

Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

Civil Parish & District: Bradworthy, Torrridge	National Grid Reference: SS 29294 17194	Number:
Subject: Archaeological Evaluation Trenching in advance of the Construction of a Slurry Store at Land South of West Greadon Farm, Bradworthy, Torrridge, Devon		Photo Attached?: Yes
Planning Reference: 1/1219/2021/FUL	Recipient Museum: N/A	
OASIS ID: southwes1-505577	Museum Accession Number: N/A	
Contractor's Reference: BWGF22	Dates Fieldwork Undertaken: 07.04.22	
<p>Description of Works</p> <p>Archaeological evaluation trenching was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a private client (The Client) as part of archaeological work before groundworks for the construction of a slurry store at Land South of West Greadon Farm, Bradworthy, Torrridge, Devon. This work was carried out by S. Walls on 07th April 2022 in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI; Boyd 2022) having been agreed during consultation with the Devon County Council Historic Environment Team (DCHET).</p> <p>The proposed site lies to the north-west of Bradworthy, in an area of large agricultural fields. The area is recorded on the Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) as <i>Modern enclosures: These modern enclosures have been created out of earlier rough grazing ground, heathland or moorland in the 20th century</i>. Approximately 150m to the east-south-east of the proposed site, the Devon Historic Environment Record (HER) notes a Bronze Age Bowl Barrow (MDV64), which is also a Scheduled Ancient Monument 'Bowl Barrow 420m north west of Dural Cross' (1016643). A similar distance to the north of the site a curvilinear bank and ditch have been identified using LiDAR which indicate a removed field boundary (MDV129768). Other banks and ditches suggesting removed field boundaries have been identified in the wider area using aerial photography.</p> <p>The proposed site is located on a west facing slope at a height of approximately c.208m AOD. The soils of this area are the well-drained fine loamy soils over rock of the Neath Association (SSEW 1983). These overlie the sedimentary sandstone of the Bude Formation (BGS 2020).</p> <p>Four trenches measuring c.108m in length were excavated by machine, using a c.0.9m wide toothless grading bucket and under archaeological supervision over the footprint of the proposed slurry lagoon (see Figure 2).</p> <p>The trenches were excavated to a maximum depth of c.0.30m through topsoil (100), a darks slightly reddish-brown silt-clay c.0.3m thick; which overlay natural (101), a firm yellow clay with occasional sub-angular stones. No features were identified within the trenches and no finds were recovered, with the only thing noted being modern plough scarring orientated roughly in line with the topography and north-east field boundary (i.e., orientated north-west to south-east).</p> <p>Conclusions</p> <p>The results of the trench indicated that there were no archaeological deposits and no archaeological features within the confines of the development area.</p> <p>Bibliography</p> <p>Boyd, N. 2022: <i>Land to the South of West Greadon Farm, Bradworthy, Torrridge, Devon: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH report no. BWGF22.</p> <p>British Geological Survey 2020: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html</p> <p>Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
Recorder: S. Walls		Date Sent to HER: 10.05.22



FIGURE 1: LOCATION PLAN.

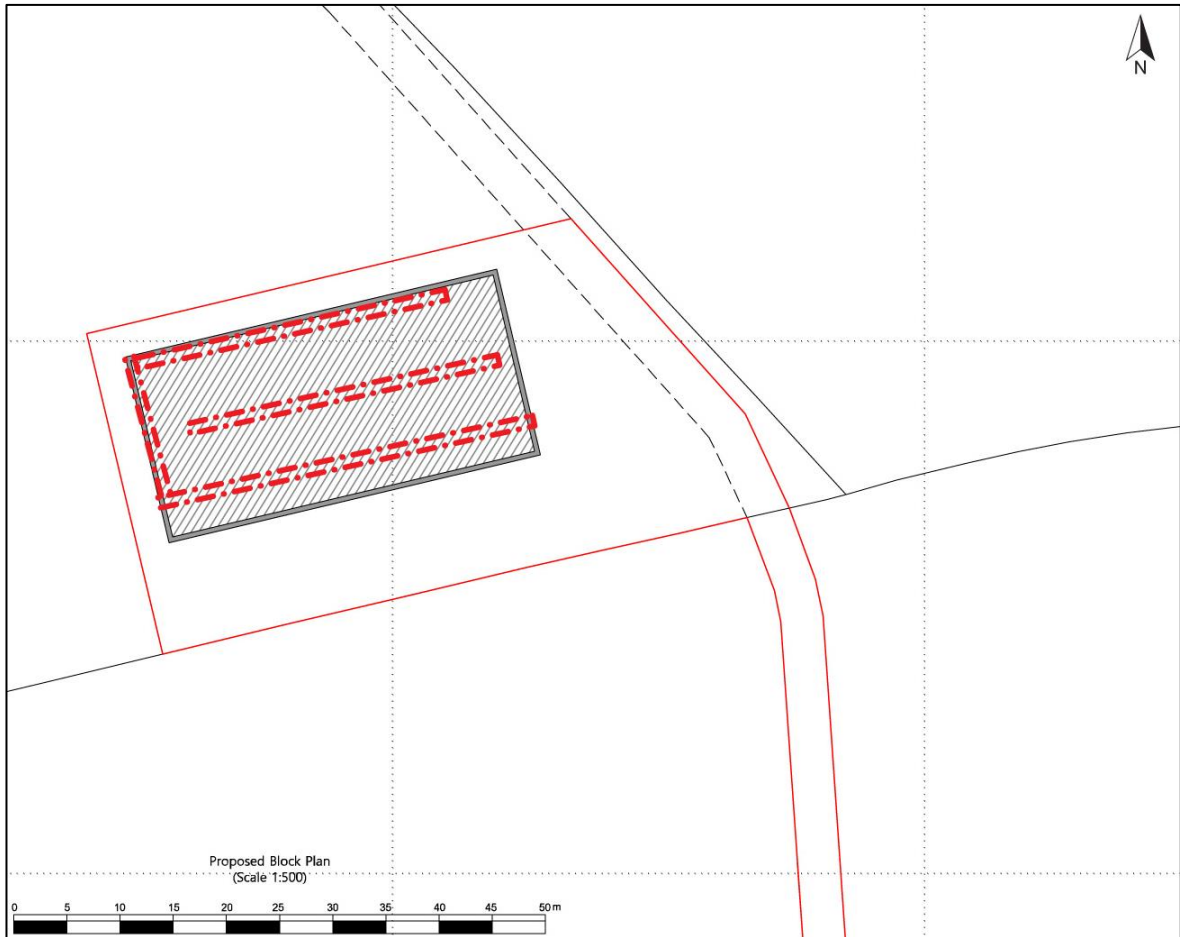


FIGURE 2: PLAN OF THE EXCAVATED TRENCHES (BASED ON ARCHITECTS PLANS).



FIGURE 3: TRENCH 3 POST-EXCAVATION, VIEWED FROM THE WEST-SOUTH-WEST (0.5M SCALE).