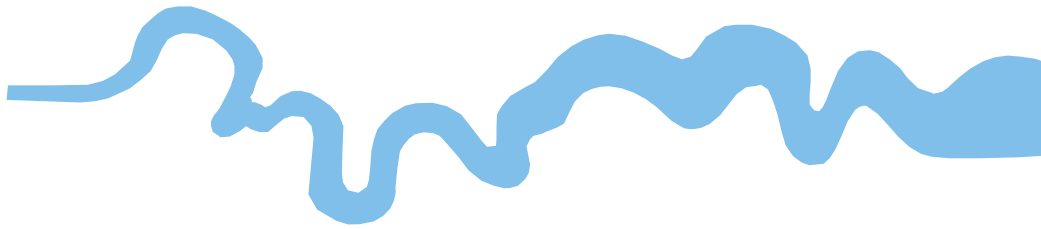


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March 2022

Summary

Site name: Land at 31 Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen, Cornwall

Grid reference: SW 1379 3480

Site activity: Watching Brief

Date and duration of project: 10th to 16th February 2022

Project manager: Agata Socha-Paszkwicz

Site supervisor: Mariusz Paszkiewicz

Site code: BVP 22/21

Area of site: 0.25ha (c. 0.16ha stripped)

Summary of results: The watching brief monitored ground works related to the construction of six dwellings, in this case an area strip to the top of the natural geology. No features nor finds of archaeological interest were identified.

Location and reference of archive: The archive is presently held at TVAS South West, Taunton and will be deposited with the Royal Cornwall Museum or Archaeology Data Service in due course.

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Report 22/21

Introduction

This report documents the results of an archaeological watching brief carried out on land to the rear of 31 Boscaswell Village, Lower Boscaswell, Pendeen, Cornwall (NGR SW 1379 3480) (Fig. 1). The work was commissioned by Ms Sue Farr of Amour Heritage Limited, Greystone Cottage, Trudoxhill, Frome, BA11 5DP.

Planning permission (PA19/00471) has been granted by Cornwall Council for the construction of six dwellings and associated infrastructure on the site. The consent is subject to a condition requiring an archaeological watching brief to be maintained during all groundwork.

This was in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's *National Planning Policy Framework* NPPF 2012 (since replaced) and Cornwall Council's policies on archaeology. The field investigation was carried out to a specification approved by Mr Peter Dudley, Senior Development Officer (Historic Environment), the archaeological adviser to Cornwall Council. The fieldwork was undertaken by Mariusz Paszkiewicz between 10th and 16th February 2022 and the site code is BVP 22/21.

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Location, topography, and geology

The site is located on the northern edge of the western Cornwall's village of Lower Boscaswell, some 3.5km to the north of the town of St. Just and approximately 10km to the north-west of Penzance (Fig. 1). The site is bounded to the south-east and south-west by a residential area and to the north-west and north-east by pasture fields delineated by granite-build boundary (Fig. 2). The site comprises 0.25ha of a single pasture field and lies at a height of 111m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) in the south and slopes gradually down to the north to a height of 106m aOD. The site sits on geology mapped as Land's End Intrusion - Granite, with no recorded superficial deposits (BGS 2017). Beyond the village the land drops sharply and the cliffs of the north Cornish coastline begin around 0.5km to the north-west.

Archaeological background

The archaeological potential of the site has been set out in a Heritage Impact Assessment (Armour Chelu 2018) and highlighted within the Written Scheme of Investigation (Farr 2020), and is only summarized here. The settlement of Boscaswell, was first mentioned in AD 1284 as Boscasul.

Situated some 210m west of the site is an above ground fogou (Scheduled Monument). The feature was excavated in the 1950 when quantities of Iron Age and medieval pottery were recovered. The development of Boscaswell and many of surrounding settlements is a product of the mineral extraction industry. The site itself lies within the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site. The extent of the Geevor Tin Mine complex lies only around 200m south-west.

Objectives and methodology

The purpose of the watching brief was to excavate and record any archaeological deposits which may be affected by the groundworks. This involved examination of all areas of intrusive groundworks, overburden removal and ground reduction. Any archaeological deposits identified were to be hand cleaned, excavated, and fully recorded.

Results

In total an area of c.0.16ha within a 0.25ha site was observed being excavated down to natural geology (Fig 2; Pls 1 and 2). Stratigraphy across the site consisted of topsoil (50) up to 0.45m thick which contained occasional pottery fragments dated to 19th and 20th centuries. Beneath the topsoil was orange brown granite and silt – the natural geology. No features of archaeological interest were present and no finds earlier than the 19th century recovered.

Conclusion

Despite natural geology being exposed within the striped area, no finds or feature of archaeological interest were identified on the site.

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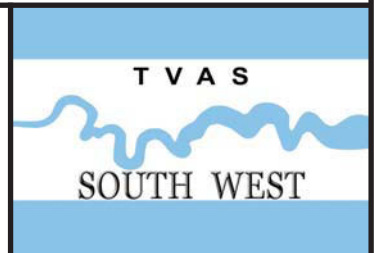
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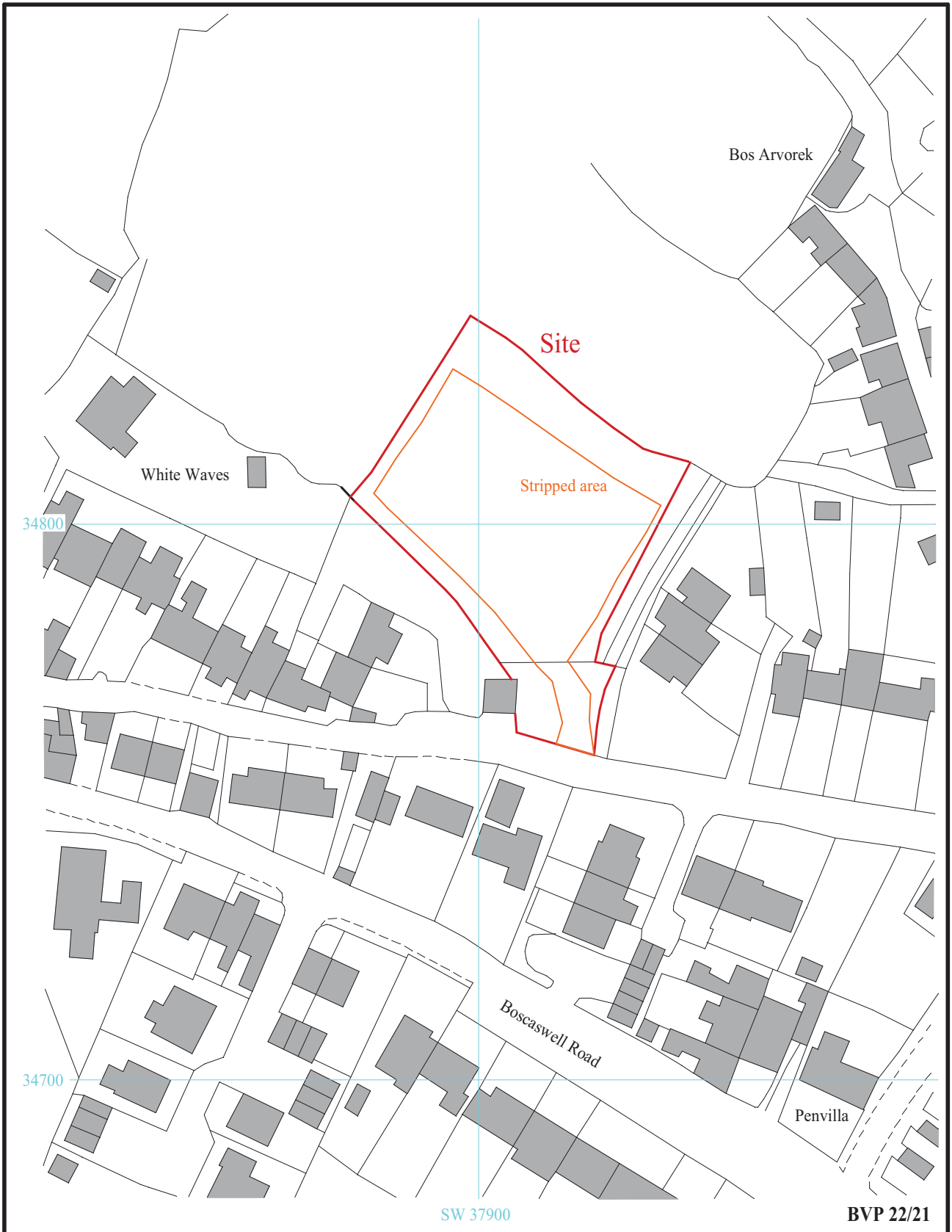


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Figure 1. Location of site within Boscaswell and Cornwall.

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Figure 2. Site plan.





Plate 1. Area strip, looking South, Scales: 2m and 1m.



Plate 2. Section of site stratigraphy, looking North East, Scales: 2m and 0.5m.

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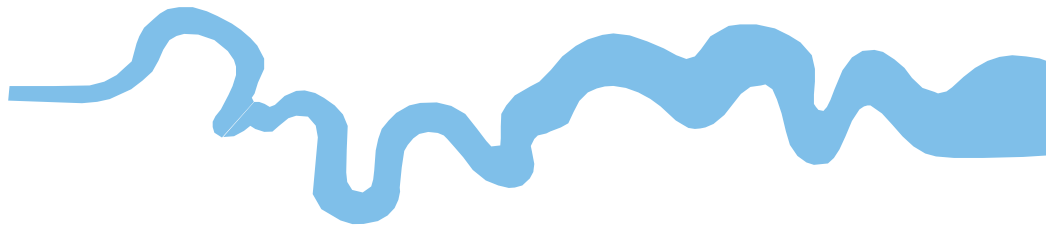
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Plates 1 and 2.



TIME CHART

	Calendar Years
Modern _____	AD 1901
Victorian _____	AD 1837
Post Medieval _____	AD 1500
Medieval _____	AD 1066
Saxon _____	AD 410
Roman _____	AD 43 AD 0 BC
Iron Age _____	750 BC
Bronze Age: Late _____	1300 BC
Bronze Age: Middle _____	1700 BC
Bronze Age: Early _____	2100 BC
Neolithic: Late	3300 BC
Neolithic: Early	4300 BC
Mesolithic: Late	6000 BC
Mesolithic: Early	10000 BC
Palaeolithic: Upper	30000 BC
Palaeolithic: Middle	70000 BC
Palaeolithic: Lower	2,000,000 BC





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