curvilinear banked feature approximately 50 meters in diameter to the north and adjacent to the survey area which have been provisionally dated as Iron Age/RomanoBritish (HER 55489 at NGR SW 8341 6125). Two Iron Age circular enclosures or Rounds lie to the northwest of the survey area at Tretherras (HER 173094 at NGR SW 82766169 and HER 4650 at NGR SW 8276 6160). The remains of an Iron-Age/Romano-British defended settlement with an associated hut circle and enclosures were excavated at the latter site.

Early-medieval (410AD-1065AD) and Medieval settlements are common within the study area. One Early-medieval field system has been recorded to the southwest at Lane (HER 55456 at NGR SW 8246 6023) and Medieval field systems are recorded at Treviglas to the north of the survey area (HER 55458 NGR SW 8326 6163), Porth Veor to the northwest (HER 4551.20 at NGR SW 83 62) and at Trencreek, itself a Medieval settlement, to the southwest (HER

From the Post Medieval period onwards there is evidence of mining activity in the area. At Treloggan (HER 41227 at NGR SW 822 611), to the southwest of the survey area, a mine was in operation from 1844 to 1846 and worked again in 1853. More evidence of Post-medieval mining can be seen in close proximity to the survey area at Wheal Arundell Consols (HER 41221 at NGR SW 8330 6125).

### 5.2.3 Previous archaeological investigations

## General

Archaeological investigations have been undertaken within and to the south of the site, along and around the Newquay Strategic Route to the north of the Chapel Stream (within the 'Newquay Growth Area'), and to the west (Trencreek / Trevenson developments by Taylor Wimpey). All of these investigations have demonstrated high archaeological potential with Middle Bronze Age settlement known from the Taylor Wimpey development, Iron Age Settlement known from the Newquay Strategic Route to the south, and further features known from geophysical surveys undertaken in advance of the Newquay Growth Area to the north of the Chapel Stream.

Within the Site
The archaeological investigations undertaken in advance of the Newquay Strategic Route comprised a geophysical survey followed by excavations undertaken along a 40 m wide strip which crossed the Site running toward its eastern edge. Both to the north and south of the Site these investigations revealed a range of Prehistoric to Modern archaeological features but within the Site, relatively few archaeological features were recorded. The post-geophysics evaluation trenching revealed undated ditches, two of which appear to be flanking ditches to a trackway, the western continuation of which is still in existence (Cotswold Archaeology, 2011).

A desk-based assessment has previously been completed for the Site (CGMS, 2013). The desk -based assessment identified limited evidence for archaeological remains within the proposed development site.

## 6 Results, discussion and conclusions

This survey was designed to record magnetic anomalies. The anomalies themselves cannot be regarded as actual archaeological features and the dimensions of the anomalies shown do not represent the dimensions of any associated archaeological features. The analysis presented below identifies and characterises anomalies and anomaly groups that may relate to archaeological deposits and structures.
 disturbance of natural deposits thought to be the result of human activity and not undertaken as recent land development, maintenance or farming.

The reader is referred to section 7 .

### 6.1 Results

The Site was divided into 10 survey areas for analysis as shown in Figure 2.
Figures 2 to 7 show the interpretation of the survey data. They include the anomaly groups identified as relating to archaeological deposits along with their numbers. Table 1 is an extract of the detailed analysis of the survey data which is provided in the attribute tables of the GIS project on the accompanying CD-ROM and in the project archive.

Figures 2 to 7 along with Table 1 comprise the analysis of the survey data.
Figures 8 to 13 are plots of processed data as specified in Table 3.

### 6.2 Discussion

6.2.1 General points

Discussion scope
Not all anomalies or anomaly groups identified in Table 1 are necessarily discussed below. All identified anomaly groups are recorded in the GIS project held the survey archive.

## Data collection

Data collection along the site edges was restricted as shown in Figures 8 to 13 due to the presence of magnetic materials adjacent to the site. Strong magnetic responses mapped close to survey boundaries are likely to relate to these materials except where otherwise indicated in Figures 2 to 7.

## Anomaly characterisation and mapping

There are a number of anomaly groups that could be interpreted as relating to large postholes or pits although most will have natural origins. Anomalies of this sort are only mapped as potential archaeology if they are clustered in groups or otherwise form recognisable patterns.

Recent man-made objects such as manholes, water management equipment, drains, cables and other services were only mapped where they comprised significant magnetic responses across the dataset that needed clarification. If mapped, they are listed in Table 1 but are not discussed below.

Anomalies thought to relate to natural features were not mapped.

## General data trends

Parallel repeating trends in the data plots provided in Figures 8 to 13 are likely to reflect relatively recent ploughing except where indicated in the interpretation plots.

## Enhance magnetic responses

The enhanced magnetic responses showing in the data collected adjacent to the railway track bordering the southern side of the Site are indicative of both relatively magnetic material deposited in the area, probably during the construction of the railway, and the strong
magnetic readings generated by steel and other magnetic components of the track and surrounding structures (survey areas 8, 9 and 10).

The area of enhanced magnetic response recorded in area 6 is likely to reflect a spread of material from the demolished field wall represented by magnetic anomaly group 24 in Figures 2 and 5.
6.2.2 Data relating to historical maps and other records

Magnetic anomaly groups 19 (area 6, Figure 4), 24 (area 6, Figure 4), 27 (area 7, Figure 6), 39 (area 9, Figure 6), 42 (area 9, Figure 6), 43 (area 9, Figure 6), 44 (area 9, Figure 6), 50 (area 10, Figure 7) and 54 (area 10, Figure 7) coincide with historical field boundaries mapped by the Ordnance Survey as recorded in Table 1.
6.2.3 Data with no previous archaeological provenance

All of the remaining anomaly groups characterised as representing potential archaeological deposits or features are typical of anomalies representing former field boundaries, enclosures and tracks of more than one phase of land enclosure.

### 6.3 Conclusions

The magnetic responses across the site were sufficient to be able to differentiate between anomalies representing possible archaeological features and background magnetic responses.

Sixty-seven magnetic anomaly groups were mapped as possibly representing archaeological deposits or features. Nine groups represent former field boundaries mapped by the Ordnance Survey since 1881 and now removed. A number of groups represent former ridge-andfurrow cultivation. All of the remaining anomaly groups characterised as representing potential archaeological deposits or features are typical of anomalies representing former field boundaries, enclosures and tracks of more than one phase of land enclosure.

## 7 Disclaimer and copyright

The description and discussion of the results presented in this report are the authors, based on his interpretation of the survey data. Every effort has been made to provide accurate descriptions and interpretations of the geophysical data set. The nature of archaeological geophysical surveying is such that interpretations based on geophysical data, while informative, can only be provisional. Geophysical surveys are a cost-effective early step in the multi-phase process that is archaeology. The programme of which this survey is part may also be informed by other archaeological assessment work and analysis. It must be presumed that more archaeological features will be present than those specified in this report.

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## 8 Acknowledgements

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## Appendix 1 Analysis table and supporting plots

## General Guidance

The anomalies represented in the survey plots provided in this appendix are magnetic anomalies. The apparent size of such anomalies and anomaly patterns are unlikely to correspond exactly with the dimensions of any associated archaeological features.

A rough rule for interpreting magnetic anomalies is that the width of an anomaly at half its maximum reading is equal to the width of the buried feature, or its depth if this is greater (Clark, 2000: 83). Caution must be applied when using this rule as it depends on the anomalies being clearly identifiable and distinct from adjacent anomalies. In northern latitudes the position of the maximum of a magnetic anomaly will be displaced slightly to the south of any associated physical feature.


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2. Anomalies designated "likely archaeology" have supporting evidence e.g. historical maps and or visible earthworks.
3. Representative; not all instances are mapped.
4. Anomalies likely to represent geological or other natural deposits are not mapped unless relevant to potential archaeological events or deposits.

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Figure 12: shade plot of processed data, area 7 and area 9

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## Appendix 2 Methodology Summary

Table 2: methodology summary

## Documents

Written Scheme of Investigation: Brown (2015)
Survey methodology statement: Dean (2015)

## Methodology

1. The work was undertaken in accordance with the survey methodology statement.
2. The geophysical survey was undertaken with reference to standard guidance provided by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (2014a), Historic England (2010) and Archaeology Data Service/Digital Antiquity Guides (undated).
3. The survey grid location information and grid plan was recorded as part of the project in a suitable GIS system.
4. Data processing was undertaken using appropriate software, with all anomalies assessed as relevant being digitised and geo-referenced.
5. The final report included a graphical and textual account of the techniques undertaken, the data obtained and an archaeological interpretation of that data and conclusions about any likely archaeology.
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DW Consulting TerraSurveyor3
Manifold System 8 GIS
Microsoft Corp. Office Excel 2013
Microsoft Corp. Office Publisher 2013
Adobe Systems Inc Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro Extended
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## Appendix 3 Data processing

Table 3: gradiometer survey - processed data metadata


Appendix $4 \quad$ Raw data plots


