

Site Name: Land at High Cross, Enys, Penryn, Cornwall		Planning Ref: PA19/03414
Grid ref (10-fig): SW 78161 35198		OS Map No: OSGB36
Parish: Penryn		OASIS Ref: Southwes1-513665
Site Type: Residential development – up to five dwellings		
Period: Modern, medieval findspot		Form: Archaeological Evaluation Trenching
<p>Description: Archaeological evaluation trenching was undertaken by South West Archaeology Ltd. (SWARCH) at the request of a Private Client (the Client) prior to the development of the site for up to five dwellings on Land at High Cross, Enys, Penryn, Cornwall. The work was carried out by Dr. S.H. Walls, MCIfA in March 2023 in accordance with a WSI (Boyd 2023) drawn up in consultation with the Historic Environment and Planning Advice Officer (HEPAO) at Cornwall Council.</p> <p>The site lies at the northern end of Penryn, adjacent to the lane called Enys Gardens. The site is currently occupied by a large modern residential property, outbuildings, gardens and parking, with housing to the south and east and agricultural lands to the north and west. The site is relatively level at a height of c.65m AOD, but slopes slightly to the south-west, falling more steeply beyond the outbuildings. The soils of the site are the well-drained fine loamy soils of the Denhigh 2 Association (SSEW 1983), these overlie a pocket of hornfelsed slate and hornfelsed siltstone of the Mylor Slate Formation (BGS 2023).</p> <p>The site lies within an area recorded on the Cornwall Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) as Farmland: Medieval: <i>The agricultural heartland, with farming settlements documented before the 17th century AD and whose patterns are morphologically distinct from the generally straight-sided fields of later enclosure. Either medieval or prehistoric origins.</i></p> <p>Approximately 250m to the north-west of the site, the Cornwall HER notes the location of <i>Bellevue</i>, an Iron Age/Romano-British round or enclosure (MCO34582). Around 200m to the south-west of the site is a Neolithic findspot (MCO41886). Approximately 300m to the south-east of the site, surrounded by the houses of Bohelland Rise and Chandler Park, are the remains of another Iron Age/Romano-British round (MCO8457), with a third potential round for the area slightly further east (MCO67271). To the east of the site there is evidence of medieval settlement both in terms of finds from Gabbons Nursery recovered during a watching brief (MCO56884) and through documentary evidence for the settlements of Pencoose and Bohelland.</p> <p>The St. Gluvias Tithe map of c.1840 shows the site to be a field of similar proportions to the Site, plot 1071. The plot was owned by Thomas Read and occupied by Joseph Goodman. It was named High Cross and was in arable use at this time. There are no indications of any buildings or features of note on the Tithe map. By the production of the 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1907, there is little change to the site. The LiDAR data does not appear to show anything beyond the disturbance and plots of the extant buildings on site.</p> <p>Four evaluation trenches totalling 75m in length were opened by a machine fitted with a 1.6m wide toothless grading bucket under archaeological supervision. The stratigraphy that was encountered across the site was relatively consistent, with a dark brown silt loam topsoil typically between 0.3-0.45m thick, and this directly overlay a slightly greyish/yellow clay with occasional small sub-angular stones (>60mm diameter). Around the modern garden buildings (Trench 2), the topsoil was much shallower, c.0.1m deep presumably as these (or earlier sheds/greenhouses) had been terraced into the slope slightly.</p> <p>No archaeological features were encountered within any of the trenches, with only modern works (concrete paths, etc.) noted, all cut in and/or buried within the topsoil.</p> <p>Findings: A small assemblage of predominantly modern finds were recovered from the site, this included modern glass, plastic and white refined earthenwares. A single sherd of a late medieval coarseware (3g) and two sherds of post-medieval coarseware (5g), suggest a background of agricultural manuring.</p> <p>Bibliography: Boyd, N. 2023: <i>Land at High Cross, Enys, Penryn, Cornwall: Written Scheme of Investigation</i>. SWARCH WSI No. PHX23WSiv1. (BGS) British Geological Survey 2023: <i>Geology of Britain Viewer</i>. http://maps.bgs.ac.uk/geologyviewer_google/googleviewer.html (SSEW) Soil Survey of England and Wales 1983: <i>Legend for the 1:250,000 Soil Map of England and Wales</i>.</p>		
Land Use (Area): Lawn, Shed and Residence		Land Use (Site): Residential
Date of Site Visit: 27 TH March 2023		
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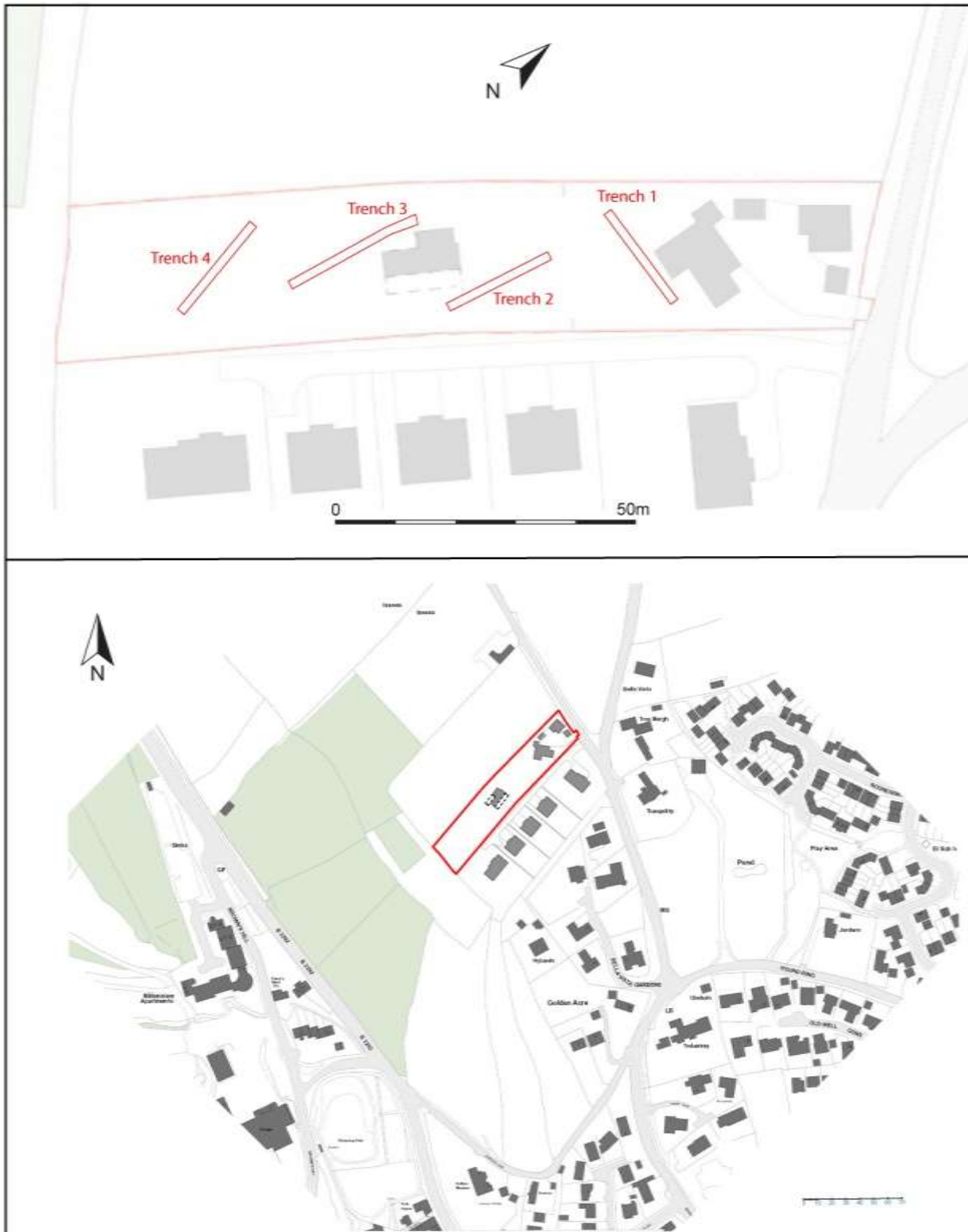


FIGURE 1: TRENCH PLAN AND SITE LOCATION, BASED ON ARCHITECTS PLANS. TRENCHES OVERLAYING THE EXISTING SITELAYOUT.



FIGURE 2: TRENCH 3, VIEWED FROM THE NORTH-EAST (1M SCALE).



FIGURE 3: NORTH-EAST FACING SECTION IN TRENCH 1; VIEWED FROM NORTH-EAST (1M SCALE).