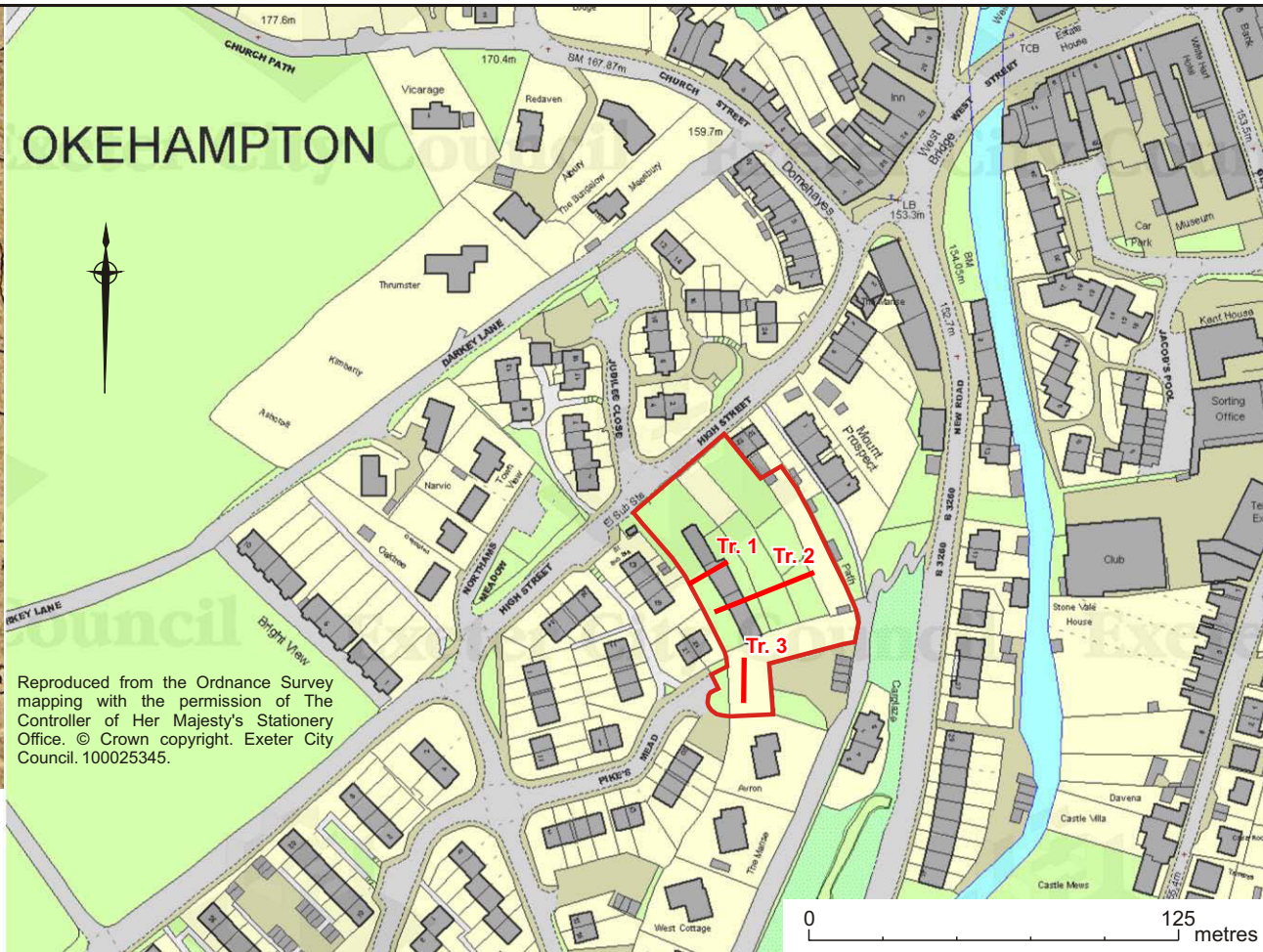


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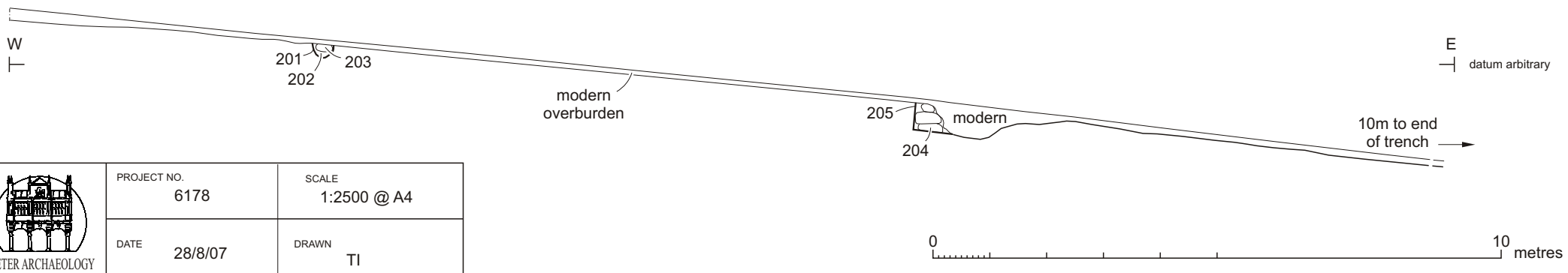
<b>Parish:</b> Okehampton	<b>NGR:</b> SX 587 951	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological evaluation at 21a High Street, Okehampton		
<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>The site lies on the fringe of the medieval core of Okehampton in an area thought to have been formerly occupied by burgrave plots. The site had been extensively disturbed during recent clearance of buildings in preparation for development. Three trenches were excavated within the southern half of the site as shown on the attached plan, in order to determine the potential survival of archaeological deposits.</p> <p>No archaeological deposits were exposed within Trench 1 or Trench 3. The underlying natural ground comprised bedded shale, with occasional patches of reddish-brown clay. This was directly overlain by modern deposits resulting from demolition and clearance operations.</p> <p>Trench 2 measured 35m long by 1.5m wide. Two archaeological features were exposed, both sealed by modern deposits:</p> <p>Feature 201, a ditch, was located 5.5m from the west edge of the site. It was aligned broadly N-S and measured 0.5m wide and up to 0.3m deep. It contained frequent angular stones (203) up to 0.2m long, within a greyish brown matrix of silty clay (202). The ditch had been heavily truncated by modern disturbance and no dateable finds were recovered. The position and alignment of this ditch correlate well with a former division between burgrave plots shown on the 1841 tithe map. This boundary was subsequently incorporated into the west wall of range of buildings, recently demolished (see inset).</p> <p>Feature 205 was located 16m from the west end of the trench. It consisted of terraced natural subsoil faced up with horizontally laid stones (204: the base courses of a former hedgebank or wall). A shallow ditch was exposed to the east of the wall, infilled with modern material. No dateable finds were recovered. Wall 205 correlates well with a land division adjacent to, and east of, that represented by ditch 201.</p> <p>This entry forms the only report on these works.</p>	<p><b>Ref:</b> EA project no. 6178</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 23/08/07</p>
<b>Client:</b> Westmoor Homes Ltd	<b>Recorder:</b> J. Best	



Extract from the 1841 Okehampton Tithe Map



## Trench 2



Site location with profile of Trench 2 and tithe map.